

Lion Gridders Scrimmage Tough Eastern Foe Today

Opponent Requests Practice Game Be Closed to Public

One of the top football teams in the East will invade Beaver Field this afternoon to meet Penn State's grid squad in a scrimmage. At the request of the opponent, the scrimmage will be closed and no one will be allowed inside the gates to watch the fray.

The scrimmage, the last full one the Lions will undergo before opening the season against Boston University next Saturday, will go a long way toward giving Coach Rip Engle and his assistants an idea of how the Nittany Lions will fare in the approaching season.

Tough Opponent

Although the Lions' schedule is the toughest a Penn State team has faced in a long time, the opponent this afternoon is rated high enough to give Engle a preview of what he can expect of Penn State's football team this fall.

Engle will go along with basically the same lineup which scrimmaged against Bucknell last Friday. Halfback Ted Shattuck, wingback Bob Pollard, tackle Dick Cripps, and guard Don Barney, all of whom are still injured, will not see any action this afternoon.

Offensive Lineup

On the offensive line, Rip will probably start with Co-Captain Art Betts and Joe Yukica at ends, Ed Hoover and Bill Hockersmith at tackles, Tom Pavarnik and Len Bartek at guards, and Jim Dooley at center.

Paul Anders will start at fullback, Bill Leonard at wingback, Dick Jones at halfback, and Bob Szajna at quarterback.

Defensive Lineup

On the defense, Engle will start Pat McPoland and Charlie Wilson at ends, Stew Scheetz and Tom Pfirman or Andy Balakonis at tackles, and Orville Haldeman at guard.

The defensive backfield will line up with Co-Captain Len Shephard and Joe Gratson as linebackers, and Bill Leonard, Joe Shumock, Chan Johnson, and Wayne Wofkeil as defensive halfbacks, fullback, and safety man.

Kickers

Art Betts will do most of the punting for the Lions with Leonard handling the placements.

Engle is hoping this extra scrimmage will give the new men like Szajna, Haldeman, Dick Jones, and Buddy Rowell some experience which they can carry into their first varsity season. Szajna and Jones played for the freshman team last year. Haldeman and Rowell are both freshmen this year.

Cage Practice Starts Monday

Penn State will open fall basketball practice Monday night in Rec Hall and Coach Elmer Gross expects a record number of men out for this year's squad.

Returning from last year's squad which won 14 and lost nine are co-captains Jay "Tiny" McMahan and Hardy Williams, Joe Piorowski, Chet Makarewicz, Dick Phillips, George Lynch, Herm Sledzik, and Bill Gibson.

Practice will open at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Candidates are asked to bring their own basketball shoes and equipment.

PIAA Director To Be Buried Monday

HARRISBURG, Sept. 21—(AP)—Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at Plymouth for Edmund Wicht, late executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Wicht, head of the PIAA for 22 years, died at the Harrisburg Hospital here yesterday of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 56.

Will Lead Lion Offense Today



Bob Szajna



Paul Anders

Centers Have Experience . . .

Guard Positions Are Lacking in Depth

This is the third in a series of articles on Penn State's football team, examining the squad position by position to see just who will represent the Nittany Lions on the gridiron this fall. Today—The Guards and Centers.

By ERNIE MOORE

Shallow depth and inexperience may mark the Nittany Lions' guard positions as a problem once the season gets under way, while the center position is loaded with men of valuable varsity experience.

Coach Rip Engle has only seven guards he can call on this season and only two of them are lettermen. Rip has had to use Jack Pfirman, a tackle, to fill in as a guard on the defense.

The two returning lettermen are Don Barney and Len Bartek.

Tom Pavarnik also returns from last year's squad but he did not play enough to win a letter.

Double Duty

Most of the available men for the position will play both on the offense and defense this fall to make up for the lack of manpower. Barney, Orville Haldeman, Pavarnik, and John Terry will all double duty for the Lions.

Barney, a junior, suffered a contusion of the hip last week and won't be ready to play again until sometime next week. He and Bartek will team as the offensive first team guards. Pavarnik, Haldeman, John Terry, and Dan Van Sickle will back them up.

Defense

On the defense Haldeman and Barney will team up as the No. 1 men. They will be backed by Jack Pfirman, a tackle moved to guard on the defense, Pavarnik, and Terry. Terry was formerly a halfback.

Pete Schoderbek, who is injured, will play both the offense and defense when he gets back into action. Haldeman, a freshman, and Schoderbek, a sophomore, are bright prospects for the future.

At the center post, Engle can call on three lettermen and a couple near-letterwinners to snap-the-ball or backup the line.

Returning Veterans

Joe Gratson, John Podrasky, and Joe Shumock are the letterwinners. Jim Dooley and Bob Smith also return from the 1950 squad.

Podrasky and Shumock are seniors while the others are all juniors.

Dooley and Gratson will do most of the offensive work. Gratson will also play defensively with Podrasky as linebacker. Smith will play mostly on the defense. Shumock will see most of his action as a defensive halfback.

Alumni and non-alumni are evenly divided on the Penn State football coaching staff. Non-alumni are head coach Rip Engle, Earl Bruce, Frank Patrick and Joe Paterno. The old grads on the staff are Joe Bedenk, Al Michaels, Jim O'Hara and Sever Toretti.

Ex-State Hurdle Champ Named Navy Track Aid

By JAKE HIGHTON

Jim Gehrdes, former Penn State indoor and outdoor Intercollegiate hurdling champion, has been named as assistant track coach at the United States Naval Academy. Chick Werner his Nittany coach announced yesterday.

Appointment of Gehrdes as assistant to Navy's head coach Earl Thomson gives Navy what is probably the strongest hurdle coaching combination in the country. Both have had championship hurdling experience.

The Nittanians' track captain in 1950 won the 120-high and the 220-low hurdle IC-4A titles the same year and the present Middle coach is a former 110 meter hurdle champion of the Olympic games held in Paris in 1924.

Werner's Friend

Thomson, an old friend of Werner (a Big Ten hurdle champ himself), has always admired two Lion trackmen, Barney Ewell and Gehrdes, so it is not surprising that when the assistantship at Navy opened up, State's Jim got the job.

Adding more luster to this addition to the many prizes the Altoona timbertopper has collected is the fact that Jim is not a Navy man as many of the Academy's coaching staff are.

Army Record

As a matter of irony, Jim owns a 28-month service record with the United States Army.

Since his graduation from the Physical Education school in June of '50, Jumping Jim has been teaching in his hometown Altoona.

On the cinders Jim has hauled down a cargo ship full of honors. He copped both the Sugar Bowl and the Penn Relay hurdle championships in '49. He owns Penn State records in both low and high hurdles.

All-American

The NCAA track and field guide for 1950 listed the amazing Jim for the 1949 All-American track team. That year, 1950, he lost the national collegiate low hurdle title by inches and nabbed a third in the NCAA high sticks at the same meet. No wonder his fame spread to the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities!

Sprinter Too

Fortunately Jim wasn't just a hurdler. His sprinting was of top quality. In a Navy dual meet he nipped State's Wil Lancaster. The feat is enhanced by the fact that Lanc is co-holder of the Penn State 100-yard mark with Ewell—one of State's most mercurial runners.

In his spare time the Altoona Flyer also did a little high jumping!

At State, Gehrdes wasn't one-sided with track. Jim, a Phi Delta Theta fraternity man, was president of the Athletic Association, a member of Skull and Bones, Lion's Paw and Phi Epsilon Kappa honorary.

American League Standings

| | W | L | Pct. | G.R. |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York | 92 | 54 | .630 | 1 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 82 | 57 | .591 | 5 |
| Boston | 85 | 58 | .597 | 5 |
| Chicago | 77 | 70 | .524 | 15 1/2 |
| Detroit | 69 | 78 | .469 | 23 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 65 | 82 | .442 | 27 1/2 |
| Washington | 57 | 88 | .393 | 34 1/2 |
| St. Louis | 47 | 98 | .324 | 44 1/2 |

Pirates Sign Agreement

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 21—(AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirate baseball club said today it will sign a working agreement for the 1952 baseball season with the Billings, Montana, club of the class C Pioneer League.



Jim Gehrdes

Yanks Snap Fenway Hex To Win, 5-1

Allie Reynolds did what no other Yankee pitcher could do this year when he went the full route at Fenway Park yesterday as the Bronx Bombers defeated Boston, 5-1.

It was the first time since Sept. 24, 1949 that a Yankee pitcher had gone the full distance at the Beantowners' park, according to the Associated Press.

Yanks Stretch Lead

Since the Cleveland Indians lost to Detroit, 7-6, the Bombers were able to increase their American League lead to one and a half games, said the AP. The win by the Yankees might have been the spark they needed in their drive for the pennant, for they had lost all eight previous starts at Fenway park this season.

From the first inning when Joe DiMaggio drilled a single to center to drive across Yogi Berra the Yankees were never headed. When the Red Sox staged their biggest threat in the fourth inning on singles by Johnny Pesky and Ted Williams and Clyde Vollmer's double, which drove home Pesky, Hank Bauer pulled the Yanks out of trouble by throwing out Williams at the plate, said the AP.

In the other American League game yesterday afternoon, the usual tight pitching of the Cleveland Indians fell apart as the Detroit Tigers overcame a five run deficit to win, 7-6, at Briggs Stadium.

After the Tribe had scored all their runs off starter Teddy Gray, they were held at bay throughout the remainder of the game by the steady relief hurling of Freddy Hutchinson, who allowed only two hits in the seven and two-thirds innings he toiled, according to the AP. The deciding marker came across in the sixth frame on Frank House's first major league home run.

Although Bobby Feller was driven from the mound in the third inning after yielding a total of five runs, he was not tagged with the loss. Steve Gromek, second of three Cleveland pitchers, absorbed his fourth loss as against seven wins, according to the AP.

Pro Trio Paces Tourney Race

READING, Pa., Sept. 21—(AP)—Three par-busting professionals tied today for the midway lead in the 72-hole \$15,000 Reading open golf tournament at the Berkeleigh Country club.

The trio included Jim Turnesa, Jack Burke, Jr., and Jimmy Clark, all bracketed with 138's after 36 holes. Turnesa and Clark also shared the opening day honors along with Doug Ford.

Ford, who shot an opening round of 69, slipped to a 36-38—74 for a 36 hole total of 143.

Cary Middlecoff, the Memphis dentist and pre-tourney favorite, blistered the Berkeleigh course with a record-breaking competitive 31, four under par, on the front line. He faltered on the back nine and ended up with a total of 71. Still good for par. He shot a 77 in the opening round.

Burke, fifth leading money winner among the touring pros, knocked off five birdies, four of them on the first nine for a 68 and the lowest round so far in the tournament. He went out in 33 and back in 35 over the 6,600 yard layout. That gave him 139 after a 71 first round.

Ten-Year Record

In the ten-year span from 1941 to 1950, inclusive, Penn State football teams won 61, lost 22, and tied 4.

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