

Gridders Begin Final Week In Preparation for Temple

Things are looking a little brighter up on the Beaver field practice turf as Nittany gridgers move into the final week of preparation for the season's opener against Temple University Saturday afternoon.

Not that Coach Rip Engle thought his team looked like nation-beaters in its full scrimmage with Cornell last Saturday at Ithaca, N.Y. But the "looking up" side of the Lion grid picture is that all of the front line men except quarterback Tony Rados have recovered from injuries.

Grid Manager

Sophomore candidates for second assistant football manager for 1952 are asked to sign up today at the graduate manager of athletics office in 106 Old Main.

Ralph Ricker Appointed to Sports Post

Ralph Ricker, class of '30, is the man named special assistant in the School of Physical Education and Athletics at the College.

The 44-year-old Ricker, head football coach at Lebanon Valley College, assumes duties previously handled by Bob Higgins. Higgins had filled the special assistant's role after he retired from coaching in 1948.

Since his graduation, Ricker has compiled an enviable record as football coach and administrator. He coached high school teams until 1936 when he went to West Chester State Teachers College as assistant to Glenn Killinger. Except for a year in Panama as an overseas director for USO, he spent the next 10 years at West Chester.

As head grid coach at Dickinson in 1946, his teams won 20 victories in 30 starts. At Lebanon Valley for two years, he won 11 and lost 5. He was also a history teacher at both Dickinson and Lebanon Valley.

The new appointee, a former football player at Penn State, is working directly under the newly-appointed, dean, Ernest B. McCoy, and is responsible to him for the performance of many detailed duties associated with inter-collegiate athletics.

What's e. State came out of the Big Red scrimmage in good health and even better high-spirits than there has been all during spring and fall practice sessions, though there has been an amazing abundance of cheerfulness all season. There is no doubt about the Lions being up for the Owls.

Naturally the dress rehearsal with Cornell showed the Lions to be ragged in spots, as any first game usually is, and showed that plenty of work is left to be done before the Owl opener, or the Purdue second-opener.

Encouraging was the fact that State better than held its own in the scoring department against a heavier Red line and backfield.

Pass defense proved particularly weak, though this is a department where State is habitually among the nation's top ten (seventh last year.) This the Nittany coaching staff was attempting to remedy yesterday as the Lions began one-a-day practice sessions following three weeks of stiff twice-daily sessions.

On the other hand, pass offense was slightly better if for no other reason that that it was instrumental in Penn State touchdowns.

One of the factors about the scrimmage which bothered Engle was that, as he suspected, the fellows who had been injured and weren't able to scrimmage were especially "ragged."

As for the impending duel with Temple, the Owls could cause plenty of surprises despite the fact that the Lions are likely to be favored by game time.

Coach Al Kawal's Templers have an especially good backfield headed up by standouts Tex Robinson and Duke Wuzzardo.

Lacrosse Meeting

All members of last year's lacrosse squad are requested to report at 3 p.m. tomorrow to the lacrosse room.

Rover Injury



Buddy Rowell

Lion's Backfield Shows Fast, Shifty Runners

(This is the third in a series of articles examining Penn State's 1952 football team position by position to see who will represent the Lions on the gridiron. Today—halfbacks and fullback.)

By JAKE HIGHTON

Whenever you take a glance at State's 1952 backfield, you can't help to sigh and wish lefthalf Ted Shattuck and fullback Paul Anders, number one and number three top groundgainers for the Lions last fall, were still around, as they should be but for scholastic failure.

However, making the best of an unfortunate situation, Coach Rip Engle switched ace righthalf Bob Pollard to fullback. This switch coupled with some luck from ordinary "second stringers" who ought to blossom into first stringers in their own right, leaves the halfback and fullback slots fairly well manned.

The change of positions should make little difference to Pollard who last year led the club in total offense by gaining 894 yards. Not counting pass interception, punt, and kickoff return, Bob ground out a net of 421 yards for an excellent 7.5 yards per carry average. Once in the middle of last season, Pollard began to make a specialty of the sensational long run as Michigan State and Rutgers will remember vividly enough. Against the Spartans, Pollard galloped 65 yards with a punt for a touchdown and against Rutgers, Berwyn Bobby twice streaked to paydirt from 71 and 75 yards out.

Kept from scrimmage for nearly two weeks with a bruised shin, Pollard is now set for his usual double-duty at offensive full and defensive safety—double jeopardy positions for opponents whenever Bob gets his hands on the ball. Behind Pollard, 6-0 and 185 pounds, are two mighty mites neither of whom scale 175 pounds. Only 5-7, Matt Yanosich is a scrappy plunger and scatback who has shown well enough in practice to merit plenty of action this fall. In fact, with Pollard not

quite ready, Matty may start Saturday.

A letter winner and a junior like Yanosich, Pete Shopa will also cavort at fullback this fall. Shopa stands only 5-9. Sophomore Ron Younker will be in reserve at this position. Younker is also a little "little man" at 5-10 and 170.

At the lefthalf spot, State sports a pair of swift rompers in Buddy Rowell and Dick Jones. Rowell, sidelined from scrimmage all fall, has recovered from his leg injury and participated in the Cornell scrimmage yesterday. A 6-0, 175 pound junior speedster, Rowell was number one for the "a" back position but being injury-slowed, Jones could even get the starting call Saturday. Faster than Rowell, but not as shifty, Jones is over the fumblyitis he suffered from at the beginning of the last season and should be ready to really roll.

Tony Frey, continuing the keynote of smallness among Nittany backs at 5-10 and 172, is third reserve behind Rowell and Jones. Frey is only a soph.

Tennis Practice

Fall varsity tennis practice will begin for all candidates, including freshmen, at 4 p.m. tomorrow on the varsity courts, according to Coach Sherm Fogg.

Penn State Soccer Scrimmages Show Spirit, Hustle, Teamwork

By TOM SAYLOR

Spirit, hustle, and co-operation are three qualities necessary for a winning ball club.

And Penn State's soccer team, under the amiable Scotchman Bill Jeffrey, for the 27th year, has all three of them—among others.

Jeffrey's ability to keep pace in the daily soccer scrimmages seemingly has instilled into the club those three aforementioned qualities. Also, with the caliber of play as high as it is, the fight for each and every position is rugged.

Presently, the Nittany Lions are readying themselves for an exhibition match over the weekend with the Sampson (N. Y.) Naval Base. Typical State College weather hindered the club yesterday, leaving the field soggy and unplayable.

Returning from last year's team will be inside left Ellis Kocher, but missing will be former captain and all-American Ron Coleman.

Edna men played excellent ball against the Bisons of Bucknell last year with Kocher scoring twice and Coleman scoring three

goals and running the Bisons in circles with some tricky ball handling and passing. The Lions will meet Bucknell in two more weeks for the soccer season opener.

Taking Coleman's place this year will be dark-haired Jack Pinezich. The Brooklyn, N.Y., lad wrenched his back last year against Army and was sidelined for the most part of the season. Although Coleman started at inside left, Pinezich will probably open at center forward.

Whispers of "All-America, All-America" have been heard for Pinezich. But there are a lot of good soccer players in America—Dunn (Temple) and Surrock (Baltimore) to mention two—and also it's too early to tell. Dunn and Surrock were the lone two collegiate representatives on the

1952 United States Olympic soccer team, which was bounced aside in a cruel fashion by Italy, 8-0, in an opening round game.

Italy got absolutely nowhere in the tournament, losing its next game or possibly the one following. The eventual winner of the tourney was Hungary.

Then too, if a capable replacement for left fullback Jay Simmons is found, State still could have a potent club without Pinezich.

The word "if," though, has been the story of many successes and many failures. If I had done this, if I had done that... ad infinitum. And "if" will be the story of the Penn State soccer team this year.

Time is a great leveler.

Baseball Parade

By BARRY FEIN

The Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants seem to be in the midst of an Alphonse and Gaston act as the games drift by in the National League pennant chase.

First they win, then they lose, then they win—but always together like ham and eggs.

Yesterday, for instance, the Bums turned on their power as they unleashed five homers against as many Cincinnati tossers, whipping Rogers Hornsby's charges, 11-5.

Carl Erskine went seven innings for the win, his 13th. He was relieved by MVP candidate, Joe Black.

Across the river, in the quiet little borough of the Bronx, the Giants matched the Dodgers run for run as they shellacked the St. Louis Cards, 12-1. The big blow came in the sixth when the lid blew off in a nine-run explosion. Sal Maglie went all the way

to his 17th win against 7 losses. Shower-mates Mike Clark, Willard Schmidt, and Cliff Chambers all had a hand in the mess for the Cards, along with loser Alpha Brazle.

Notice the lack of .300 hitters these days? This goes hand in hand with the general lowering of ERA's. For some reason there seems to be a swing to lower averages and better pitching. This should make for a more intelligent game, at least.

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