

Sport SPOTLIGHT

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PREDICTION: Rip Engle's Nittany Lions should make it four wins in a row tomorrow when they battle West Virginia at Beaver Field. The Mountaineers are rated fifth in the nation this week by the Associated Press and undoubtedly coach Art Lewis has a powerful grid machine under his command.

But we don't think the Mounties are as good as the experts tab them. After upsetting high-ranking Pitt in the season opener, the Dixie Boys have been piling up touchdowns against comparatively weak teams. They have mauled Waynesburg, Washington and Lee, George Washington and Virginia Military Institute. Real tough opposition.

When a team plays four weeks in a row against competition like that, there is a tendency to get a little soft. Last week against VMI Lewis used his first team for only 16 minutes.

Lewis has said that he is hoping for rain tomorrow. Could it be that the West Virginia mastermind fears State's ever-threatening passing attack? Tony Rados, the East's top quarterback, might make things plenty tough.

West Virginia has a great team, and the Lions will have to strike hard and fast. With a proven passing game and an explosive ground attack, the Lions stand a great chance to win this one. We'll take State by one touchdown.

Ken Hosterman brings his once-beaten soccer team home to Beaver Field tomorrow. The Lions meet Duke University in their first home appearance of the season. Hosterman has done a great job since he took over for Bill Jeffrey as head coach. The smooth-working Nittanians have whipped Colgate, 1-0, Maryland, 4-3 and Bucknell, 7-0, while dropping one contest to a brutal Army eleven, 4-3. Once again the fans' interest will probably focus on the afternoon football game. But for those who attend the soccer game in the morning (game time is 11 a.m.) thrills, and spills galore are promised.

This sport, which combines the outstanding features of basketball and football, adding the necessity of an educated foot, has as much action in it as a three-ring circus. It gives to the spectator a display of furious drive, forceful power and deceptive maneuvering.

The Lions have proved themselves to be one of the outstanding teams in the East and the Blue Devils are always good. It should be a real nip-and-tuck battle at Beaver Field tomorrow.

While State's grid and soccer teams perform for the hometown crowd, Chick Werner will field his cross-country squad (undefeated in meets with Cornell and a triangular affair with Navy and Georgetown) against Michigan State at East Lansing, Mich. Here is another Lion squad that must be rated among the best in the East.

With Lamont Smith, Doug Moorhead and Red Hollen setting the pace, the Nittanians have found little trouble thus far. The trio has finished one-two-three in both meets this season. Adding depth to the squad are John Chillrud, Jim Hammil and Ted

Garrett, none of whom has hit his stride yet.

The harriers are primed for an upset tomorrow, since it was the Spartans who handed Werner's squad its only defeat last season.

We can't overlook the Powder Bowl football game slated for tomorrow morning on Beaver Field. At 10:30 a.m. 22 females will knock heads in the first game of its kind ever played in the Vale. The Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Pi Beta Phi sororities will battle. Of course the ladies won't be tackling each other (a two-handed-tap will be substituted) but plenty of bone-crushing blocks and wide open offensive play is expected.

The proceeds of the contest will go to the Campus Chest, and we can't think of a more worthy cause. A large crowd is expected to attend, and after watching the two squads practice, we guarantee that football fans won't be disappointed with the game. As a matter of fact, if you don't like football, you still won't be disappointed.

Nicholson Retires As Big Leaguer

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29 (AP)—The Big Swish retired today. Bill Nicholson called it quits after 15 years of major league baseball highlighted by such feats as hitting four home runs in four straight times at bat.

The 39-year-old Nicholson is known to baseball fans everywhere as "Swish." Whenever Nicholson came to bat, the fans chanted that nick-name as Big Bill whipped his bat back and forth fearfully awaiting a pitch. Many hurlers will tell you that no batter ever looked as tough at the plate as Big Nick.

Fireballs Win 14th Straight

Fireballs, Acacia, and Phi Sigma Delta emerged victorious from last night's IM football contests. The Fireballs beat the Lions, 1-0, to enter the final round of tourney play. The win was their 14th straight in IM competition.

In the first battle of the evening Walt Laska led the Fireballs' nine deep into Lion territory. A Laska to Dave Eskey pass clicked for 55 yards. Laska then passed to Bob Noah for another ten yards, which put the Fireballs on the 15. But they lost the ball on downs and the Lions took over. As they were moving the ball downfield, the Fireballs intercepted on the 50. Laska ran the ball to the 30 on the following play but time ran out and the game ended with no score. In the overtime period the evenly matched teams could make no advance. Finally the Lions were penalized 15 yards giving the Fireballs the decision of 1 to 0.

Acacia edged Alpha Zeta, 7-0, in the second game. Don Miller's 30 yard aerial connected with Wiley Behler to place Alpha Zeta on Acacia's 15. Miller's next pass was intercepted to halt the Zeta threat. In the second half Tom "Lefty" McIntyre threw to Phil Saunders, who passed to Frank Kilmer for Acacia's only six pointer. McIntyre hit John Johnson in the end zone for the extra point. Alpha Zeta failed to tally and the game ended 7-0.

Phi Sigma Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha met to play the second half of a protested game. Pi Kappa Alpha protested the former battle when the referee kept the clock running in the final seconds of the game after Pi Kappa had called time. The ball was deep in Phi Sigma Delta territory and Pi Kappa claimed they could have scored.

Phi Sigma Delta, which had scored seven points in the former contest held Pi Kappa Alpha to no score last night.

Nine Victories Talled in IM Court Action

Intramural court action was initiated into the 1953-54 season Wednesday with nine games being registered.

In the opener, McGee and Cohen paced Alph Watts to a 23-16 romp over the Dragons. The Epars set back the Toad Hoppers, 66-13, in the evening's highest scoring skirmish.

Other scores recorded were: Dubs 34, NROTC 21; Tanks over the Snipers, 27-25; Dorm over Beta Watts, 14-12; ISO Gang over the Hawks, 23-17; Spartans over Meteors, 21-18; Irvin over Plungers, 18-17; and the Phantoms over Charlie Watts, 53-16.

Elsewhere in IM action, Marve Traimus of Zeta Beta Tau upset Delta Tau Delta's Bob Rauch in inter-fraternity tennis singles play. The final 6-3, 6-1 count moved Traimus to the finals of flight 3.

Ray Robinson Quits Ring 'For Good'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson said today he has quit the ring for good. "I'll never fight again," the ex-champion said, scotching reports that he was weighing an offer to challenge Bobo Olson, the middleweight titleholder.

Robinson, who at one time held the welterweight and middleweight championships, retired last Dec. 18 to devote his full talents to his latest love, tap dancing. He's scheduled for a song and dance show here on Sunday.

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Scratching his left antenna with his lower left hand, he tore off half of a five dollar bill, popped it into his mouth, and scuttled into a nearby college shop. "Let's see your finest shirt," he squeaked.

The trembling clerk handed him a Van Heusen Oxfordian. "Gleeps, that's really a mimsy!", screeched the little fellow, feeling the luxurious Oxford fabric. "How much is it?"

"Only \$4.50," quavered the clerk. "I have them in the smartest new colors...and white to boot. Plus roll collars, button-downs and new short collars."

"Only \$4.50? Fantastic!", piped the creature. "I'll take one of each!"

Carefully he counted out twenty sticks of gum and laid them on the counter. "Keep the change," he chortled, putting the shirts under his middle arm. And munching merrily on a crisp ten dollar bill, he waddled out.

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