

Masters Behind the Lion 'T'



Bob Szajna



Don Bailey



Tony Rados

Szajna's Experience Presents Lions With Healthier Outlook at QB Position

(This is the fourth in a series of articles examining the Penn State football team position by position to see who will represent State on the gridiron this fall. Today—quarterback.)

Ever since Coach Rip Engle brought his Winged-T to Penn State in 1950 to replace the old standby single wing formation, there has been the pressing need for an experienced quarterback—the one spot most vital in any T attack.

During the 1950 season Rip had to convert a primarily blocking single wing quarterback Vince O'Bara into a back who had to pass often, play the deceiver, run, and outgeneral. Last year, Rip once again had to teach newcomers the intricacies of the T.

But today, as Rip and his staff diligently busy themselves for the season opener against Temple Saturday afternoon on Beaver Field, the quarterback spot is in healthier condition than ever in Rip's two previous years. For the first time, Engle has a veteran QB performer in Bob Szajna.

High Completion Record
For Reading Bob (surname pronounced Shine-uh), has a solid year of signal calling experience behind him in which he further smoothed out his smooth ball handling and sharpened his generally good passing. Generally is the word, because Szajna still cannot consistently throw the longer aerial without a wobble.

Last year Bob had an unusually high 48 per cent of pass completions as he tossed three TD's and completed 41 out of 86 pitches for 528 yards. (Bob is especially deadly on the short pass.)

Although the QB situation is better than ever at the beginning of a season, the knee injury which has sidelined passer Tony Rados during fall scrimmage figures to hold down both his effectiveness and the amount of his playing time this fall. Thus State is robbed of plenty of reserve striking power since Notre Dame transfer student Tony was a steady alternate with Szajna last year. Rados can really heave the long one and last year was responsible for State gaining 415 yards via the air lanes.

Bailey Top Soph
Coming up fast and pressing even Szajna is sophomore passer Don Bailey. With Rados likely to see little action, to date sharp looking Bailey could be State's number one relief pitcher. The 5-11, 182 pound Pittsburgher is also likely to hold down one of the defensive halfback slots beside Bill Leonard.

Fourth in line for the behind-the-center position is another sophomore, John "Cy" Dubinsky. Cy is a 5-10, 170 pounder from Indiana, Pa.

Another QB candidate, soph Norm Paul was shifted to left half when a rash of injuries to the "a" backs forced Engle to bolster that position. Paul, a left-handed passer from Ambler, is the pony back, scamper type at 155 pounds.

Lacrosse Manager

Sophomore candidates for second assistant lacrosse manager or 1952 are asked to sign up today at the Graduate Manager of Athletics' office, 106 Old Main.

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.

Baseball Parade

By BARRY FEIN

The once-again swashbuckling New York Yankees powered their way closer to their fourth straight pennant yesterday as rookie Bill Miller tamed the Detroit Tigers with three hits, 7-0.

The Cleveland Indians played Washington last night. Joe Collins and Hank Bauer homered in the Bomber's fifth straight victory. Art Houtteman lost his 19th. Miller's mark is 4-5.

The National League saw Brooklyn edge a little closer to the pennant that has been avoiding them for the past two seasons as the Chicago Cubs swamped the Giants, 9-0.

The Dodgers played the Pirates last night.

The Cubs wangled four passes off starter Jack Harshman in his two innings of service. Harshman, previously up with the Giants as a first baseman, had a minor league record as a homerun slugger.

The Giants suffered in more ways than one. Monte Irvin, star outfielder, reinjured his right leg while chasing one of Bill Serena's three hits. The extent of the injury was not immediately determined.

This could result in real maddening operation by Durocher. Could be that Bobby Thomson will come back to third base and Bob Elliot will go to the outfield again. In any case, Irvin's big bat would be missed.

When we went out on that sort of thought that the Philadelphia A's had what it took to finish last. This was B.S. Before Shantz, that is. Add Gus Zerial's second top-flight season, Ferris Fain's steady hitting, and the most underrated shortstop in baseball, Eddie Joost, and you have a better club than half the Junior Circuit entries. They have also contributed their share to the flag race by knocking off the Indians twice more than the Yankees.

Add to classic remarks department: Harold Parrot of the Brooklyn front office once said of catcher Andy Seminick, who was then with the Philadelphia Phils, "He couldn't catch a paper bag if it dropped into his lap." . . . And wasn't it Charlie Keller who warned an umpire not to get too close behind the colorful Yankee backstop Yogie Berra? Quoth Keller: "Don't get too close, ump. You're liable to step on his tail." . . . Chris Van Cuyck, who suffered the ignominy of being sent down from the Dodgers to Pueblo of the Class A Western League, has recently been brought back up . . . At the rate Catcher Yogi Berra is going, he has a chance to set a new record for runs scored by a catcher . . .

One of the big questions to be taken up at this winter's major league meetings must be the bonus rule. Ever since it was repealed a few years ago there has been no slowing down of the vast amounts of greenbacks into the hands of untried children. This has created a situation in which Organized Ball is paying out huge sums on the one hand while decreased attendances are hitting it where it hurts most, in the pocketbook. The only possible solution is a real attempt at enforcement of the old bonus rule.

Wilkinson Named To YMCA Post

Owen Wilkinson, former Penn State athlete, has been named program secretary of the Bellefonte YMCA.

Wilkinson was graduated last June. He was captain of the gymnastics squad and a member of the track team. He is living at Pleasant Gap with his wife and three-month-old daughter.

Gridders to Oppose Fast Owl Backfield

By JAKE HIGHTON

If Penn State's grid team expects to get past Temple this Saturday in the opener of the 1952 grid season, the Lions will have to put a governor on the high speed backfield stars the Owls, will bring to Beaver Field.

For if there is one bright spot in the entire Temple grid picture, it is a stellar array of backs which most any team in the nation would be glad to have on hand during the soon-to-open season.

The Temple leather luggers to keep your eyes on will be Duke Wuzzardo, Tex Robinson, Jack Ramsey, Eddie Charters, Chet Bromke, Jimmy Kapp, and Paul McKernan. The Lions will have to contend with them all.

Last Year's Sensation
For the last two years Wuzzardo was the topnotch ball carrier of the club. He's a low-running driver who will double at safety position where he can be as dangerous as State's Bob Pollard.

The Duke will have competition as the top dog on the club from sophomore Robinson. Tex was a startling sensation to Philadelphia last year and made Tempers recall their yesteryear stars, Andy Tomasic and Bud Sutton.

Fullback Ramsey can run hard as does Eddie Charters, a third year veteran who was largely responsible for the Owl's upset win over Boston University, 20-13, last year.

Two Fine Passers
Kapp is a tiny scatback of the style of State's Dick Jones and Matt Yanosich. He's only 5-9 but can really turn on the speed from his righthalf position.

Rounding out a backfield which is solidly balanced all the way around, Temple has two fine passers at quarterback to operate the vital slot in the Owl's straight and

split-T attack.

Although neither are likely to have the speed and class necessary to make the split T takeoff, both are more than good enough for the orthodox T handling. Both excellent passers, Bromke has especial poise for only a sophomore performer.

These Owl backs once loose could easily make things miserable for the Nittanies' usually rugged defense.

KQV to Broadcast Football Contests

Pittsburgh station KQV has been added to the radio network which will broadcast the Lion football schedule in 1952.

Announcement of the addition of the Pittsburgh outlet, long sought by Penn State officials, was made by Ketchum, MacLeod and Grove, Inc., Pittsburgh advertising agency representing the sponsoring Chevrolet dealers.

Because baseball commitments prevent broadcast of the Temple opener, the 15-station network will swing into operation for the Purdue game at Beaver Field Sept. 27.

Bob Prince, Pittsburgh sportscaster, will do the play-by-play for the third straight year.

Soviet Article Claims Invention of "Beizbol"

MOSCOW—The Soviet youth magazine, Smena, told young Soviet readers that "beizbol" is not American in origin but just an American distortion of the Russian village sport of Lapta which was played in the Russian countryside hundreds of years before there was any America on the map.

American "beizbol," the magazine said, is a "beastly battle, a bloody fight with mayhem and murder."

Players Are Slaves
"Beizbol" players in the United States, said the magazine, are slaves who are bought and sold like sheep. Then when they are worn out and usually crippled as a result of injuries suffered on the playing fields, they are thrown out on the street to die of starvation, Smena said.

The article, entitled "Beizbol-Big Ketch," and written by A. Kuleshov and M. Kremnev, gave Soviet readers some real inside details of the American game.

One of the pictures showed a player knocked out on the field with the caption "Episode in Game Between 'Sen Luis' and 'Rodgers'."

Special Camps
Smena said "businessmen from sports" who make fabulous profits from the game, train young boys in the special techniques of rough play so they will be able to inflict injuries on their opponents.

"Such for instance is the New York club, the Rodgers, which has a special training camp for this purpose."

Smena related how the famous player, Beibs Rut, was sold to another team against his wishes for \$150,000 and said if this happens to stars, imagine what ordinary players have to put up with.

"They sell them, buy them, and throw them out of the door when they are no longer needed," said Smena. "They often leave the game with their health undermined, often crippled, to increase the unemployed list."

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