

Werner Says 'Also Rans' May Be As Important as Winners in Races

By HERM WEISKOPF

"Everybody on this team is important" Nittany Cross-Country Coach Chick Werner said the other day while talking about this year's squad.

"It's not just the top three men who are important, although it may sometimes be hard to see this," Werner pointed out that the runners who finish out of the actual scoring often feel they are unimportant.

"This," Werner said emphatically, "is not true. Each runner, from the first right on down through the 12th man either directly or indirectly affects the scoring."

In cross-country the team with the fewest points wins. The first five runners on each squad figure in the scoring. The position of each harrier determines the number of points that a team will score. For example, if a team placed runners in each of the first five slots it would have a total score of 15, one point for first, two for second, and so on.

Hypothetical Case

Although only the first five harriers to finish for each team figure in the scoring the other men on the squad can add to the score of the opposition. Using a hypothetical example again, suppose that one team had a total score of 40 in the IC4A title run. Suppose also that another team had a score of 25, but that only four men had finished so far for this squad.

Extending the imaginary case one step further, visualize the fifth harrier for the latter outfit running in a tie for 14th place. If he places 14th his school will win, 39-40. However, if he wages a losing battle and places 15th his team will be in a tie. The importance of the runners behind the first five would be emphasized even more if another man were to beat out the harrier under discussion and would place him 16th. The first team would then have a clear-cut victory, 40-41.

Called Displacement

Forcing opposing runners to finish as far back in the scoring as possible is called displacement. It is powerful weapon in the attack of any team.

The unsung hero of many a cross-country meet is the hill-and-daler who does not finish in the actual scoring but who clinches the victory for his team by keeping the opposing harriers as far back as possible in the scoring parade.

Graham Still Seeks Ring Opponent

DETROIT, Nov. 5 (AP)—Nobody, it seems, wants to fight Billy Graham. Not Al Andrews, the winner. Not Chuck Davey, the loser.

Andrews scored a close split decision over the fading Davey last night in a nationally televised 10-rounder.

That was supposed to put Andrews into a Dec. 2 date here with Graham, the veteran New York welterweight contender.

Graham had signed to fight the winner but Andrews apparently hadn't, and today Ike Bernstein, Andrews' 76-year-old manager, said:

"I don't think my boy is ready for Graham. Graham has too much experience. He's too smart."

Nick Londe, matchmaker for the International Boxing Club, tossed the fight Davey's way but a source very close to the East Lansing, Mich., boxer said he didn't think Davey would accept.

Davey is still undecided whether to continue his ring career but this source added, the 29-year-old southpaw doesn't think the time is ripe for a fight against Graham.

Almost everybody in the Detroit area thought Davey had won the fight, including Graham. A ringside poll showed 13 writers favored Davey while only one thought Andrews had won. The AP called it even.

Booters Win 3 of 4 Away

Penn State's soccer men won three of their first four games, all of which were on foreign territory.

"Beginning of the End"

Sam's Song

By SAM PROCOPIO
Collegian Sports Editor



This column is an answer to Charles Teyssier whose letter appears on page four, regarding the West Virginia-Penn State game last Saturday.

First of all we did not denounce any official, opposing player or coach in our column Tuesday. We only brought out mistakes that were made by the officials. We only explained and gave our viewpoints which were made after talking to men who have seen the game and studied the films. We agreed with them and they agree with us.

As a newspaperman, had we not commented on the controversial issues, which are being talked about by hundreds of people, we feel our reporting job would have been a failure. We had sufficient time to consider the issues since our paper is not written until Monday. If pointing out errors made by officials—who undoubtedly are human—is considered unsportsmanlike, then it will just have to be. If we don't point them out, they surely would make them again. If we do point them out, they will scrutinize each play better.

As far as the blocked kick by Bruce Bosley of West Virginia is concerned, whether or not he was offside is a matter of judgment. The referee's judgment was that he was not offside, ours is he was. Our judgment—not biased or prejudiced—is that he was the first player to move. We feel he jumped the gun.

Fred Wyant's quarterback sneak touchdown? Maybe we were 50 yards out but for a referee who was in a position of perfect sight to call the play, it is well worth remembering that the official did not call the touchdown until the play was finished. If he were sure Wyant was over the goal line, then why didn't he call it the split second it happened. With a pile-up within inches of the goal line, a player can easily force the ball forward.

It is not quite hard for a T-formation quarterback to be in motion and still receive a clean pass from center. All he has to do is move his foot, which Wyant did. The movies show this rather clearly. In fact, this controversial play is undoubtedly the easiest to observe. Wyant moved his foot to the right. As he brought it back, he received the center.

The movies show Wyant's knee touched the ground before he even approached the goal line. The ball was not over because the still shots show Wyant's hand (with ball) is behind him at the time.

In his letter, Teyssier says he is a personal friend of one of the officials. We still think they were wrong. In fact, we overheard that one of the officials at the game stated that he didn't think Wyant was over, but said that no one had asked him.

In concluding, we were not the only one to criticize the officiating. There were some prominent sports editors and writers who agreed with us in the press box. To us it is a fact that these plays occurred. No matter what is said or shown by the movies, the verdict presented by the referee is official and the score will remain in the books. West Virginia 20, Penn State 19.

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Frosh Gridmen Leave Today for Navy Game

A squad of 34 freshman football players will leave at 4:30 p.m. today for Annapolis, Md. and a tilt with the Navy plebes tomorrow morning at 10, which will wind up the abbreviated season for the Lions.

Penn State has not taken the field since their fourth period loss to Pitt two weeks ago, the Nittanies only other game. Since then, the men of Earl Bruce have been hard at work correcting flaws here and there and are intent in winding up the schedule in a blaze of glory.

If the number of Pennsylvania boys on the Middle roster means anything, and it usually does, the Lions will have anything but an easy time of it.

Sixteen out of the 42 man Navy squad call the Keystone state their home. They have helped the Plebes compile a record of one win, a loss and a tie for the season thus far.

Navy wound up on the short end of a 13-6 score in their opener against rival Maryland. They then turned around the next week to topple Penn by the same score. This was no mean accomplishment, as just last week the Quaker freshmen trounced the always powerful Princeton Tigers. Navy's other joust resulted in a 14-14 stalemate with Bullis Prep.

State will probably open with just about the same lineup that started against Pitt. In the line, which will outweigh the Tar forward wall slightly, Ned Finkbeiner may get the starting call at right tackle in place of Ignatius Hokaj, who is nursing a slightly bruised leg. This will probably be the only line change.

Bruce is also pondering a few starting changes in the backfield. Stu Wiggins, the Clearfield speedster, may get the opening nod at fullback. Either Johnny Bruno or Jim Lockerman could start at right halfback. Ray Alberigi, who impressed the fans with his running in the opener, is a certainty at left half, with Milt Plum at quarterback.

Gridders--

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Romeo, and Joe Palmieri. Franz, who is directing the Ram attack, last year led Rados in the Eastern passing standings.

Tomorrow's game, third in a series inaugurated in 1946, will find both teams at full strength. Coach Engle believes his toughest job will be overcoming the natural lethargy which is expected to follow last week's spirited play against West Virginia. Fordham, on the other hand, is expected to go all out for its first win over a Penn State team.

Leahy Recovers, Returns to ND

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 5 (AP)—Head Coach Frank Leahy returned to Notre Dame's football helm today after an illness-caused absence of 13 days.

The Irish coach's stay on the practice field was limited to one hour by his doctor, but Leahy said he was completely recovered from an acute attack of pancreatitis which caused his collapse at halftime of the Georgia Tech game Oct. 24.

The unbeaten Irish, top team in The Associated Press national poll, leave tomorrow to face Penn at Philadelphia Saturday.

Lion Cubs Lose to Pitt

Penn State's freshman football team lost to Pittsburgh in their first game this season. Pitt scored three touchdowns in the final period to overcome a Penn State lead.

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