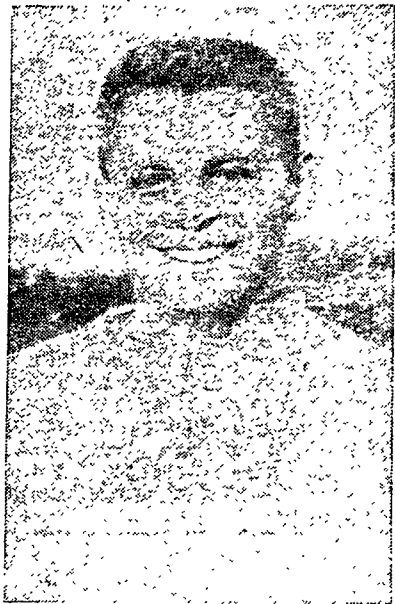


Quakers Are Booters' Last Stumbling Block

"I didn't even know which foot to use as I was approaching the ball," said Jack Pinezich, star center forward of the Penn State soccer team, yesterday, about his famous "kick heard around the world" which won Saturday's game with Temple, 1-0.

The stocky Brooklyn product finally wound up kissing the ball solidly with his right instep to register the lone goal of the game.



Red Harris (Saving Goalie)



Jack Charlton (Booter Halfback)

The rest is history. The Nittany booters waltzed off the Temple field with visions of "eating from a Soccer Bowl" New Year's Day. Only one stumbling block—also to be found in Philadelphia—confronts the Lion booters in the University of Pennsylvania, whom the Jeffrey men face this Saturday.

Quaker has 5-2-1 Log

Army, who has made a habit of beating Lion soccer opponents, came through again over the weekend by tripping the Quakers, 3-2, at Philadelphia. Penn has had extremely rough going the past three weeks, absorbing its two defeats during this span and barely managing to squeeze past Haverford, 3-2, two weeks ago.

The Quakers will enter next week's contest with the Lions sporting a 5-2-1 record. The Jeffrey men boast a 6-1-1 log for the season.

The Nittany scoring parade will be entering its final week of competition Saturday, and there may very well be a record in the making. Pinezich, who now has 20 pointers, needs only one more goal to tie Bill McEwan's seasonal scoring record set in 1935.

Pinezich, averaging 2.5 goals per tilt, has been blanked only once this year—the Navy game, which the Lions lost, 3-2. Speedy Bill Norcik, who has failed to register a digit in the last five games, still is runner-up with six tallies.

Averages 4.8 Goals

Sophomore Lynn Thomann has five goals to his credit for third position, while Ellis Kocher, with four goals, is fourth man on the totem pole. Don Shirk, Captain Kurt Klaus, and Joe Mijares round out the scoring with a single goal apiece.

The volcanic Nittany attack, which has erupted for 38 goals this season, is averaging a healthy 4.8 pointers per game. Pinezich has accounted for 52 percent of the State scoring this year.

On defense, Bill Jeffrey's charges have been nothing short of sensational. In addition to administering four shutouts in eight games, the Nittany defense has allowed only .8 goals per game to the opposition.

The defensive combine of Klaus, Frank Follmer, and Jack Charlton at the halfbacks has been brilliant. Charlton, a recent addition to a starting role in the halfback-field, has shown well in the past three tilts. Goalie Red Harris completes Jeffrey's defensive picture with his blanket coverage of the Lion net.

Blue-Gray Invites 3 Lion Gridders

Two Nittany Lion linemen and one halfback have accepted invitations to wear northern colors in the annual Blue-Gray football game at Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 27.

The Lion gridders who will represent Penn State in the game are Don Barney, 190-pound guard; Jim Dooley, 210-pound center; and Bill Leonard, 190-pound defensive halfback.

Coach Rip Engle will accompany his players and again handle the duties of coaching the Blue squad.

BEAT PENN BOOTERS

End Joe Yukica . . .

Target for Rados Passes

By JOHN SHEPPARD

One of the main reasons for the resurgence of Penn State's football team this fall has been the pass-catching exploits of Joe Yukica, right end.

He's 6-2 of solid bone and muscle, weighs 192 pounds, and has specialized principally on offense since he broke in as a regular on Coach Rip Engle's grid machine last year.

Anyone observing the 21-year-old senior from Midland playing, would notice that he's fiercely competitive and fast and well-controlled when he's leaping for a "Rados Rocket" off the arm of quarterback Tony Rados.

Yukica was headed for his best season until it was abruptly interrupted by a torn knee ligament in the Nebraska game last month.

Fast Down Field

Up to that time Yukica was second in the pass reception department. He had snagged 15 aerials for 163 yards. Only teammate Jess Arnel with 18 receptions had caught more at that time.

When Yukica was holding down the right side of the line the opposition knew it. His speed made him a valuable man down field in the ebbing moments of a period when a touchdown was essential. Once in the open he knew how to use blockers.

If Engle has any visions of a Pitt defeat Saturday, and we're sure he does, they might come true, since Yukica might be returning to the lineup. After a month long rest, he's "rarin" to go, provided he gets the "okay" from the proper officials.

Speaking of Pitt, we asked Yukica what he thought the outcome would be. After a few moments he said the Lions could win if they play "as well as they are capable of."

Not Nervous

This being pre-Pitt game week, most of the players will undoubtedly be bothered by pre-game tension. With Yukica, however, it's a different story. "It doesn't bother me too much," he said. "Once I'm on the field I feel relaxed as ever."

His inexcitability is unusual, for most players work themselves up into such a nervous state of mind that it takes a period or so in the game before they get over it.

Yukica usually spends the night before a game watching a movie or relaxing. "No studying of any sort," he added quickly.

Yukica experienced his greatest thrill in intercollegiate football in 1950 when the Lion gridders came from behind to edge a tough Rutgers outfit, 18-14, at Beaver Field.

In that game State trailed 14-12 at the end of the third period. Late in the fourth session Tony Orsini, State quarterback, scampered 27 yards for a TD which was made possible by the clever blocking of Yukica.

PASS RECEPTIONS: Independent . . . lives in Hamilton



Joe Yukica

. . . rooms with footballer Carl Pfirman . . . likes to fish, hunt, and bowl . . . after graduation a product for Uncle Sam.

WRA Results

Last Night's Results

Basketball
Mac Hall II 29, Beta Sigma Omicron, 6.
Zeta Tau Alpha, 17, Atherton West, 14.
Kappa Delta won on forfeit.
Gamma Phi Beta, 27, Theta Phi Alpha, 17.

Ping Pong

Alpha Z. Delta over Kappa Kappa Gamma.
Delta Gamma over Beta Sigma Omicron.
Phi Mu over Delta Zeta.
Theta Phi Alpha over Tri-Delts.

Fraternity IM Tennis Tournament Postponed

The fraternity intramural tennis singles championship tourney and play in flight four are postponed until spring, Dutch Sykes, assistant director of intramurals, announced yesterday.

The tennis courts cannot be set up for further tournament play this year, he explained.

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Frosh Continue Daily Tilts Against Varsity

Although their two game schedule is completed, Coach Earl Bruce's freshman gridders continue to take their nightly workout at Beaver Field.

The frosh have gone back to the task of making things tough for Rip Engle's varsity crew in daily scrimmage, a job they have filled all season.

The Lions wound up their abbreviated campaign two weeks ago with a loss to the Navy plebes, following an impressive victory over the Penn freshmen.

The Bruccemen whipped Penn, 25-6, exhibiting a devastating winged-T offense, and although they did lose to the Plebes, 21-13, the score of the game was incidental compared to the type of ball the yearlings played in that contest. Their offense was equal in that game to the one displayed in the Penn match, and, had it not been for a host of penalties, the Lions could well have won it.

First Class Material?

By the looks of the performances of many of these green clad gridders, Penn State's future gridiron fortune looks pretty rosy.

Under the guidance of the capable Bruce and his four "volunteer" assistants: Chuck Beatty, Ed Gilkey, Dick Bestnik, and John Kavaca, stellar material has been developed to a point where it looks like first class varsity material.

With backs like Lenny Moore, Chuck Blockson, and Bob Hoffman under wing, Engle should be looking to the future with great expectations.

Moore seems to be the solution to any future worries about an effective ground attack. The speedy halfback is a dazzling, twisting-type, break away runner—the kind who is always a threat to spring into the clear from out of nowhere for a long touchdown jaunt.

Big Fullback

He demonstrated this against Penn when he sprinted 72 yards on a punt return for one of his three touchdowns.

Blockson is a smashing, yet swift-moving, fullback who hits the line like a tank. The big-190 pounder scored two TD's in the two games the frosh played.

Quarterback Bob Hoffman picked up a few eyebrows in the two ball games he engineered. The smooth aerialist tossed three touchdown passes and set up two TD's with passes. He's a slick ball handler and calls his plays well.

On the line, the situation looks pretty good. End Frank Reich exhibited a brand of play against Lion foes that just can't be ignored. On defense he was like a human cyclone, smashing Navy and Penn plays almost before they could get under way.

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