

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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Stu Halcomb, head football coach of State's not-exactly-welcome guests today, appears to be getting to the top block in his five year rebuilding program at Purdue. As Halcomb starts his second Five Year Plan on Beaver Field this afternoon, he has the goods in plentiful.

What's more, in what is a pleasurable relief from the usually lachrymal language of coaches, Halcomb makes no bones about what he's got. The Purdue mentor claims that his present squad is "the best Purdue has had since I've been there."

Just what does Halcomb have? To begin with, he has a Big Ten football team which in itself usually means wicked blocking and tackling and a grade A brand of football. Even the second division teams in the Big Ten have a remarkable affinity for winning ball games. To make matters look worse for the Lions, Purdue is figured by the experts to be heading for its first undisputed conference title since 1929. Chief factor in that opinion is the fact that the Boilermakers have 29 lettermen returning from last year's squad which finished like a whirlwind—bowling over four straight opponents including Penn State, 28-0.

Aside from the 29 returnees who give Purdue both a depth and an experienced tough match, the Indiana lads are led by a tiny—5-9, 165 pound—passer par excellence, Dale Samuels. Should the TD throwing Samuels run true to his average during the past two years, you can look for the following this afternoon: If Slingshot Sam fires nine passes, look up at the scoreboard for a big six; no, seven, because Samuels is quite adept at his additional chore of kicking extra points.



Stu Holcomb

In addition to averaging a TD pass every nine throws, Samuels has accounted for nearly one and one-quarter miles through the air medium. Perhaps Samuels' undying claim to fame will always rest on the Purdue-Notre Dame game two years ago when the kid, whom the reporters knew absolutely nothing about, passed and field generated his team to a 28-14 win which snapped the Irish's 39 game winning streak.

(Some might wish to point out that many other stars of the magnitude of Samuels have come to State and failed "to show." West Virginia's basketballer, Mark Workman is a case in point. But Boston U. glamour boy, Golden Greek Agganis, certainly added to his favorable press notices after showing Beaver Fielders an exhibition of "pro" quarterbacking last year.)

Anyway, Samuels is the man for the Lions to watch. But here again is where a fallacy has grown up around Purdue. Samuels is hardly a one man show. Backfielders Phil Klezik, Rex Brock and Max Schmaling are outstanding runners who are certain to eat up the yards if Samuels is or is not "on." (Fullback Schmaling, who runs with the speed of an express train and hits almost as hard, appears to have all the qualifications for one of those non-All-Americans who make the pros.)

State's defensive platoon had better give its defensive signals in a hurry. An article from the Chicago Daily News quoted Holcomb as saying his team will run five more plays per game this year simply by hustling in and out of its huddle.

"What a difference a year makes" department: Against Temple last Saturday Nittany halfback Dick Jones was an entirely different ball player from the one seen as a soph last year. Jones had the right instinct in racing helter-skelter toward the goal last year, but he used to forget the ball. In the opener there was no doubt about his fumble being cured the way he latched on to QB Tony Rados' payoff tosses.

One of the most surprising elements of the Temple game was Rados' appearance in the lineup at all. Hampered all year by knee trouble, Rados was listed for bench warming duty. Even those closest to the team thought Coach Rip Engle was crazy when he shouted "Rados" during the first period. After all, Rados only had one contact scrimmage prior to the game. But, Rados' TD and TD setup passes proved the Ripper not crazy—merely the mother of invention.

Amos A. Stagg Fears Purdue

SELINGROVE, Pa. (AP)—Stagg fears Purdue, a byword when Amos Alonzo Stagg's University of Chicago teams ruled the Big Ten, can be revived again.

Stagg now is advisory coach and assistant to his son Paul at Susquehanna University. Susquehanna plays National Agriculture tomorrow and, only a few miles away, Purdue meets Penn State. Stagg may have good reason to fear that most Central Pennsylvania fans will head for the big game at State College instead of the little one at Selingsrove.



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Taskle Joe Gratson . . .

Stops Opposition Cold

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Co-captain Joe Gratson, Nittany Lion tackle, is the fellow largely responsible for the sudden, awful demise of many an enemy play. A two-way performer, Gratson will be one of the busiest men on the field this afternoon. As it looks now, Joe will be called upon for both offensive and defensive duty.

Gratson will handle the left tackle chores on offense and the line backing duties on defense.

Walloping Charge

A blocky, powerfully built boy, 6 feet, 210 pounds, he is a tremendously active tackle who is rugged, tough, and hard to fool. His wallowing charge, plus his exceptional ability as a play analyst, makes him one of the most important cogs in the defensive machine.

His body strength, while playing both on offense and defense, is indispensable. A 60 minute performer, Gratson also calls defensive signals as he takes his post in Coach Rip Engle's 5-3-2-1 or 5-4-2 defensive formation.

Sharp Blocker

While on offense he handles his heavy duty job, so to speak, with a great deal of zest for body contact. Incidentally, he's never been seriously injured.

A vicious blocker, Gratson is the boy who threw the key block which enabled halfback Bobby Pollard to surge 65 yards through the entire Michigan State squad for a touchdown last year.

Although Joe has been playing regularly ever since the Syracuse game in '50, he can't be classed as a calm and collected player, that is, before the game. Joe is always affected by pre-game tension. But once he is out on the turf and someone hits him, "the old butterflies vanish."

He spends the night before a game watching a movie, and then goes home and gets plenty of rest before the crucial day.

Played Four Positions

This afternoon Joe's chief concern is stopping the Purdue University line-plungers. After the season is over, Gratson, who will be graduated next June, hopes to



break into the pro ranks. And there's no reason why he shouldn't, for the facts speak for themselves.

An interesting sidelight of Gratson's football career is that in four years of competition, he's played four different positions. His first year he was a blocking back, then a quarter back, a center, and finally a tackle.

PLUGGING THE GAPS . . . a senior . . . 22 years old . . . member of Phi Kappa Psi . . . likes to hunt . . . played football, baseball, and basketball in high school . . . and co-captained the three sports.

Sports Booster

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of Penn State athletics, has been named sports vice-chairman, in charge of the central region, for the 1952 observance of Pennsylvania Week.

Sigma Nu Trips SPE In IM Grid

By SAM PROCOPIO

A strong Sigma Nu squad easily defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon, 25-0, to continue its rapid rising from last year in the fraternity IM touch-football tournament last night.

Sigma Nu's strong defense was the determining factor in the game. The intercepting defense of Sigma Nu prevented Sigma Phi Epsilon from holding onto the ball.

Sigma Phi Sigma won from Theta Chi, 6-0, in a thriller which saw the former squad tally in the final stage of the game.

The touchdown, covering 70 yards, came when John Grove received a Theta Chi punt on his 30 yard line. Grove connected with a jump pass to Don Roberts who ran for ten yards before lobbing the ball to Bob Montgomery. Montgomery, in turn, completed his forward to Armond Lykens for the score.

Taking advantage of its interceptions, Sigma Chi easily defeated Delta Theta Sigma, 18-0. Frank Rich passed Sigma Chi to two of its three TD's in the first half.

Alpha Chi Rho edged Phi Kappa Sigma, 6-0, in another thriller, which saw both teams unable to move the ball very deep into its opponent's territory. However, Jim Brasher, Alpha Chi Rho, intercepted Tom Woolaway's pass on Phi Kappa Sigma's 18 yard line and completed a short pass to Bill Hogg in the end zone.

Monday night's schedule is:
7:00—Iron Men vs Dorm 41
7:45—Alpha Tau Omega vs Tau Phi Delta
8:30—Gilmores vs Coal Crackers
9:15—Alpha Epsilon Pi vs Phi Kappa Tau

Open letter to all non-students

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