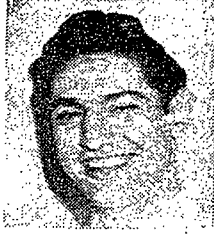


Hail to the Lions

Sam's Song

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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3—Several years ago spectators and sportswriters and coaches were hollering "Break up that Pennsylvania football powerhouse!" which ruled the Ivy League for nine lordly years. It was like trying to break up the New York Yankees.

If there is a collegiate football team that can put a stop to the Quakers' power, it's Penn State. Whether the Lions can continue, it remains to be seen. However, to Penn State it is a matter of stepping onto Franklin Field. This easy step began in 1937 when the Nittany Lions edged out a 7-0 triumph. Since then, Penn has never topped Coach Rip Engle's football 11.

From 1890 to 1910, Penn did a sound job of trouncing the Nittany Lions. Penn was so strong offensively and defensively that the players from the Nittany Vale did not score more than six points in any one game. And in 12 out of 19 contests the Lion gridders were shutout.

It wasn't until 1911 that Penn State got on the winning side. The Lions won, 22-6, that year and followed through with a 14-0 triumph the next time out.

In 1926 Penn had a drop-kicking specialist who kicked goals from the field in four games, two of his boots winning games and another tying a game. Against Penn State he drop-kicked one from the 40 yard line to win the game, 3-0.

Before the Lions began their monopoly against Penn on the gridiron in 1937, it would seem that each school would trade seats sitting on the winning side. Because when State walked off with the laurels, Penn would rebound with a win the following year.

Despite Penn's prodigious kicker, Franny Murray, who averaged 67 yards on punts—one traveling 80 yards—Penn State was able to maintain a drive and squeeze through with a 7-0 victory in 1937—the year the so-called jinx began.

Pennsylvania could not shake off its temporary slump when it met Penn State in 1942. Penn outgained its opponent, registering 16 first downs to six and 310 yards to 144, but in the scoring department the Quakers trailed, 13-7 in the final count.

Penn found itself on a 13-0 deficit count when both teams battled to remain unbeaten. An oddity during the 1948 contest occurred when blocking back Carmen Falcone, who caught a pass, was tackled by Wally Triplett, State defensive back, 1 inch from the goal line.

Last year, it was another story. One of defense. It was the fine defensive unit which repeatedly stopped Penn's scoring threats and was mostly responsible for the 14-7 upset. Unlike Murray's line, Engle's fast charging forward wall gave Ted Kemmerer's long booming punts just enough time to land before the line was on the intending receiver. In nine tries he averaged 38 yards.

As far as the punting situation is concerned, both teams are set. In the Wisconsin game Penn State's Don Eyer and Don Bailey combined to average 39.2 yards. Penn's Walt Hynoski is capable of punting better than 40 yards and is always a threat on quick kicks.

We believe this game is the one to watch because each team in its last outing did not exhibit the caliber expected. And too, since the game is one of those rivalry affairs and the jinx is still intact, you can look for anything to happen.

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Series Just Beginning For Brooklyn Rooters

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP)—A Brooklyn tabloid came out today with a giant front-page headline: "World Series Starts Today," and as far as Dodger fans are concerned, it did.

The all-but-deceased hopes of the beloved Bums stirred, then sat bolt upright, revived by a victory in as fine a Series game as anyone could ask to see.

It was mounting drama from the start, piling climax upon climax in the final two innings until a record Ebbets Field crowd was limp and exhausted by the steady drain on the nerves.

You might say the story was Carl Erskine, and you would be in a large measure right, but Roy Campanella can sneak in from the wings and take a bow.

Here was a guy whose right hand was swollen into the shape of a sugar-cured ham yesterday as the result of being hit by one of Allie Reynolds' pitches in the opening game. He couldn't grip the bat firmly, every time he touched the ball it brought excruciating pain, and the word was out he would not play at all today.

But he played, and in the eighth inning he somehow managed to forget pain for one brief moment.

It must have been like a man pulling his own tooth, yet he put

everything he had into one swing and sent the ball into the left field stands for what turned out to be the winning run.

Only he knows what he was thinking as he rounded the bases with the crowd roaring its acclaim, but it was noted that when teammates reached for his hand as he came into the bench he withdrew it as if the slightest touch would be more than he could stand.

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R. B. Saylor . . .

Explains Infallible Gridiron Rating System; Bowl Forecasts Perfect

By BILL SNYDER

Fall is here and, like everybody else on campus, the thoughts of R. B. Saylor, associate professor of economics, have turned to football.

But if Saylor feels a twing of regret along with the joy, he can be forgiven. You see, lots of brain wracking and pencil chewing lie ahead for him in the coming months. For he is an amateur football expert who has developed a new system of rating football teams, called the Saylor Rating System.

His system is winning new recognition. So far this year, the Western Conference, composed of some 50 high school football teams extending from Johnstown to Lock Haven, has adopted his system. The Harrisburg Patriot has arranged with him to print weekly his ratings of central Pennsylvania, high school teams.

Probably the biggest honor his system has won is its acceptance by the 14-team Pennsylvania State Teachers' College League.

System Explained
In addition, when the present season is over, his real work will begin. He will start digging through the mass of statistics that he is collecting on the major college teams and will again come out with his annual college ratings. This will probably be circulated all over the country through the wire services.

Just what is the Saylor system and how does it work?

"It's not used to predict football games," explains the man who originated it. "Nor do I base my ratings entirely on won-loss records, or the personal opinions of anybody. It's simply a system of rating teams by the strength of the teams they have beaten—or been beaten by."

Competition Decides
"It works ideally in a many-team conference like the Western, because of the difficulty of choosing the champion when the teams in the league can't all play each other."

"According to my system, the team declared the champion, and the succeeding second, third, fourth, etc. place finishers would be the teams that did the best against strong competition."

High Schools Consistent
"For example, a team with, say, a 7-2 record compiled against the top teams in the circuit would probably be rated over an unbeaten team which had played mostly 2nd division competition."

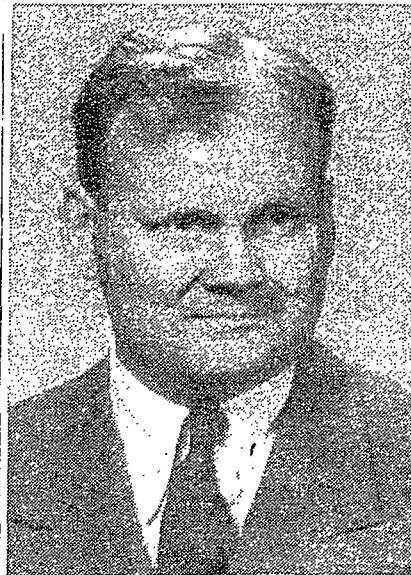
Saylor says there isn't much difference in rating college and high school teams, although he believes high school teams are much more consistent in their play.

"College teams have elaborate scouting systems and can prepare themselves against an opponent's weak spots; hence, even the greatest college teams are knocked off once in a while by a much weaker opponent. But high school teams seldom go to the expense of elaborate scouting. Big upsets in high school ball, therefore, are not as common."

Not More Upsets
Will the one-platoon system in college ball this year bring in more upsets and make it harder to rate the teams?

"I don't think that the one-platoon system will cause more upsets," says Saylor, "even if it does eliminate large schools from using highly talented specialists."

Even Orange Bowl champion Alabama's surprising loss to tiny Mississippi Southern doesn't faze this football rater. He says, "Alabama won by two touchdowns against Mississippi Southern last year and lost by one this year—a difference of three touchdowns when one-platoon football was



Roger Saylor
Grid Statistician

used. Also the Mississippi school, despite being unknown, has a powerful team, losing only to Alabama last year. So the loss isn't as startling as it seems, on the surface."

Picks Closest Bowl
When Saylor brought out his final rating of the college teams last year, he won a great deal of recognition. He was surprisingly accurate in his bowl game predictions. For example, he forecasted that Syracuse would take a sound beating in the Orange Bowl. He himself felt that Penn State, and not Syracuse, was the East's best team (final score: Alabama 61, Syracuse 6).

He predicted that the closest bowl game would be the Tulsa-Florida Gator Bowl tussle, because in his ratings the two teams finished side by side. Florida won the game by one point.

"One of the most surprising things that happened after my

ratings were released," Saylor reminisces, "was the discovery that another amateur rating expert on the West Coast had released a ratings chart that correlated with my own very closely." Neither man had ever met or exchanged any correspondence.

Saylor has been interested in rating teams for about ten years now. Does it take a lot of his time?

Don't Sell Lions Short
"Only at the end of the season when I make my final ratings of all teams," he replies.

Incidentally, don't sell the Lions short today when the team goes against undefeated Penn, even though State lost its opener to Wisconsin.

By the Saylor system of rating teams according to opposition, Wisconsin must certainly be rated a tougher foe than Vanderbilt, the team Penn conquered.

Close Grid Games Produced by IM's

The intramural touch football program is in full swing and the strong competition is producing some very exciting games.

Twenty-four teams have already played under the lights at Beaver Field and half of them have been eliminated.

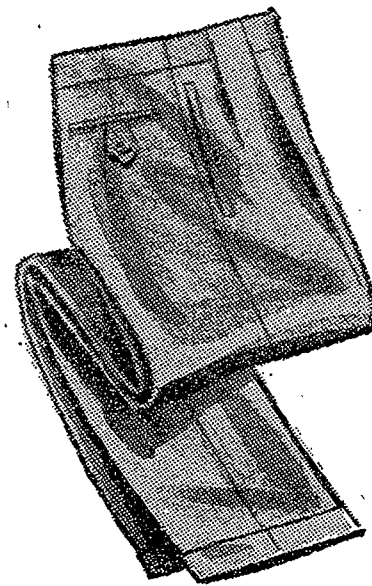
Thursday night produced three close-scoring games. Alpha Chi Rho downed Chi Phi, 7-0 and the Raiders beat the Atherton Men, 6-0. In the final contests, the Flashers won over the Dinks, 12-6.

There were no games last night because of the Penn game.

Teams scheduled for Monday night are:

- 7 p.m. — Meteors vs. Monkey A. C.
- 7:45 p.m. — Alpha Tau Omega vs. Sigma Pi
- 8:30 p.m. — Iron Men vs. Killers.

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