

"Fight On State"

# Sam's Song

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Unexpected losses, the majority of them service calls, ate up Penn State's reserve strength and left Coach Rip Engle sadly lacking in depth before the football curtain was lifted this season. Since then, however, his Nittany Lions have been improving with each opponent. They have won their last three contests, dropping their first two to Wisconsin and Penn.

Going into the final stretch of the 1953 football season here is a thumbnail sketch of the starting Nittany Lion eleven that will likely give West Virginia a battle for its money:

**JIM GARRITY**, left end . . . he has replaced Jesse Arnelle as the East's No. 1 end. The 6 foot, 185 pound end of Monaca, Pa., is fourth in the nation and first in the East with 19 catches for 241 yards. Only a junior, Garrity runs like a full-fledged halfback.

**ROSEY GRIER**, left tackle . . . at 225 pounds he is one of Penn State's heaviest linemen. Although the Roselle, N.J. junior appears a little awkward, he is beginning to show much improvement. Rated a good prospect, he is possibly a year away from greatness.

**SAM GREEN**, left guard . . . reporters remember him by his number. Whenever a tackle is made, usually 69 is responsible. He plugs the holes in the lines as if he knew each forthcoming play. Only 5 foot, 10 inches tall the Pottstown stalwart is listed as one of the finest linebackers in the nation. He is a junior.

**DON BALTHASER**, center . . . one of Engle's "unsung heroes." He played his best games against Boston U. and Texas Christian. Even though his fine offensive work doesn't show up in the score sheet, he makes up for it on defense. He too is only a junior. He hails from Williamsport, Pa.

**KEITH HORN**, right guard . . . This Williamsport ace is the second of Engle's unsung stars. Sidelined for two games because of a head injury sustained in the Penn game, he has come back determined to add the necessary strength in the Lions' line. He's a junior.

**OTTO KNEIDINGER**, right tackle . . . started the season as an end, but was switched to the tackle position, and has been a success. He ousted Gene Danser from the No. 1 job. This sophomore stand-out has won much acclaim during the Boston U. and Syracuse tilts.

**DON MALINAK**, right end . . . previously overshadowed by State's other fine end, Garrity, he emerged into the spotlight in the Texas Christian game. This season he has batted down several opponent passes before the pitches crossed the line of scrimmage. Senior and co-captain of the squad, he has received 12 passes for 127 yards with one interception to his credit. Hails from Steelton, Pa.

**TONY RADOS**, quarterback . . . another Steelton product and co-captain is undoubtedly one of the finest passers in the nation. He is sixth nationally among passers and the leader in the East. He has broken almost every Penn State individual passing record and looms as a good bet to out-do last year's record. The crafty signal caller who was off on his first assignment against Wisconsin began to hit his stride against Penn. Last year he completed 93 of 186 passes for 997 yards and eight TD's. So far, he's completed 48 of 98 passes and six TD's.

**LENNY MOORE**, left halfback . . . Reading's offering to Penn State. A natural athlete for the one platoon era. Speed? Exceptionally fast. A swivel-hip open field runner . . . famous for his fine punt and kickoff returns. He is as brilliant on defense as on offense. A candidate for "Sophomore Back of the Year."

**KEITH VESLING**, right halfback . . . A senior. A rock 'em sock 'em player. Lacks speed but makes up for the deficiency with power. A Clarendon product, he was injured early in the season but has returned. He is ready, willing, and running.

**BILL STRAUB**, fullback . . . Engle's answer to his fullback troubles. He was complimented by Chet Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press, for his fine performance against the Quakers. He is averaging 4.4 yards . . . never setback for a loss this season. He's a sophomore.

**PETE SCHODERBEK**, linebacker . . . a sure-winner on any team. He has patented one of the finest tackles in college football. Every time an opponent drops to the ground from nowhere, it's 99 out of 100 that it is a Schoderbek tackle. A senior from Duquesne, he's an extra in our lineup but the finest extra a coach would dream of having.

## Harrier Meet a Tossup; Lions Risk Win Streak

Notes from Light Horse Harry's dope sheet on today's cross-country meet at East Lansing, Mich. between the Spartans and the Lions:

"There are only two things on which one should never bet—three-legged horses and cross-country meets between Michigan State and Penn State."

Our imaginary friend might have something there, for the outcome of this meet is as indefinite as the length of women's dresses.

### Seven Man Team

Chick Werner, Nittany coach, departed yesterday by plane with a seven man crew. Captain Red Hollen, Lamont Smith and Doug Moorhead, the Triple-Trouble-Trio, head the list. The other four are John Chillrud, Jim Hamill, Ted Garrett and Don Austin.

The Lions will be risking their four meet win skein against last year's IC4A and NCAA champs when they get underway at 10:30 a.m. today. NYU and Manhattan fell before the Blue and White at the close of last season, and the Nittanies have thus far extended the streak by turning back Cornell at home and then Navy and Georgetown in a meet at Annapolis.

Karl Schlademan's Spartans have felt the sting of defeat only once this season. They were dropped from the undefeated ranks last week by Wisconsin.

### Lions Impressive

So far this campaign the Nittany hill-and-dalers have been fairly impressive. In their lone home meet on the schedule the Lions trampled Cornell, 19-39, with Hollen, Smith and Moorhead finishing in a tie for first with a time of 26:56. Smith placed first in the meet at Annapolis with a clocking of 26:40.5, as he set a new mark for course. Hollen finished second and Moorhead third. Hollen, despite a foot injury, missed the old course mark by just five seconds.

Don Austin, who has been plagued by bad luck thus far this season, will have a chance to show whether or not he is fully recuperated. Austin hurt his foot during the Cornell meet, and was unable to compete in the triangular meet with the Midshipmen and the Hoyas because of an attack of the grippe.

## Lions Meet Rams In 'Big' Pro Game

NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (AP)—The Detroit Lions, champions of the National Football League last year, meet the Los Angeles Rams Sunday at Los Angeles in a game that may very well decide the title in the loop's Western Conference.

Detroit and Los Angeles are tied, each with four victories and one defeat.

Detroit's only loss was to Los Angeles in a game at the Motor City Oct. 18. Norm Von Brocklin and his Rams thumped the Lions that time, 31-19. The San Francisco 49ers are the only team to defeat Los Angeles, as they edged out a 31-30 verdict Oct. 4.

## IM Swimming Win Recorded

A sterling performance by the Beta Theta Pi relay team featured yesterday's Intramural swimming session.

Beta Theta Pi swamped Alpha Epsilon Pi, 37-3, as the Beta relayers, Cronstedt, Fisher, Lynch, and Eckert swam in the near record time of 1:41.3. The score was the widest margin of the year.

By winning a first in diving, Sigma Phi Epsilon edged Phi Gamma Delta, 21-20. In the final match, Phi Kappa forfeited to Sigma Pi.

### Stone, Ash Finish 1-2

Olympians Curt Stone and Bill Ashenfelter finished one-two but Penn State's undergraduate harriers dominated the rest of the field to edge the alumni cross-country team, 27-28, in an exhibition on campus. Stone and Ashenfelter covered the four-mile course in 20 minutes, 22 seconds.

### Pigskin Coin Flips . . .

# Out On a Limb

Trailing Sports Editor Sam Procopio by three games, the Penn State football coaches sent their chief, Rip Engle, to the line today in an effort to move into the front spot in the Daily Collegian football prediction contest.

The coaches moved up from a third place tie last week into second place. The mentors sport a .703 percentage while Procopio holds the number one spot with a .746 average.

In the third place position going into today's schedule is Assistant Sports Editor Dick McDowell with a .693 mark. Staff writer Herm Weiskopf trails in fourth place. His average stands at .653.

This is the sixth week of the contest, which is run weekly throughout the football season.

Today's selections:

Games	Procopio	McDowell	Weiskopf	Coaches
Ga. Tech-Van'bilt	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
Georgia-Ala.	Alabama	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia
Holy C.-Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse
Illinois-Purdue	Ill.	Ill.	Ill.	Ill.
Indiana-Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Indiana
Kansas-Nebraska	Nebraska	Kansas	Nebraska	Kansas
Kentucky-Rice	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Rice
Mich.-Penn	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Minnesota-Pitt	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.
Navy-Notre Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame
N'western-Ohio St.	NW	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Tenn.-N. Carolina	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
UCLA-California	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	California
Wisconsin-Iowa	Wis.	Wis.	Wis.	Wis.
Yale-Dartmouth	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale

# Prom Time!

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