

Gridders Show Progress In Scrimmage with Cornell

After making a good impression against Cornell University in a closed scrimmage Saturday afternoon, the Nittany Lion football team went back to hard practice last night in an attempt to smooth out the rough spots before the opener with Boston University this Saturday.

Playing in their second scrimmage game of the fall season, the Lions displayed a surprisingly strong offensive game against Cornell, capitalizing on every break the Big Red team would give them. But Coach Rip Engle was quick to point out the good breaks the Penn State team received.

Lot of Breaks

"Some people are jumping to conclusions about our showing against Cornell. We received a lot of breaks we wouldn't ordinarily receive in a regular game."

Rip was just as quick to point out the progress the team has made since the scrimmage against Bucknell the week before last.

"The boys are progressing fast. Our offense is beginning to come along fine, and we're getting better blocking up front on the line," Rip said.

Szajna Starts

Bobby Szajna did most of the quarterbacking in the scrimmage contest, although Tony Rados, who had been sidelined with an arm injury all week, did see limited action.

Football coach Rip Engle and his staff wish to thank the College and the student body for their cooperation with the Cornell scrimmage Saturday. Cornell officials were pleased with the way the game was handled.

Szajna was particularly impressive during the time he was in the scrimmage. He connected on two long passes. Rados' passing was held to a minimum because of his injured arm, but he did a good job of ball handling the short time he was in action.

Backs Sparkle

Dick Jones, Pete Shopa, and Buddy Rowell sparkled in the backfield for the Nittanians. Shopa was the running star of the day, eating up one long gain after another through the Cornell line.

Rowell and Jones also proved good ground gainers, as both continually broke into Cornell's secondary for good sized gains. Rowell was the only injury for the Lions. The speedy freshman suffered a badly sprained ankle. Trainer Chuck Medlar said he would have to wait a few days before he could determine how soon Rowell would be back in action.

Shepherd, Gratson Impress

Defensively, Engle was especially pleased with the line backing jobs turned in by Co-captain Len Shepherd and Joe Gratson. The two seniors continually bottled up the Cornell running attack by closing the holes in the Lions' line.

Engle started an offensive lineup of Co-captain Art Betts and Joe Yulicka at ends, Ed Hoover and Bill Hockersmith at tackles, Tom Pavarnik and Len Bartek at guards, and Jim Dooley at center. Szajna at quarterback, Bill Leonard at wingback, Dick Jones at halfback, and Paul Anders at fullback.

Defense

The defensive team was composed of Pat McPoland and Charlie Wilson at ends, Stew Scheetz and Tom Pfirman at tackles, Orville Haldeman at guard, Shepherd and Gratson at the line backing posts, Joe Schumock, and Chan Johnson at halfbacks, and Wayne Wolfkeil at safety.

Ted Shattuck, halfback, Bob Pollard, wingback, and Dick Cripps, tackle, did not play because of injuries.

Ferris Fain Boosts American Batting Lead

CHICAGO, Sept. 24—(P)—Ferris Fain of Philadelphia picked up six more points last week to boost his average to .347, far in the lead for the American League batting championship.

Three Football Foes Triumph; B.U. Defeated

William & Mary 34 BOSTON UNIVERSITY 25—Despite the fine play of quarterback Harry Agganis, BU went down to defeat in its first game with William & Mary, 34-25. Agganis, who was just discharged from the Marines last Wednesday, scored a touchdown, passed for two more, and kicked an extra point to spark the Terriers' offense.

MICHIGAN STATE 6 Oregon State 0—The highly vaunted Michigan State team failed to impress in its opener with Oregon State even though the Spartans won a 6-0 decision. The Spartans' TD came when a fumbled hand-off in the MS backfield was picked up by Don McAuliffe and carried into the end-zone. Jim Ellis was a standout as the Spartans' defensive safety man.

WEST VIRGINIA 20 Waynesburg 9—The Mountaineers had to depend on two freshman backs to avoid being upset by little Waynesburg in the season opener. Trailing 9-6, frosh halfbacks Carl Norman and Bledsoe scored consecutive touchdowns in the final ten minutes of play to give West Virginia a 20-9 victory.

PITT-RUTGERS—In a scrimmage Saturday morning, Pittsburgh's Panthers scored a 16-7 win over Rutgers University. Both are future Lion opponents but neither team will open the season officially until this Saturday. Lou Cimarrilli and Bill Reynolds scored TDs for Pitt. Jim Manahan scored Rutgers' lone six-pointer. Paul Blanda kicked a field goal for Pitt.

SYRACUSE 19 Temple 0—On Friday night, the Orange of Syracuse successfully opened the 1951 season by whitewashing the Temple Owls, 19-0.

Villanova, Nebraska, and Purdue, all future Penn State opponents, will not open the season until this Saturday. Villanova meets Army, Nebraska plays Texas Christian, and Purdue meets Texas.

IM Grid Play Begins; Entry Deadline Today

Today is the deadline for Fraternity and Independent groups who plan to enter into intramural touch football and tennis singles, Dutch Sykes, assistant director of intramural sports, reported.

He also announced that IM football will begin tomorrow night. Four games will be scheduled each evening, Monday through Friday, between hours of 7 and 11.

All entries should be in at reaction Hall, at 5 p.m. Entry fee for touch football is \$1 per team while tennis singles fee is 25 cents per man, he said.

The College tennis courts and the lighted practice area at New Beaver Field will be the sites for the tennis and football contests.

Sportswriters Lead Gridders In Contest

The Collegian sportswriters captured the lead over the football team in the first week of the "football pipedreams" selections contest.

Football writer Ernie Moore and assistant sports editor Bob Vosburg had seven winners in the ten games to garner a .700 percentage. Co-captain Art Betts gave the gridders a .600 mark with his six correct guesses. Dave Colton, assistant sports editor, lowered the writers' average with a lowly .600 score.

All four missed the Arkansas-Oklahoma A&M game. They must have read the same football book for all predicted a win for the Aggies, who were walloped 42-7. Moore garnered some glory for his bold selection of Georgia Tech over Southern Methodist. The Ramblers' downed the Mustangs, 21-7. All missed Texas' 7-6 win over the Kentucky Wildcats. Vosburg scored on Fordham's mild 34-20 upset of Missouri.

Each week the writers and a member of the football team will match selections on the top ten games of the week. Only Saturday afternoon games will be selected and no games in which future Penn State gridiron foes are participating will be included.

At the end of the season the combined sports staffers' percentage will be matched with the

Harriers Approach Condition for Pitt

After having been punished with three seven-mile over-distance workouts last week, the Nittany cross-country team dropped down to the standard five-mile run in a workout on the golf course yesterday.

Still sore from the hardest pre-season pushing Coach Werner has done in one week for the last ten years, the team welcomed the shorter distance and turned in a respectable showing.

Saddler, Pep End Training For Title Bout

NEW YORK, Sept. 24—(P)—Featherweight champion Sandy Saddler and challenger Willie Pep wound up training today for Wednesday's fourth edition of their title series at the Polo Grounds.

Saddler, winner in two of three previous meetings, remained a 2 to 1 favorite to do it again in this 15-rounder.

Pep prepared to leave his Hartford, Conn., home for New York tonight after his final four-round drill.

The 25-year-old champ, four years younger than the challenger, also boxed four rounds at his Summit, N.J. camp. He will do road work tomorrow, breaking camp Wednesday morning.

The two 126-pounders will weigh in at noon Wednesday at the office of the New York State Athletic Commission.

Overshadowed by the Sugar Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin fight two weeks ago, the contest has not generated as much excitement as their earlier scraps. It may catch on in the final days.

A gate of between \$75,000 and \$100,000 is expected by the International Boxing Club which has a profitable movie and theater television deal on the side. The movies will bring \$100,000 and the theater TV rights from 17 theaters in 13 cities outside of New York represent \$10,000.

If Pep overcomes the odds and wins back the title, he will become the first boxer ever to hold the same championship three times. Willy Willie, a master boxer, held the crown from 1944 to Oct. 29, 1948 when Saddler knocked him out in the fourth round to score a tremendous upset.

Pep outboxed Saddler to win it back, Feb. 11, 1949. They didn't get together again until last September when Saddler dethroned Pep on a TKO in the eighth. Pep retired with a shoulder injury although leading on most scorecards. It was the general impression that Saddler was coming on strong and might have caught up with Willie, injury or no.

Pacing the workout and rolling over the five miles in fair time were Pete Sarantopolous, Jack Horner, Red Hollen and Bill Ashenfelter.

5 Miles Easy

At the conclusion one of the runners thought the "five miles was easy." By comparison with seven miles it probably was. The good part of the statement is that five miles is the farthest a guy will have to go in a meet and if it feels easy now the team is surely coming around toward season condition.

Ever-cautious Coach Chick Werner is neither too hot nor too cold toward the squad at this early date but he is certain that the team will be ready for its opening test with Pitt Oct. 6.

Team About Ready

With almost two weeks yet to get sharp, the workout gave indication that the team would be ready.

There has not been any forcing of the individuals as yet, so no definite team positions can be named with any degree of certainty.

In fact, the ground has still been too hard for the coaches to insist on the runners using cross-country spikes.

Yankees Near Winning Third Straight Flag

NEW YORK, Sept. 24—(P)—Casey Stengel was close to his third straight pennant today with only one .300 hitter and no 100 RBI men on his New York Yankee club.

Actually the Yanks were nearer to the clinching than Brooklyn, practically conceded the National League flag in mid-summer. The New York Giants continue to give the Dodgers fits down the stretch while the Yank opposition falters.

Magic No. 3

Needing only three more wins or Cleveland defeats to nail it down, Stengel rested his Yanks today for the final six-game dash to the wire.

Bob Kuzava (11-6), used only in relief since Aug. 9, was named to face Philadelphia's Bobby Shantz (17-9) in a stadium battle of left-handers tomorrow. Stengel hesitated to take Kuzava out of the bullpen for he has been his most effective fireman. He's 1-0 against the A's since he was traded to New York by Washington June 15.

Shantz Troublesome

The Yanks expect trouble from Shantz, a five-foot-seven inch toughie who has beaten them three times. Manager Jimmy Dykes was prepared to shoot the works with Morris Martin (11-4) if Shantz was off form.

Cleveland, with only three games to play, faces Chicago in a night game at Comiskey Park tomorrow with Early Wynn, (20-12) to face lefty Billy Pierce (14-14), another toughie. Boston, five games behind and practically eliminated, plays a night game at Washington tomorrow.

PENNANT RACES

AT A GLANCE

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| | W | L | Pct. | GB CL |
| Brooklyn | 93 | 54 | .633 | 7 |
| New York | 92 | 58 | .613 | 2½ 4 |
| Remaining games: | | | | |
| Brooklyn at home (0); away (7) Boston, Sept. 25 (2), 26, 27; Philadelphia, Sept. 28, 29, 30. | | | | |
| New York at home (0); away (4) Philadelphia, Sept. 25, 26; Boston, Sept. 29, 30. | | | | |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct. | GB CL |
| New York | 93 | 55 | .628 | 6 |
| Cleveland | 92 | 59 | .609 | 2½ 3 |
| Boston | 87 | 59 | .596 | 5 |
| Remaining games: | | | | |
| New York at home (6) Philadelphia, Sept. 25; Boston, Sept. 28 (2), Sept. 29 (2), Sept. 30, away (0). | | | | |
| Cleveland at home (2) Detroit, Sept. 29, 30. Away (1) Chicago, Sept. 25. | | | | |
| Boston at home (0); away (8) Washington, Sept. 25, 26, 27; New York, Sept. 28 (2), 29 (2), 30. | | | | |

Not A Movie Star But . . .

Ron Coleman Has Talent

By TOM SAYLOR

This is a story about Ronald Coleman; not the Ronald Coleman of film fame, but one who is just as talented in his own particular field. And the field is soccer.

Coleman's soccer career resembles Coach Bill Jeffrey's in one respect. Both men started playing soccer as far back as grammar school. But that's where the resemblance ends for Jeffrey played in Scotland, while this year's Lion captain started in St. Louis at the St. Matthew's Parochial school.

Coleman could, however, follow in Jeffrey's footsteps. There is nothing he would like better than to coach the sport after graduation. Difficulties might enter here though as Coleman will be graduated in June with a major in journalism.

Even so, he would like to continue the game in some manner. Near his hometown of St. Louis, there is a soccer major league. Ron has his eye set on that if he is unable to obtain a job as a coach.

As far as his college soccer goes, Coleman started as a center halfback at the Edinboro State Teacher's college. When he came to



Ron Coleman

State, however, Jeffrey was quick to realize his potentialities as a good ball-handler and passer. Thus, the crew-cut speedster was installed at his present-day post of inside left.

This season, the Lion captain thinks that the team "won't be up

to the standards of the past two years although we'll have a good team as usual. Bill Jeffrey's a great coach and he'll get the most from what he has, you can bet on that."

Coleman believes that Army and Temple will give the booters the most trouble this year. The last time the Nittany Lions played these clubs, they came out on the long end both times. In 1949, State edged out the Philadelphians, 2-1. In 1948, the Lions downed the Cadets, 2-0, at West Point.

"My greatest thrill," Coleman recalls, "was when I went to Iran. It wasn't so much from the soccer standpoint, but that we were representing the United States in a good will policy. But I'll have to admit they gave us a lesson in soccer."

CAPTAIN COLEMAN: Ron packs a solid 168 pounds over his five-foot, 10-inch frame. . . He is 21 years old and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. . . Coleman has also played football and baseball in high school and at one time was even thinking of going to some small college to play football.