

# Penn State Gridders Seeing Post-Season Action



Don Barney  
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Jim Dooley  
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Rip Engle

## Six Gridders to Play In Three Bowl Contests

Penn State will be well represented in three post season all-star football games. The final tally shows that six Lion gridgers, all seniors, along with Coach Rip Engle and trainer Chuck Medlar, will represent northern teams in either the annual Blue-Gray contest at Birmingham, Ala., the Shriners North-South game in Miami, Fla., or the Senior Bowl contest in Mobile, Ala.

The Blue-Gray contest will be played Dec. 27. The Shriners game will be played Christmas night, and the Senior Bowl Jan. 3.

The gridgers selected to play in the contest are Co-captains Stew Sheetz and Joe Gratson, Jim Dooley, Don Barney, Bob Smith, and Bill Leonard.

### Medlar Repeats

Engle will be coaching the Blue team for the third straight year in the Blue-Gray classic. The Lion mentor has a 1-1 record in that department. The assignment will climax a fine season at Penn State for Engle. He took over the Lion reigns in 1950 and in the last three seasons has compiled a 17-9-2 record. This year's 7-2-1 log is his best since coming to State, showing wins over Temple, William and Mary, Rutgers, West Virginia, Nebraska, Penn, and Pitt.

Medlar's selection comes more or less as an anti-climax, as far as this type of honor is concerned. The expert trainer was picked for the United States training staff in 1952 Olympic games in Helsinki, Finland. Medlar will be giving Engle his assistance for the second year at the Blue-Gray contest.

Leading the gridgers in the se-

lections are center Jim Dooley, tackle Stew Sheetz, and guard Don Barney.

Dooley has been picked for the Blue-Gray classic and the Senior Bowl. The 200 pound pivotman has received a host of honors in reward for his efforts this season. The versatile center was named to the Associated Press second team All-America offensive platoon, and was picked on its All-East offensive first team. The big senior has played three years at Penn State, two of them as a regular.

### Barney in Blue-Gray

Sheetz will also be playing in the Senior Bowl. The big defensive tackle will also be playing in the North-South Shrine game. Sheetz was named to the AP All-American third team. He served as the Lions' co-captain during the regular season along with Joe Gratson.

Barney, a standout defensive guard for three years at Penn State, will play in the Blue-Gray contest and the Senior Bowl. He was named to the AP All-East defensive platoon this season.

Leonard, who led the Lions' in individual scoring this season, will play in the Blue-Gray game. The place kicking specialist booted 21 extra points for the Lions this year, missing on only two attempts. He also hit on two field goal attempts to give him a total of 27 points. Along with his place kicking duties, Leonard served as the Lions' defensive right half-back.

Co-captain Joe Gratson has accepted an invitation to play in the Shriners game with Sheetz. The big senior will probably play a defensive tackle, the same job he has had with State for the last two seasons.

Smith, a defensive center, will also play in the Blue-Gray tilt. He was an excellent line backer during the Lions' regular season.



Chuck Medlar

## Five Grid Foes Missing on '53 State Schedule

Only five of 1952's ten opponents are represented on Penn State's 1953 football schedule.

The Nittany Lions will return to a nine-game schedule, opening against the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Sept. 26.

Wisconsin and Texas Christian University, the Homecoming attraction Oct. 24, are both newcomers.

Boston University and Fordham return after a lapse of several years. The Lions last played Fordham in 1947 while Boston U. was an opponent for the first time in 1951.

Missing from 1952's ten-game card are Temple, Purdue, William & Mary, Michigan State, and Nebraska. The Lions won 7, lost 2, and tied 1.

Holdover opponents, all of them traditional rivals, are Pennsylvania, Syracuse, West Virginia, Rutgers and Pitt.

Two Bowl teams — Wisconsin and Syracuse — highlight the card, which calls for four games at home, and five on the road. The first three games will be played on the road, the next four at home.

The schedule:

- Sept. 26—at Wisconsin
- Oct. 3—at Pennsylvania
- Oct. 10—at Boston University
- Oct. 17—Syracuse
- Oct. 24—Texas Christian
- Oct. 31—West Virginia
- Nov. 7—Fordham
- Nov. 14—at Rutgers
- Nov. 21—at Pittsburgh

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