

Vets to Lead In Grid Opener

Engle Sees Last Minute Corrections

Penn State's football opener is only five days away and Coach Rip Engle and his staff are still in a huddle, endeavoring to come up with "sleepers" in their starting lineup. Nevertheless, it is expected that the first team will be dominated by letterwinners. State has 16 returning lettermen.

One would be inclined to believe that Engle has little to worry about after the Nittany Lions' scrimmage with Cornell on Beaver Field Saturday. To the many observers Penn State was impressive but to Engle there are corrections to be made.

"I was pleased at some things and not pleased at other things," Engle said. "We will have to correct our mistakes this week."

Badgers Big Ten Co-Champs
Despite the fact that the Lions were impressive, there is one thing to be understood. Cornell is not Wisconsin.

The Badgers were co-champs of the Big Ten conference and did a great job in holding Southern California, Pacific coast champs, to a 7-0 win in the Rose Bowl.

Co-captain Tony Rados, who pleased Engle with quarterbacking the winged-T, did some fancy ball handling and passing. Should the QB ace from Steelton, Pa., perform as well during the coming season, he will erase the big question mark placed at his position due to his knee injury.

Fullback Slot Wide Open
One other position which was examined closely by the viewers was the fullback slot. Sophomore Bobby Allen who started the game at the latter spot also did some fine work.

However, the likely starter for the Wisconsin game Saturday is still floating in the air. Engle said the position is still "wide open" and will not likely be known for several days.

The Nittany Lions' football eleven which was to fly to Madison will now be leaving by train. They will depart for their opener Thursday night.

Sooners Coach Sees Success

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 21 (AP)—The University of Oklahoma football team, rated sixth in the nation in the Associated Press pre-season poll, will show steady improvement and be a good team by mid-season. But it isn't ready for an opening game with a team of Notre Dame's caliber.

That was the message of Bud Wilkinson, the Oklahoma coach, brought to 400 fans at the "kick-off" meeting of the Oklahoma City Quarterback Club today.

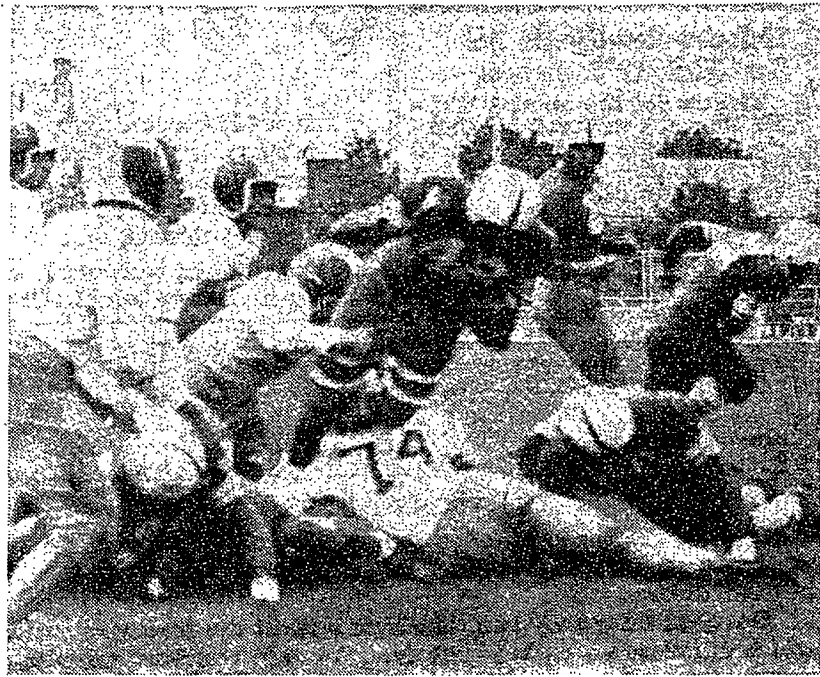
"We have a few capable backs and some linemen who ought to play very well for us. I think we will improve just as fast as any team playing college football this year."

Wilkinson, talking with an air of earnest sincerity, spoke after Charlie Callahan, Notre Dame's athletic publicity director and the "voice" of Coach Frank Leahy, has expounded on the lack of offensive power shown by the Irish in recent scrimmages.

This early-season meeting between two football powers Notre Dame was No. 1 in the poll who staged a memorable tussle last fall, probably will be Saturday's game-of-the-week. It will receive the broadest press and radio coverage in O. U. history—but only local and delayed television. It has been a sellout at 57,935 paid admissions since last May 4.

Grid Managers

Sophomore candidates for football managers should sign up today at 107 Old Main, according to Richard Crafton, head manager.



STATE'S SOPHOMORE HALFBACK, Lenny Moore, twisted through his opponents from the Big Red of Cornell to crash over for one of the Lions' tallies on this particular play. The Nittany Lions scrimmaged the Big Red at Beaver Field Saturday. The Nittany gridgers held the Cornell eleven scoreless.

It Pays to Move; Braves Set Mark

By The Associated Press

Attention, American League club owners! When you convene next Sunday to discuss the Browns' proposed transfer, it might be well to adopt the following slogan: "Remember the Braves!"

It is doubtful if this amazing story—the Braves shift from Boston to Milwaukee and the tremendous loyalty of the baseball-happy Milwaukee fans—will ever be forgotten.

In its first major league baseball season in half a century, Milwaukee established a new National League attendance record when 1,826,397 cash customers came out to root their beloved Braves into second place. There is no doubt that the almost daily capacity crowds had much to do with the Braves' surprising showing. Even their most ardent admirer didn't dare hope for anything higher than fourth.

Although Sunday's games had no bearing on the final standings, a capacity crowd of 36,011—one person for every seat in County Stadium—watched the Braves split a doubleheader with Cincinnati. Rookie Joey Jay, making his first major league start, shut out the Redlegs 3-0 in an abbreviated seven-inning nightcap after Cincinnati had won the opener 5-3.

The doubleheader, which concluded the club's home games for the year, enabled the Braves to shatter the old league attendance mark of 1,807,526 set by the pennant-winning Dodgers of 1947. The only second place club ever to draw more than the current Braves were the 1950 Detroit Tigers, who drew 1,951,474. Briggs stadium seats 52,954 to 36,011 for Milwaukee.

It might be well for the American League club owners to remember that practically this same Braves team drew 281,278 in Boston last year, an attendance just about duplicated by the '53 Browns in St. Louis.

With the pennant races decided days ago, attention was focused on individual performance. Virgil Trucks became the fourth American League pitcher to win 20 games this year when he hurled the White Sox to a 5-2 victory.

Gus Zernial walloped homers Nos. 40 and 41 to help Philadelphia win two games from Washington 13-9 and 4-3. Zernial wrested the American League lead from Cleveland's Al Rosen.

Stan Musial, battling against long odds to retain his batting championship, cracked out a single, triple and his 28th home run in four times at bat to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to an 11-6 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Musial is now hitting .330, 14 points below National League leader Carl Furillo of Brooklyn.

Baseball's Big Leagues

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (AP)—Duke Snider, having hit safely in 44 of his last 46 games for the Brooklyn Dodgers, is staging a spirited stretch drive to overhaul teammate Carl Furillo in the National League batting derby.

Snider, in second place, is hitting .339, while idle Furillo tops the league with a .344 mark. Time, however, is against Snider as the Dodgers only have four more games remaining.

Don Mueller of the Giants moved into third place with .336 Washington's Mickey Vernon continues to set the pace in the American League hitting race with a .336 average. The veteran first baseman, striving for his second batting title, went 7-for-23 and lost one point.

Runnerup Al Rosen of the Indians failed to narrow the gap and his average remains at .329. He collected seven hits in 20 trips over the week.

Ed Mathews of the Braves has 46 homers and appears headed for his first National League homerun championship. Brooklyn's Roy Campanella is far in front in runs batted in with 142.

Carl Erskine of the Dodgers has displaced Milwaukee's Lew Burdette as the National League pitching leader with a 20-6 won-loss record for a .769 percentage. Lefty Ed Lopat of the Yanks maintains his proficiency in the American League listings with a 15-4, .789 slate.

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Sam's Song

By SAM PROCOPIO
Collegian Sports Editor



Illegal as five aces in a 52-card deck, the two-platoon has created a large demand of king-size crying towels for college football coaches this season. And before the season ends, the mentors with the poorer records will only have the new substitution rule to blame.

Losers have always had excuses. And too, we believe many coaches will employ this so-called "terrible rule" in order to keep their coaching jobs intact. If we may, we would like to ask these coaches what made the sport as popular as it is? Didn't we have the one-platoon before the two?

Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech says: "I, personally, do not like it since I cannot have as many boys take part in the game." How much did the scrubs of a squad ever get?

By limiting substitutions severely, it no longer will be possible to send in specialists for every situation and complete new lineups every time the ball changes hands. So, the coaches cry because they have searched and obtained specialists but now are not worth a cent. But whom do the coaches have to please? Themselves or the customer? A "who's who" was not good enough for the average fan.

Col. Red Blaik of Army claims that the fans will see an inferior brand of football. Why? Can't an offensive star learn to make a tackle on defense?

Penn State's own coach, Rip Engle, has expressed his opinions, too. He professed that under the old rule "I may not have been able to put two teams on the field." When we questioned him earlier this season he answered: "Give me a rule and let it stay." A wise suggestion indeed.

One of the best statements made this season, concerning the abolition of the two-platoon was made by sportswriter Jesse Abramson who said: "The spectators who remember the good old game are anticipating just as many thrills from players they'll get to know better as 'whole' players."

We back him up 100 per cent. Who wouldn't prefer to see a Leon Hart, Johnny Lujack, Doak Walker, Dick Kazmier, or Chuck Bednarik or a million and one others of one-platoon caliber?

Temple Coach Al Kawal claims that platoonless football will breed upsets. Upsets have always occurred, haven't they? The greatness predicted for a number of teams is far from realized at times. The truth is, these so-called "sure winners" just don't have a truly fine football force.

Experts predicted closer scores because of the new ruling? Some scores established Saturday were: Baylor 25, California 0; Georgia Tech 53, Davidson 0; Tulane 54, Citadel 6; Marquette 46, South Dakota 13; UCLA 41, Oregon State 0. Need we go on?

Those spectators who aren't familiar with the new rule, it reads: "A player withdrawn from the game shall not return during the period from which he was withdrawn, except that a player withdrawn before the final four minutes of the second or fourth period may return during the final four minutes of the period from which he was withdrawn."

Penalty for each infraction is 15 yards.

Who watches for such infractions? The officials can't carry a pad and pencil. Commissioners of the ten major athletic conferences and top officials of the National Collegiate Football Rules Committee have placed coaches on their honor. The rule is in a sense based on the same order that a baseball batting order is operated. If a player bats out of order, he is reported by the opposing coach.

Although the platoon opinion will be divided even after the season closes, we believe the switch from the two-platoon to single platoon made by a player will be in All-America style. And too, we find out if he is a defensive end or a football player.

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