

Gridders Picked To Beat Rutgers

Penn State will likely go into the Rutgers football skirmish Saturday as more than two touchdown favorites. But if history repeats itself, Penn State will only squeak by the Scarlet eleven.

Rutgers first met Penn State back in 1918 and was at once rewarded with a 26-3 victory. The schools did not meet again until 1950. Ever since, Penn State has found its superiority a thing of the past.

In 1950 at Beaver Field, with six minutes remaining, Rutgers had a 14-12 lead. But a determined Lion squad eventually crossed the goal line to win, 18-14.

Two years ago, Jim Monahan, all-East fullback, was setting the pace for Rutgers. At half-time the Scarlet held a narrow 7-6 advantage. In third period, however, Penn State's Bob Pollard galloped 71 yards for the final TD of the game. State won out, 13-7.

Last fall, Rutgers was a 30-point underdog. It was not even rated a chance. Still, Rutgers struck for a touchdown midway in the first period and kept its 6-0 lead until midway in third period. This time Tony Rados, who did not start the game, came off the bench and spearheaded the Lions for a touchdown with his passing. The touchdown pass covered 82 yards. Bill (Automatic) Leonard's partially-blocked conversion attempt just made it over the bar and Rutgers was once again on the short end, 7-6.

Coach Harvey Harman of Rutgers is counting upon a quintet of backs who averaged better than five yards a try against Virginia Tech and Princeton. They are Captain Don Duncan and Angelo Iannucci, who smash the line from the fullback slot, and halfbacks Joe Triggs, Steve Johnson and Ron Mastrolia.

Rutgers has been hard-pressed for a victory. After the Scarlet upset Virginia Tech in its opener, it didn't win again until last week when Rutgers edged Lafayette, 14-13.

Whether the Scarlet can muster enough strength to keep the score down as it has done in the past is the question. But one thing is sure, anyone who saw any previous encounters between Rutgers and Penn State would not go out on the limb—by a comfortable margin, anyway.

Eagles Lead NFL Offense

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11 (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles are the top offensive team in the National Football League.

The Eagles soared past Los Angeles on the wings of their 514 yards gained through the air and on the ground against the New York Giants last Sunday. The Eagles have gained 2844 yards this season—959 running and 1885 passing.

Los Angeles, last week's leader, holds second place with a total of 2774 yards.

With Bobby Thomason turning in the fourth best passing performance in NFL history Sunday, the Eagles also took over the passing leadership. They picked up 460 yards aerially to up their seasonal total to 1885.

Los Angeles ousted San Francisco from the ground gaining leadership by three yards. L.A. now has 1254 and the 49ers 1251. The Rams also lead the scoring with 222 points.

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Ralph Hoffman . . . Soccer Star Scores Against Teammates

By ROY WILLIAMS

Ralph Hoffmann, senior halfback for Penn State's soccer squad and a booter for Bill Jeffrey's outstanding team last year, scored against his present teammates!

Hoffmann, Rockledge's contribution to the Nittany's booting squad, attended Ogontz Center in Philadelphia during his freshman year. Playing inside right for Ogontz, he tallied against the Lions during a rain-soaked contest.

During his sophomore year, which was his first year on campus, Hoffmann seriously sprained his ankle and saw very little action. Last year, however, he won his letter while playing for the Lion squad which posted an impressive 7-1-1 log. This year he has been a mainstay in the backfield for Coach Ken Hosterman.

Was Quarterback

While in high school, Hoffman won his letter quarterbacking his Lower Moreland High School football eleven, in his junior year. He didn't play for the team his senior year.

His high school didn't compete in interscholastic soccer; however, that didn't stop Hoffmann from gaining valuable game and fundamental soccer experience.

He has been playing soccer since he was 12 years old. He played in a German independent league in Philadelphia, the Erzberger Club, until he graduated from high school.

Ralph, who is majoring in Horticulture and plant breeding, plans to take graduate work at another school after his graduation in June.

Head Chapel Usher

As a brother at Sigma Pi, he has been secretary of the house. He is also head Chapel usher, and a member of the Horticulture Club.

When asked about his most vivid memories during his soccer career, Hoffman remarked, "Scoring that lone goal against State in my freshman year gave me a satisfying thrill."

Asked about how he felt playing under Bill Jeffrey, former Nittany soccer mentor, Hoffmann said, "No one could be anything but happy and proud to play for 'Mr. Soccer' himself. Who could be better than he."

The 5-foot, 8-inch halfback said that he expected the final three matches of the current '53 campaign to be the roughest the team has faced this season. "We have the material to win, rough teams or not," he commented.

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Soccermen Meet Owls In Second Home Match

Penn State's soccer eleven will meet its toughest foe of the season Saturday, when they host an always-dangerous Temple squad at Beaver Field. In their sixth game of the current campaign, the Lions will be looking for their fifth win.

Temple has been given top billing over the Lions for the coming encounter.

Marion Fired; Dykes Is New Baltimore Boss

BALTIMORE, Nov. 11 (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles today fired Marty Marion as manager and called in Jimmy Dykes to manage the city's new team in the American League.

Dykes himself had been turned out as manager of the A's only last week in favor of shortstop Eddie Joost and was to continue with the Philadelphia club in some advisory capacity. He had managed the team three seasons, finishing fourth in 1952 for his best year.

General Manager Art Ehlert in replacing Marion with Dykes is bringing to Baltimore a man with whose work he became familiar while Ehlert headed the Athletics' front office.

Ehlert said Marion was being released outright with still a year to go on his \$30,000 a year contract as manager. That makes two unpaid former St. Louis Browns' managers on the Orioles payroll. Rogers Hornsby, former Browns' manager who was furloughed by Bill Veeck in favor of Marion, is still drawing a salary.

Ehlert's announcement did not come as too much of a surprise. It had been widely speculated since Marion flew here for a meeting Monday that he would be let out. Dykes' name had been prominent among his likely successors.

NCAA to Seek New Practice, Schedule Rules

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 11 (AP)—The NCAA Council today voted to initiate amendments to its national convention next January that would put further limitations on playing and practice seasons for football and basketball.

The policy making group of the National Collegiate Athletic Association would limit its member football teams to a maximum of ten games, excluding the approved post-season bowl games. Pre-season practice could not begin prior to Sept. 1.

The council will recommend that basketball practice not be permitted before Nov. 1 and the first scheduled game before Dec. 1.

A maximum of 26 games would be allowed for the basketball season under the council's recommendations. This limit would not include the NCAA post-season tournament, but would include pre-season tournaments and those held in mid-season, such as the Big Seven Conference tournament at Kansas City.

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Carter Kayas Savoie
Jimmy Carter, light weight champion, retained his crown against Montreal's Armand Savoie last night. Carter kayoed Savoie in the fifth round.

Coach Ken Hosterman said, "What Temple holds in an edge over us as far as wins and losses are concerned may be equalled by the fact that we are playing on our home field."

Reports from both coaches whose teams have played Temple and the game officials say Temple has a strong eleven.

The Owls have displayed their finesse on the field in recent wins. Perhaps their most impressive victory was a fourth period rally against Army.

Army and Temple both entered the contest at Temple Stadium with unblemished records. Army held the lead at the half, 1-0, and then took the lead again in the third period after the Owls had tallied. With the score standing 2-0 in the Cadets favor, Ed Tatoian uncorked an offensive attack against the Armymen.

Tatoian, outside left lineman, scored four goals in the fourth period to hand Army its first loss of the season, and to gain Temple's sixth win in a row.

The Owl's center forward, Frank Fanucci, may also be out to give the Lions something to think about.

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