

Gridders Work on Defense Harriers Shape Up To Stop Boston's Agganis For Season Opener

Lions Must Stop BU's Passing Ace In Opener Saturday

With only two practice days left before the opening game of the season with Boston University on Beaver Field, Coach Rip Engle has the Penn State football team concentrating on pass defense in order to be ready for BU's ace passer, Harry Agganis.

Rip readily admits that the team, as a whole, "has progressed a great deal," but is still worried about the pass defense, which wasn't too impressive in the Cornell scrimmage last Saturday. State rated seventh in the nation in pass defense last season.

Must Improve

A weak pass defense in the Boston game Saturday could be disastrous for the Nittany Lions, with Agganis, one of the best passers in the country, in the BU lineup.

Although the Boston ace was only discharged from the Marine Corps last week and arrived in Boston just in time to leave for William & Mary, he clicked for two touchdown passes, scored one himself, and kicked an extra point.

With the addition of Agganis, Rip also expects Buff Donelli's squad to display a much better running attack than the Terriers showed against William & Mary. A great runner as well as a passer, Agganis could upset State's defensive plans with his run-or-pass plays.

Top Runners

Donelli has some top ball carriers in Captain Lindy Hanson, Sam Pino and John Kastan. Hanson and Kastan are playing their third year in the BU backfield. Pino, a junior, is a returning letterman at fullback.

Kastan, a fullback in his sophomore year, was switched to quarterback last year when Agganis was taken into the service. But with Agganis returning to campus, Kastan will switch over to the right halfback spot to give Donelli a well rounded and veteran backfield. As a runner and line backer, Kastan is rated one of the best backs in New England.

Pino, BU's short, stocky fullback, was the Terriers leading ground gainer last season with 405 yards, averaging 4.7 yards every time he carried the ball. Hanson gained 141 yards for an average of 3.5 yards per carry.

With both Agganis and Kastan in the BU backfield, the Lions will have two accomplished passers to contend with. Kastan completed 39 of 95 attempts last season, good for 411 yards. He threw three touchdown passes.

Bob Capuano, junior end, will give the BU passers a top receiver for a target. Against William & Mary last Saturday, Capuano scored two TD's via Agganis passes. Last season, Capuano, as a sophomore, tied for the Terriers' scoring title with 30 points.

Boxer Held for Court On Narcotics Charge

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 26—(AP)—Charley Burley, 34-year-old former middleweight boxer, today was held for court on a charge of violating the state narcotics act. Burley told Magistrate John Fiorucci he had helped a friend get some dope as a favor. He added:

"I guess it was the wrong kind of favor."

BULLETIN

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26—(AP)—The amazing New York Giants kept their pennant hopes simmering tonight with a crushing 10 to 1 triumph over the Philadelphia Phillies, pulling up once more to within a single game of the leading Brooklyn Dodgers as Larry Jansen racked up his 21st victory of the National League campaign.

Sports Candidates

There will be a meeting of all candidates for the sports staff of the Daily Collegian at 8 tonight in 8 Carnegie Hall.

Three Lettermen, Two Sophs Ease Rip's Fullback Worries

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

By ERNIE MOORE

With three lettermen and two bright-looking sophomore prospects available, Coach Rip Engle's problem of filling the fullback post with a capable line-bucker isn't one which will cause him much worry this season.

Hard charging Paul Anders, whose performances last year at times resembled those of former Lion backfield great Fran Rogel, returns this season to give Engle both experience and power at the fullback position. A junior, Anders stands six feet and weighs 200 pounds.

Second in Scoring

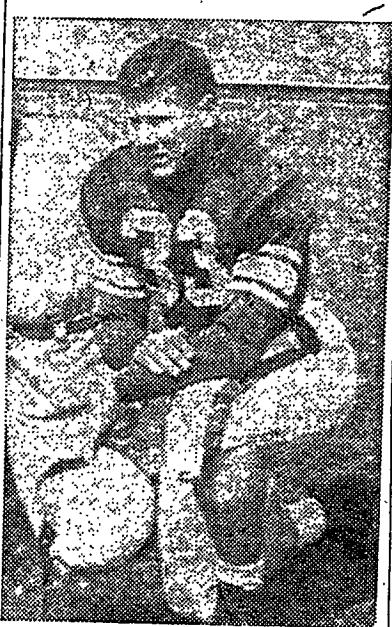
Although he played in only three contests last season, Anders finished second in individual scoring with 24 points. He turned in great performances against Boston College and Pitt.

Running behind Anders and really giving him a fight for the starting berth are sophomores Pete Shopa and Matt Yanosich. Both men played on the Penn State freshman squad last season.

Two of the smallest men on the squad, (Shopa is five feet eight inches tall, weighing 165 pounds; Yanosich is also 5-8, weighing 178) the two have shown both power and speed going through the line. Against Cornell in a scrimmage last Saturday, Shopa was the outstanding runner of the day.

Shepherd, Pollard Return

Co-captain Len Shepherd and Jim Pollard, both lettermen, give Engle plenty of experienced depth



Len Shepherd

at fullback. Shepherd was a quarterback last year but saw most of his action on the defense. He will probably do most of his playing on defense again this year as a line backer.

Pollard played in seven games last season averaging 3.1 yards per carry. He stands six feet even and weighs 194 pounds. Shepherd is also six feet tall, tipping the scales at 210.

Owls Tabbed as Lions' Toughest Soccer Foe

Unless Temple's soccer team has collapsed completely, it looks as if the Owls will give Penn State its toughest competition of the campaign.

In Temple, State will be facing a formidable foe. The Philadelphians are situated directly in one of the scholastic soccer centers of the United States.

The Owls, who will come here Nov. 24, will probably be loaded with former scholastic stars from Northeast High School and Girard College. These two clubs repeatedly make it a habit of fighting for the city title. At one time, Northeast had a winning streak of 90-odd games. It has since been broken, but Northeast's winning streak in the fast public league is still intact.

Four from Northeast

It is interesting to note, too, that Penn State has four players from Northeast, three of them starters. They are Kurt Klaus, center halfback; Frank Follmer, right halfback; and Jack Charlton, left halfback.

Nine Other Foes

Before they play Temple, however, Coach Bill Jeffrey's crew must play nine other clubs—Bucknell, Army, Western Maryland, Navy, Maryland, Colgate, Syracuse, North Carolina, and Gettysburg. Games with Bucknell, Western Maryland, North Carolina, and Gettysburg will be played at home.

Another club which could very well cause Penn State plenty of discomfort is Army. Last year, the West Pointers walked off with Eastern Intercollegiate Soccer League honors.

Began in '32

The Lions have not played the New Yorkers since 1948. In that year, Jeffrey's charges chalked up a 2-0 win. In a series that began in 1932, Penn State has a 8-4-2 log.

Those four losses are mighty big when you stop to think that State has dropped but 20 contests in the last 25 years.

Giles May Take Senior Circuit President Job

CHICAGO, Sept. 26—(AP)—Warren Giles, who graciously stepped out of a stalemate with Ford Frick for baseball's commissionership, today was graciously asked to become Frick's successor as president of the National League.

League Vice-President Phil Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs disclosed that the loop presidents all wanted Giles, 55, dignified No. 2 man of the Cincinnati Reds, to accept Frick's \$40,000-a-year job at a meeting already set after the final world series game.

Giles had no immediate comment.

"Mr. Giles is giving the matter serious consideration," said Wrigley in a statement, "and naturally we are all most anxious for him to accept, as everyone must recognize that he is undoubtedly, from every angle, the best qualified man that we could get."

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By SAM PROCOPIO

A William Polito-Joe Brentz combination led Theta Kappa Phi in a 19-0 victory over Kappa Sigma to get the intramural touch football tournament underway last night.

This Polito-Brentz duo compiled 13 of the 19 points, including two touchdowns passes and an extra point. The other touchdown came in the second half when Theta Kappa Phi's Richard Cominski ran 65 yards for a score. He received a 10 yard pass, then sprinted past the secondaries for the touchdown.

Theta Xi Wins

In another thriller, Theta Xi won a close 12-6 game from Zeta Beta Tau with less than five minutes to play when Henry Ingram passed to John Hunsberger in the end zone for the winning score.

The first TD scored by ZBT came on a punt return. Ernie Rubinsen caught the kick on his 40 yard line and passed the ball to Ted Harris who galloped 50 yards for the score.

"Whitey" Makarewicz intercepted a pass on the ZBT 5 yard line to score the other touchdown for Theta Xi.

KDR Wins

Kappa Delta Rho defeated Pi Kappa Phi in another contest, 6-0. Bill Haynes scored in the first half on a pass covering 35 yards. The teams remained on even terms throughout the rest of the game.

The last game of the evening saw Alpha Tau Omega down Alpha Zeta, 25-0. Robert Gower and Spesanic both scored on interceptions covering 30 yards apiece. A Vosek-Gomlick pass scored the third TD, while a combination of McCall to Spesanic to Groves made the final six points.

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—(AP)—Featherweight Champion Sandy Saddler retained his title tonight when he stopped Willie Pep in nine rounds at the Polo Grounds.

With nearly three weeks of hard conditioning behind them, the Lions' leading cross-country candidates for starting positions are beginning to shape up.

The fact that the harriers were already doing repeated quarter-mile speed workouts two days ago is good indication that the squad is approaching top condition for its season opening date with Pitt Oct. 6.

Only Two Returning Vets

The only regulars returning from the national championship team, Bill Ashenfelter and Dud Foster, should be ready for the Panthers. Bill Ash seems to have benefited by a summer's complete layoff and hasn't taken long to get in to fair shape.

Foster never arrives at his best form until toward the inter-collegiate and national title runs, but is sure to have enough stuff for the Panthers one week hence.

Of the four other lettermen who were always in the shadow of the last year's champs, Pete Sarantopoulos has made the strongest bid thus far to be among the first five scorers. Pete is running easier than ever and is almost in meet-season condition now.

Rated Good Bets

Stan Lindner, Dave Pierson and Bob Roessler, the other three letter winners a year ago, must all be rated as good bets to make the eight-to-10-man travelling squad.

Making a serious bid to crash the upper crust are two of the standouts last year for Norm Gordon's frosh, Red Hollen and Pete Judd. Both of these sophs don't seem to be bothered much by the change from three to five miles.

Jack Horner, ineligible last fall as a transfer student, has been staying right with the leaders so far in practice and should do the same in competition.

Gehman a Contender

Also in serious contention for a high place on the team is Bob Gehman. Bob "found" himself last spring on the cinders and he appears to have done likewise running up and down hill.

It isn't likely that any of the frosh will wind up among the top five. The odds of running five miles for the first time weigh heavily against them. However not to be neglected when considering team positions are John Chilrud and Lamont Smith. (Smith snagged PIAA mile honors last spring.)

Other upperclassmen who are still strong contenders for the squad are Carl Godshall, Sam Hamilton, Jim Cressman, Tom Shaw, Dick Grice, and Bud Webb. Frosh in the same situation are Jim Hamil, Lloyd Slocum, Jack Biemiller, and Tom Demboski.

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