

Saturday's Menu—Passing

# Sam's Song

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Passing is a funny game. And we don't mean it will make you roll down the bleachers and onto the field with laughter. But we do mean the simple fact that where there is a passing attack in football there is little say what the outcome will be. Predictions are useless and are really out on a limb when made.

However, for the Penn State-Texas Christian skirmish tomorrow we would like to make a safe prediction. There will be plenty of passing. Let's say more than average.

When Dutch Meyer was head coach at TCU he was always planning some experiments for the campaign ahead... new stuff... secret weapons. He found the weapon too. Forward passing. The Frogs, in fact, have long made the forward pass a most dangerous weapon.

In 1950 the Dutchman was adding the T-Wing to his double wing and spread formations. The following year he began revising his offensive formation to employ more double wing maneuvers along with his spreads. However, none were more effective than the dreaded Meyer spreads. The latter formation was labeled a grid innovation by outside experts last year; actually it's the same pattern out of which "Slingshot" Sammy Baugh rose to fame.

This year with a new coach at hand TCU football fans have a difficult time recognizing their team. It no longer goes under the Meyer spread formations. Its new coach, Abe Martin, is introducing the "T" formation. This is the first time in the history of TCU.

When Coach Martin was questioned earlier in the season by TCU reporters why he had changed to the "T" and if it was because he taught it in high school when he was so successful, the TCU coach said:

"I have news for you. The 'T' is as new to me as it is to TCU. Michigan State's 27-game winning streak.

"Now let me explain why I made the change," Martin went on. "First, I felt that the material I had on hand would fit into the 'T' better than any other formation. Then a number of the boys were anxious to try it—in fact, even eager. Then you'll see our backs are rather small, and the 'T' gives them a much better opportunity. I discussed it with the boys and they were interested and eager to try it. When you have a squad that is interested and eager, you've gone a long way. So in it went."

Passing with it, of course. To provide a better aerial attack he brought together at quarterback and halfback, co-captain Malvin Fowler and Ray McKown, who began the season as contenders for the quarterback position.

Early in the season Martin said he would put more emphasis on running than had been in TCU's history. We beg to differ for several reasons. It was the aerial attack which almost halted Michigan State's 28-game winning streak.

Yesterday it was reported that the Horned Frogs scrimmaged against a freshman team using Penn State plays and Martin told reporters, "We had a little trouble stopping them." That may sound fine to the Penn State fans, but it was also mentioned in the story that the Texas Christians had a long drill on passing offense, pass defense, and punting. (Note: no emphasis on running drills.)

Then too, when Martin scrutinized his over-all picture for this season he said: "If we can develop two sets of pretty fair ends, we'll have a good, solid ball club that might make trouble for any of 'em. Ends, that's our No. 1 worry right now." Surely, he is not looking for running—except in carrying passes—from his ends.

"TCU," according to Frank Patrick, Nittany Lion scout, "is the kind of team that may explode any Saturday. They fell short against Michigan State, but had the game wrapped up until the Spartans outmanned them. If their running and passing games ever click on the same day, it'll be a sad day for the opposition. Let's hope that won't happen tomorrow."

The Horned Frogs are a potential passing outfit; they'll have to come in high, wide, and running. Running? Maybe so... but more than likely not.

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## Three Win IM Football Contests

Four fraternity and two independent teams squared off last night in intramural touch football contests staged under the lights at New Beaver field.

Alpha Zeta trounced Delta Upsilon, 12-6; Monkey A.C. edged Iron Men, 1-0; Acacia tumbled Alpha Sigma Phi, 6-0.

A cheering crowd watched Don Miller lead his Alpha Zeta teammates to paydirt early in the first half. Miller rushed around his own end for a gain of 35 yards. In subsequent plays he passed to Wilson and Leonard for 20 yards, hit Marlett and Brown for another first down, and threw to Sinclair for six points.

Delta Upsilon rallied and a Dawsey-to-Henry Zeybel-to-Warren Hoffner pass clicked for 50 yards. Dawsey again connected with Claude Proffitt to the four yard line. Hoffner passed to Zebble who was hit on the one-foot line. Jerry Maurey sighted Proffitt in the end-zone and connected for Delta Upsilon's first six points.

Don Miller completed Alpha Zeta's scoring by passing to Bill Morlott who ran to paydirt from the 30.

Chris Duliakas passed the Iron Men deep into Monkey A.C. territory four times in the contest. He connected with Dick Baxter, Truman Burch, and Don Smith, but the Monkey A.C. defense held. Wes Link, the Monkey A.C. tailback clicked with Bob Greenly for 20 yards and John Valentine for 10, only to be stopped on the one-yard line. The game ended with no team having scored.

In overtime Link hit Andy Pytel for 25 yards. The Iron Men failed to put the ball in foreign territory and Monkey A.C. won, 1-0.

Acacia toppled Alpha Sigma Phi with the skilled passing of Tom "Lefty" McIntyre and an interception by Ron Hartman. Hartman caught an Alpha Sig pass on the 50 and dashed all the way to paydirt. Bill MacGeorge, and Dave Murphey led the attack for Alpha Sigma Phi.

### Sykes Calls for IM Tennis Completion

Intramural tennis singles competition is fast rounding into semi-final and final play. However, Dutch Sykes, assistant intramural director, said yesterday that a few flights are lagging and it is necessary that matches in those flights be played and reported immediately.

In flight eight, Alvin Freedman, Sigma Alpha Mu, topped Roger Uhler, Acacia, 6-3, 6-1, to advance to a final berth.

John Krug became the latest player to reach the semi-finals of independent play by trouncing George Seiders, 6-0, 6-1.

### Three-Way Assignment

Tony Rados, Don Bailey and Don Eyer are sharing the punting assignment for Penn State in the current campaign.

## Booters Eye Third Win At Colgate Tomorrow

Coach Ken Hosterman and his sixteen-man traveling aggregation will leave State College today at 2 p.m. for Hamilton, New York. The Lion soccer eleven will be the guests of the Red Raiders of Colgate as the Nittany eleven hits the mid-way mark of its eight-game schedule.

Tomorrow's match against the Colgate eleven will be the fourth on-the-road encounter for Penn State. The Lion booters, however, will be carrying a 2-1 chart with them with wins over Bucknell, 7-0, and Maryland, 4-3.

The Lions' lone loss of the campaign was administered by the Army cadets last week, when the West Pointers kicked a last period goal to cop the victory after the Lions had tied the score at 3-3 with three goals in a third period offensive explosion.

### Irvin, Kline OK

Injuries that plagued the Lion squad early in the week as a result of the first three matches should not handicap it in tomorrow's test. Jack Pinezich and Dick Matacai, both linemen, have been slowed down.

Pinezich still favors his pre-season ankle injury, and Matacai and Captain Hap Irvin have been bothered with blisters. Paul Dierks and Hubie Kline still have their injured knees wrapped but will definitely see action, Hosterman said.

Less individual play has been a concern for Hosterman during the past week. "We've been trying to keep the ball moving with teamwork," Hosterman said. "Our usual work on passing, he con-

### Varsity Court Practice Will Begin Nov. 2

Elmer Gross, head basketball coach, has announced that varsity court practice will begin Nov. 2. Practice hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Recreation Hall.

Candidates will have physical examinations from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Oct. 30 at the College Health Service in Old Main.

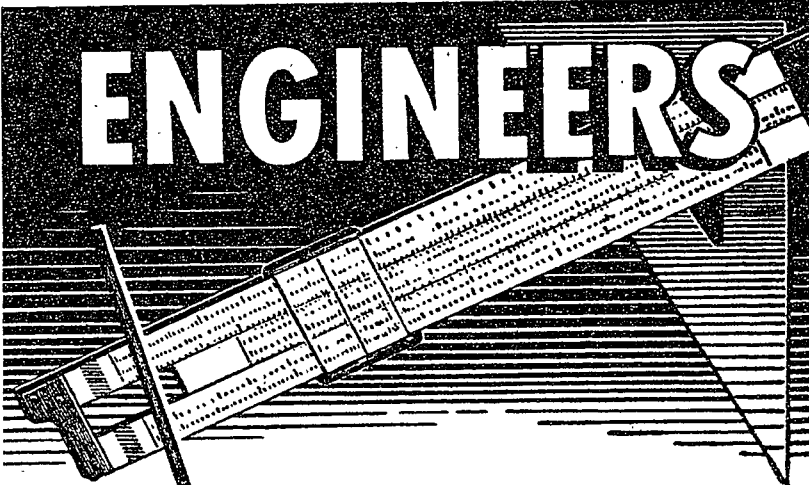
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continued, and positional play have also needed some work."

### 17 Sophomores

Last year the Colgaters lost a 2-0 encounter on the Lions home course. "This should prove to be a good match," Hosterman said, "as Colgate is usually strong on its home field."

Coach Mark Randall of the Raiders is concentrating on his vast rebuilding program. With only four lettermen returning from his '52 squad which posted only two wins on a seven-game card. Randall will be depending on the performance of 17 sophomores who presently comprise the bulk of his workable material.



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