

Lions, Badgers Await Opener

Six Offensive Veterans Will Lead Lion Attack

By SAM PROCOPIO

If the "sophomore jinx" is as effective in football as in major league baseball, Coach Rip Engle's 1953 football plans—expected to be good—will make an about face.

The Nittany Lions will get the opportunity to disprove the so-called jinx tomorrow when they invade the Badgers of Wisconsin at Camp Randall stadium.

Game time is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (CST).

Engle learned during his two-platoon hitch that his offensive regulars were better all-around players to begin with and will dominate his starting unit. The fact is, however, that six from the probable lineup are participating as starters for the second year. Five of the six will be in the line.

Allen at Fullback

Tackles Rosy Grier and Eugene Danser, guard Keith Horn, center Don Balthaser, and end Jesse Arnel, second year starters in the forward wall, will endeavor to shake the jinx. Arnel played his freshman year but didn't start until the final game of the season against Pitt. The lone backfieldman is right halfback, Buddy Rowell.

If these men succeed in disproving the jinx, Engle's next problem will be developing reserve strength capable of supporting a potential starting lineup composed entirely of veterans. The only exception will be at the fullback slot, where Bob Allen, an inexperienced sophomore, will probably start.

Left Half Is Key

Unexpected losses, the majority of them to the draft, have eaten up Penn State's reserve strength. Only in the end position is the team pretty well set. Besides Arnel, Engle can depend on some fine competition from lettermen Don Malinak, co-captain; Jack Sherry, and Jim Garrity. A top flight end who may outreach the lettermen is Otto Kneidinger, a newcomer.

Left halfback, a key position in Rip Engle's version of the wing-T, appears better manned this year than at any time since the skipper took over at the helm four years ago.

Rowell, who is the likely candidate to begin operation from the left side, will find some stiff competition from two teammates, Dick Jones and Lenny Moore. Both are shifty and open field runners.

Spirits High

"That's one spot where we are pretty well set," Engle says. "I believe we can safely start any of three boys and feel that we're at full strength in that position."

Engle finds his boys in high spirits for tomorrow's game. And this is the "one" the Penn Staters would like to win. Should they begin on the right foot, it could mean the most successful season Engle has had at the Nittany Vale. In the three years he has coached the Nittany Lions, the Penn State mentor has posted a 17-9-3 won and lost record. Last season's 7-2-1 log was tops.

The Badgers, generally rated as the team with potentialities, seemed good enough to crash the Big Ten championship picture prior to their injuries. If Ivy Williamson, Wisconsin coach, can find a sure-handed quarterback to steer his grid machine as ably as the injured Jim Haluska did, there may be trouble.

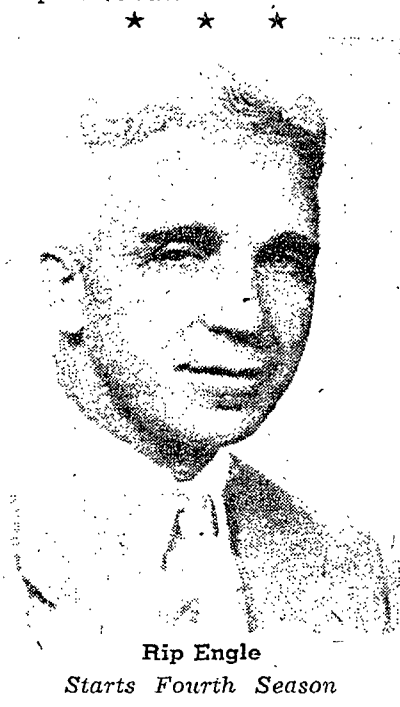
Fraternity Ping-Pong Entry Deadline Set

Entries for the interfraternity ping-pong tournament must be given to Dick Robinson, Theta Xi, tournament chairman, by Oct. 4.

Two players may represent each fraternity and each contestant must pay a 50-cent fee. Matches will begin Oct. 5.

Fraternities will receive rules and other information this week. This will be the second year for interfraternity competition.

Temporary Union Building and the West Dorms, in addition to fraternity facilities, will be used for the contests.



Rip Engle Starts Fourth Season

Independent Table Tennis Tourney Slated

Because of the success of last year's interfraternity ping-pong tournament, a similar tourney for independent men will be run this year, Chairman Dick Robinson has announced.

Any student not in a fraternity is eligible to participate in the single elimination play, which will begin Oct. 12. Students may sign up for the tournament at the Student Union desk in Old Main or the Hamilton Hall lounge desk. The fee is 25 cents per person.

A trophy will be awarded to the winner and a medal to the runner-up. For the first time, a prize will be given to the all-College ping-pong champion. A match between the independent champ and interfraternity champ will take place after the completion of both tournaments. Counselors in each dorm, Robinson urged ping-pong players to enter.

Football Predictions

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—For the pigskin prophet, the one-platoon system has one big advantage over the two-platoon system—he has to think only half as hard.

Operating on one mental gear—in strict accordance with the new rules—we hit on 29 of 38 games last week, including Baylor over California, Georgia over Villanova for a .763 percentage. Stretching our neck again:

Wisconsin over Penn State: That Badgers have their good striking weapons back from the Rose Bowl team, mainly Alan "The Boss" Ameche.

Oklahoma over Notre Dame: No psycho-analyst needed. This game offers the best upset potentialities of the week. The loaded Irish are picked as the nation's No. 1; the Sooners are at home, stinging under last year's upset.

Michigan State over Iowa: This could be much closer than the Spartans' rated 14-point edge. No love lost between Biggie Munn and Iowa's Forest Evashevski.

Mississippi State over Tennessee: State's Murray Warmath, an ex-Neyland pupil, knows all the Vol secrets and he has Cracker Jack Parker.

Sports Trail

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—There was the usual restless, milling crowd that is part of every weigh-in for a heavyweight championship fight, and the two little men standing side by side in this whirlpool of humanity were having their troubles.

In the glare of floodlights Rocky Marciano and Roland LaStarza were taking turns stepping

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Rocky Marciano scored a Technical Knockout victory over Roland LaStarza last night at the Polo Grounds to retain his heavyweight title. The TKO came in the 11th round of the fight.

on the scales as the cameramen recorded the scene, but the two little men couldn't see what was going on.

"Marciano, one-eight-five," some one shouted, and a murmur grew in volume. Marciano's weight was expected. LaStarza's weight was expected to be at least three pounds heavier.

The two little men, one stocky and youthful looking, the other slim and bespectacled, glanced at each other, then turned away. It was obvious they weren't acquainted.

"Hey, you two, look up here," a cameraman shouted. Out of curiosity the two little men turned, and blinked when a flash bulb popped. They couldn't figure out what it was all about.

The two little men murmured something to each other, and then, as if slightly embarrassed, resumed their efforts to see over the shoulders blocking their view of the rival fighters.

Marciano, muscular and with his body toasted to a copper color, looked like a picture athlete. Throughout the proceedings, except when he was told to laugh and shake hands with the challenger, his face wore a crooked little half smile, as if he was amused by it all.

LaStarza, his skin pale by comparison, was deadly serious except when exchanging handclaps with the champion. Neither showed a trace of nervousness.

Knowing who the two little men were you couldn't help but wonder about the thoughts that might be racing through their minds.

Maybe each was thinking of the nights he walked the floor cradling a colicky baby in his arms, or recalling that baby's first faltering steps, or the day a little tyke marched off to school for the first time, or a stalwart young man marched off to war.

The two little men turned away from each other without speaking again, and mingled with the crowd, unnoticed. After all, Marco LaStarza and Piero Marciano only were the fathers of the respective fighters.

Hosterman's Soccer Backfield Undecided

By ROY WILLIAMS

Just eight days are left until the Lion soccer squad will travel to Bucknell for its opening contest of the season. During that time soccer mentor, Ken Hosterman, will have to select and put the final polishing touches on his choice for a starting lineup.

Possible cures may soon materialize for one of Hosterman's chief headaches—filling the three positions vacated by the graduation of Captain Kurt Klaus, Ellis Kocher, and Frank Follmer.

Six booters, visiting for the three halfback positions which are "wide open" as Coach Hosterman put it, include four seniors, one junior and one sophomore.

New candidates for the freshman or varsity soccer squads are asked to report before 3 p.m. today at Rec Hall. Candidates should report to the soccer field, in practice clothes if they can not report before 3 p.m.

Ralph Hoffman, a senior, has been looking better during the past few days of practice. Seniors Jerry Gillespie, Gary Nugent and Dick Robinson have been presenting competition for each other, although none were regulars last year.

Galen Robbins, a junior, and sophomore Ihor Stelnyck, have continued their improvement. The competition is keen among these six boys for the three halfback slots on the soccer 11.

Three veterans from last year's squad, which posted a 7-1-1 log, have been bolstering the strength of the Nittany's two fullback positions this year. Captain Hap Irvin, a senior, and two juniors—Paul Dierks and Emil Borra—have been battling it out for one of the two opening berths Oct. 3.

Paul Burdan has been recently named coach of the freshman soccer squad. Burdan was captain of the Springfield College soccer squad during his senior year. A possible schedule with local high school soccer 11's may be arranged in the near future for the freshman squad.

Wisconsin-State Game To Get Radio Coverage

The Penn State-Wisconsin game tomorrow and remaining football games on the Lion schedule this year will be broadcast over WMAJ.

Giving a play-by-play description during the games will be Bob Prince, veteran Pittsburgh sports announcer, assisted by Bob Davis, an all-East end from Penn State in 1942 and former star with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Games will be broadcast over a 14-station network under the sponsorship of Chevrolet.

Lions' 67th Grid Year

Penn State, which launches its 67th consecutive year of college football in 1953, owns an all-time record of 330 wins, 184 defeats, 33 ties.

Double Trouble

Keith Vesling, ace pitcher who doubles in football, will captain the 1954 Penn State baseball team. The Clarendon youth plays a halfback position on the grid team.



Paul Dierks Junior Fullback

Futurity Gives Chance For Derby Favoritism

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—Many of the horses to be seen in next year's Kentucky Derby are gathered on Long Island today getting in final training for the \$100,000 Belmont Futurity to be decided Oct. 3.

In all the talk of Tom Fool, the injured Native Dancer and the \$50,000 Sysonby Mile here Saturday, the Futurity has been slightly ignored.

With the 2-year-old divisional scrap wide open, the Futurity is expected to go a long way toward determining the 1953 championship of the juveniles and provide a winter Derby favorite. Such was the case with Native Dancer a year ago as he equalled a world record in the Futurity.

Grid Foes Open Season

Five Penn State opponents begin their 1953 football campaigning Sept. 26. While the Lions are facing Wisconsin at Madison, Pennsylvania opens against Vanderbilt, West Virginia plays Pitt, and Syracuse opens against Temple.

Engle's Record Good

This is Rip Engle's tenth year as a college football coach. The Penn State mentor, who spent his first six years at Brown University, directed nine teams to 55 wins, 29 defeats, 3 ties. His Penn State record shows 17 wins, 9 defeats, 2 ties.

Nineteen Years at State

Bob Higgins, who retired five years ago, spent 19 years at the Penn State football coaching helm. Only a dozen coaches boast longer tenures at a single institution.

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