Sports Thru

The Lion's Eye

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During the World War II years when football teams were far more lean at Villanova than they are now, the Main Liners' Coach Clipper Smith had a big test coming up with the terror of collegiate football-Army. The Cadets, with Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, were the most devastating machine known to a somewhat sub-par mankind in American colleges. So when the Clipper was asked how he could stop the Cadet Steamroller he replied, "Use 22 men at once."

As much as you would like to look at it through more optimistic eyes, you have to feel the same way about the Lions' struggle against pulverizing Michigan State tomorrow. The Spartans simply have too many guns. Where most coaches lie awake nights dreaming of one backfield star, Michigan State has eight or more. Where most coaches cherish fond wishes for line strength either offensively or defensively the Spartans have such strength both ways sively or defensively, the Spartans have such strength both ways and in double depth.

Of course, no tears need be shed for the present Penn State ors respectively, the former with eleven. It is probably stronger than any Nittany team since the a time of 47:1.

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Cotton Bowl era, 1947-48. The 1952 Lions have come up with an aerial offense not before seen at Penn State. Unfortunately, the other schools also have learned that the shortest distance between two good for a Phi Ep win in the backstroke is the forward pass.

Take the Spartans, if you will—and who wouldn't bet on them. The East Lansing Cycloners have also come up with the most potent aerial air arm in MSC history. Always an exclusive ground-gaining team in the past, the Spartans last year picked up 2645 yards on the ground against a mere 982 through the air. This year, however, after three games the Spartan pass offense has netted 665 yards—a close second to the 731 yards gained via the more generally used ground route.

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It's simply the trend. The air is the thing today. Even Pennsylvania, next week's Nittany foe, has caught the spirit. Two years, or even one year ago the yardage-grinding singlewingers wouldn't think of passing as a consistent ground gainer. Yet this year Penn has relied heavily on passing to remain unbeaten.

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The Spartans have too many reserves that are regulars on any other team. As an example of MSC's bottomless pit of reserves, take the Ohio State-Spartan game last year. The Buckeyes were leading 20-17 with three minutes left. MCS had fourth and five to go on the Bucks' 28. With one play's failure defeating MSC, Coach Biggie Munn sent sophomore Tom Yewcic into the game. On the tailend of a buck-lateral-forward, Yewcic threw to quarterback Al Dorow for a touchdown. It was Yewcic's first varsity game offensively and naturally the first pass of his collegiate career, yet he handled the naturally the first pass of his collegiate career, yet he handled the play like a pro. Yes, the same Yewcic is playing this year along with Billy Wells, Evan Slonac, Vince Pisano, Dick Panin, Don McAuliffe, Jim Ellis, Roy Bolden and Wayne Benson as jewels in the Spartan "Twelve Horsemen" backfield.

It wasn't too long ago that the Cyclone kids couldn't even play marbles with the Big Ten bullies. A recent issue of Collier's shows the point. In 1947 the Spartans were door-matted, 47-0, by state brothers Michigan. In 1948 Michigan won by a mere one touchdown, and in 1949 the margin was reduced to four points. By 1950 the Spartans were on top 14-7 and in 1951 were in the

driver's seat, 25-0. Despite a wealth of material, much of MSC's success is directly attributable to Coach Munn who, like another boss of endless talent, Yankee Casey Stengel, is more than a mere "push-button." Munn's grid creed boils down to one of "freshness." He holds down rough scrimmage sessions to one a week, and practice periods never last more than 90 minutes. On Saturdays his team is not only willing with

the spirit, but with the more important body as well.

Never, never underestimate the 1952 Nittany team. It is a great bunch. But facts are facts. No one bet against Joe Lewis in his prime. It's equally as bad a bet to go against Michigan's Joe Lewis dark destroying grid counterpart. It reminds you of the story related by Alumni Association Secretary Ridge Riley in his News Letter for the Nebraska game:

A prof asked Nittany track star Barney Ewell who would win

a State-Cornell game. Barney said State with some finality, but after class the prof saw him circle Cornell on a forecast sheet. Concerned about Barney's contradiction, the prof asked "What went?" To which the former Olympic runner replied as emphatically, "Twe got money on Cornell."

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Swimming

Phi Sigma Kappa edged Acacia 22-19, in last night's IM swimming action, when they captured the final 120 yard relay event in a "photo finish."

The Phi Sig relayers, with Bob Seibel, Don Fields, Jim McGraw, and Elmer Becker, provided the margin of victory in as close a finish imaginable with a time of the provided the marginable with a time of the provided the marginable with a time of the provided the marginable with a time of the provided the provided the marginable with a time of the provided finish imaginable, with a time of 1:14.8. Seibel took the opening 60 yard free style event, with a 41:6 time, while teammate Mc-Graw captured the 60 yard backstroke in 49:6. Gus Hudson and Frank Kilmer captured the 60 yard breaststroke and diving hon-

Bill Jack was a double winner for the victorious Delta Chi's, winning the diving and the freestyle with a 36:3 clocking.

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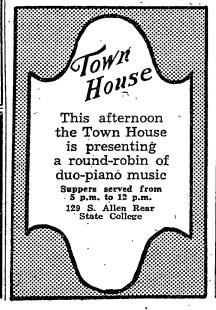
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In other meets, Phi Epsilon Pi play last night, by a 13-6 score.

Alpha Tay Omega specied her before the passing and the passing a turned back Sigma Phi Sigma 23- Alpha Tau Omega sneaked by Fran Angelo put the ball deep 14, and Delta Chi defeated Phi Kappa Tau 1-0, in an over- time thriller, and a score of 13-0 the win.

Tau Delta defeated TKE 6-0, in

the final game.

Joe Ludwig was the passing star for Dorm 35 as he passed to Art Warg for both scores. Don Shaheen and Bill Moir copped the honors in scoring the extra points from the passing arm of

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