

# Gridders Rated 'Toss-up'; Five Court Booters Prep for Penn Teams Rise In IM Play

## Englemen Seek 6th Grid Win

Every year that the predicting experts are set to go out on a limb with the Penn State-Pitt game, they pick up the statistics, shrug their shoulders, and say: "Toss-up."

With only three days remaining for the Lions and Panthers to windup their training, once again these yogies would rather say "it'll go either way" than exclaim it will be Penn State or Pitt by six points.

When the Lions travel to Pittsburgh this weekend they will be in search of their sixth victory of the campaign while the Panthers are eyeing their fourth. A win would bring Pitt's final season performance at a .500 percentage.

Pitt's four losses were at the hands of West Virginia, 17-7, Notre Dame, 23-14, Northwestern, 27-21, and Minnesota, 35-14. While the Panthers' most impressive showing was their 7-7 tie against the Sooners of Oklahoma, they have downed North Carolina State, 40-6, Virginia, 26-0, and Nebraska, 14-6.

West Virginia is the only team which is also scheduled by the Lions and the Mountaineers came out on top, 20-19.

Penn State, which had gained more yardage through the air than it did along the ground in three of its first six games, reversed the story against Fordham. Since then, the Lions have been consuming the necessary yardage with their swift backs.

Coach Rip Engle's 1953 gridgers show the following statistics for eight games:

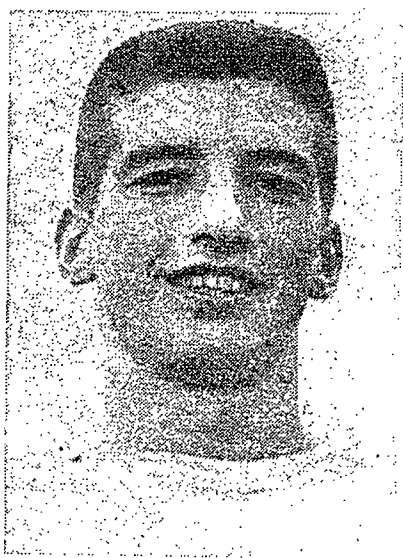
Penn State	Opponents
2458	Total yards gained 2323
307.2	Yards per game 290.4
508	Total number of plays 490
4.8	Yards per play 4.7
1430	Rushing yards 1275
178.7	Yards rushing per game 159.4
333	Number of rushes 328
4.3	Yards per rush 3.9
1028	Passing yards 1048
128.5	Passing yards per game 131.0
175	Passes attempted 164
79	Passes completed 71
45.1	Per cent completed 43.3
13.0	Yards per completion 14.8
11	Passes had intercepted 17
42	Number of punts 47
1346	Total yardage of punts 1510
32.0	Punting average 32.1
25	No. of punt returns 16
323	Yards punt returns 141
36	Number of penalties 22
320	Total yards, penalties 181
24	Fumbles 25
16	Fumbles lost 13
28	Touchdowns 22
22	Points after touchdown 16
190	Total points 148

### State First

Penn State in 1953 earned the distinction of being the first eastern school to win National Collegiate wrestling honors.



Otto Kneidinger  
Lion Tackle



Emil Borra  
Soccer Fullback

## Ankle Injury Fails To Halt Soccer Star

By ROY WILLIAMS

Despite injuries during his sophomore and junior years, Emil Borra, hearty soccer fullback, took over the reigns at his defensive spot this year and has never since relinquished them to anyone.

When Emil arrived at Penn State after a successful career in both independent and high school sports, Coach Bill Jeffrey played

him at halfback. Need for fullbacks, however, became imperative and before long, Borra found himself helping the goalie. And that's exactly where he has been for the past four years.

**Broke Ankle**  
A broken ankle suffered prior to his enrollment in his sophomore year hasn't helped matters for the brilliant defensive star. Borra fell off a scaffold during a summer construction job and was in the hospital for five weeks. Arriving late for practice in his sophomore year, he was out most of the season.

During his junior year he held down a first string slot until the final home game against Army when his ankle again put him out for the remainder of the season.

**Spotted by Jeffrey**  
Borra was spotted by Jeffrey at Bridgeville High School when he was playing with Red Harris and Bill Norcik. The College soccer All Stars defeated the High School soccer All-Stars, 3-2, when the three Lion booters played against Jeffrey's Stars. Although

Borra had offers to Kent State and North Carolina, he and his two teammates accepted Jeffrey's offer to come to Penn State.

Baseball also spotlighted Borra's high school achievements. He won two letters at Bridgeville after transferring from Mt. Lebanon High School. He played second base and posted a .357 batting average to lead his team and place second in the batting figures for the Western Pennsylvania's Interscholastic League for Class B competition.

**Member of Froth**  
While at Penn State Borra has worked for Froth, been a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, and served as corresponding secretary and pledgemaster for the fraternity. He also has served on the IFC workshop committees and Spring Week committee.

Borra, who is a captain in the advanced Air Force ROTC program, remarked that the spirit on the team has been continually like one unit.

"We play more like a family group than a team," he said.

## Last Game For Lions At Home

The Quakers of the University of Pennsylvania will meet the Nittany soccer men Saturday afternoon, as the Lions play their final game of the season at home.

Coach Ken Hosterman and his eleven-man squad can be assured of finishing the season with at least a .550 per cent even if they drop Saturday's engagement with the Quakers. The Lions presently show a 4-2 chart, with losses only to Temple, 2-0, and Army, 4-3.

While the Nittanians are still remembering their rugged battle last Saturday at home with Temple, they are beginning to work on the poor positional play which they displayed against the Owls.

The combination of State's inability to match their showing against Temple as they did against Duke two weeks previous, and Temple's brilliant passing led to the Owl's seventh straight win of the campaign.

Perhaps the lessons learned against Temple, however, will prove to be assets when the Lions meet a highly-rated Red and Blue soccer squad. Last year, the Lions handed Penn a 3-2 defeat, after the Quakers tallied twice in the first ten minutes of the game. State's defense, however, tightened up later in the game, played in mud and rain, as the Lions went on to cop their fourth straight win.

The boys from River Field will be returning to State with vivid memories of last year's loss.

Last year's game against the Quakers was also the contest when Jack Pinezich scored three goals to set the Penn State mark of 23 pointers in one season.

Penn will be boasting several wins which may concern Coach Ken Hosterman. One of its most recent triumphs was a 8-1 drubbing which it gave to LaSalle and a 3-2 edging over Navy both at its grounds at River Field.

Five Quakers are veterans, with four of these starting most of the games. Chuck Yarnell, center forward, may be at the lead of Penn's potential battering ram at State's defensive setup. His three goals in the final period against Navy enabled the Quakers to cop the contest after Navy had held a 2-0 lead for three quarters.

With unblemished records, five intramural basketball teams moved to top positions or ties in their respective league title races Monday night in Rec Hall.

Ford City via a 29-19 victory over Dorm 23 moved to the top in League E. George Holmes tallied nine points for the winners. Riding on the crest of their second consecutive lop-sided win, the Easy Aces whitewashed Joe's Boys, 51-28. Ken Christiansen scored 14 markers for the Easy Aces who had previously racked up the Bearcat squad, 45-27.

The Bearcats evened their season standing by walloping the twice-beaten Helenic Society, 25-12.

Jim McGrainor's dozen points led the Five Roses to a 30-20 conquest of the Dukes in League G. The Knights won a forfeit from the Model A's. The former team has compiled a 1-1 mark in two forfeited contests.

The Geeche Birds and the Whiz Kids battled to a first place tie in League H. The Birds swamped the not-so-ferocious Panthers, 41-13, while the Kids barely edged the Engineers in a 24-22 thriller. Barry Schriver, with 16 points, paced the Geeche Birds while the Whiz Kid attack was evenly spread.

In fraternity play, Alpha Epsilon Pi moved to a tie for first place in League F with a low-scoring 17-11 mark against Phi Sigma Kappa. A previous winner, Sigma Phi Sigma, was downed by once-beaten Beta Theta Pi, 25-21.

### Irish Lead AP Poll; W. Virginia Is 19th

Notre Dame still remains as the nation's No. 1 team, while Maryland continues to hold down the second slot, according to the Associated Press yesterday.

West Virginia, which has been sought by the Sugar Bowl, has dropped from eighth place to 19th in the poll.

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