

The Scorebook

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TRADITIONALLY TRADITIONAL

Tradition, it has been said, can often be used as one of the most vital factors in team spirit and morale. The time-honored memories of persons and deeds of days gone by have proved to be the inspiration that has sparked athletic teams to victory on many occasions. Notre Dame's famed George Gip has been held indirectly responsible for Fighting Irish's memorable upset of Army years ago. Legend has it the "Gipper" asked Knute Rockne, Notre Dame's grid coach at the time, to "tell the boys to win one for the Gip some day." Rockne waited for the proper psychological moment to make the request to his squad. According to the story, Rockne told his boys of the late star's request and then watched his team trip the favored Cadets.

Everytime Illinois comes up with a classy running back his deeds are compared to the legendary Red Grange. The Galloping Ghost, so the Illini felt, had established unbreakable records. It makes little difference right now that J. C. Caroline has smashed all the marks of the fabled Grange. It won't matter for a few more years. The Illinois backs will still be compared to Grange. Caroline will only overshadow the tradition of Grange when he has graduated. After he gets his sheepskin, Caroline will step into the list of immortals. Oldtimers hate to admit that Caroline may be better than Grange was and it will take some time before the form's records are accepted in the minds of the fans, students, coaches, and "recognized authorities." Tradition requires aging, a dash of color, three parts greatness, and sometimes a bit of humility.

Molding Tradition

Much has been said of the tradition of Notre Dame's football teams. The victories of the past have built up a vault of memories that has been correctly aged and handled by the guiding hands of Rockne and Frank Leahy, among others, until it is now molded into a form or pattern known lovingly to coaches and graduates as "victory." Knowing that you are running over the same turf and playing for the same team that stars of the past have, can definitely create psychological reactions that will be favorable to any coach.

Penn State has its share of tradition too, though it often does not drift further than the Nittany Valley. Just spreading the embers of tradition is not enough. These embers must be poked continually until they give off sparks that will diffuse properly and become lodged where they will burn eternally.

30 Straight Wins

From 1919 to 1922 Penn State rolled up one of the most impressive unbeaten strings in intercollegiate football. The Lions went through 30 games without a loss, finally giving way to Navy, 14-0. Only 19 touchdowns were registered against the Blue and White during that skein. The Lions got almost that many in one game, slaughtering Lebanon Valley, 109-7, for their tenth win in the long streak. During the string of wins Penn State outscored its foes, 794-132. Penn State grid machines have also accounted for win skeins of 19 and 17 games.

The first football game played in Pasadena's Rose Bowl was the 1923 bowl encounter between the University of Southern California and Penn State. Although the Nittany Lions lost, 14-3, they had the honor playing in the Rose Bowl classic. Down through the years Penn State has been able to boast of winning teams. During the past nine seasons the Lions have won 51 contests, lost 18, and tied three for a won and lost percentage of .739.

All-America stars from Penn State such as Steve Suhey, Leon Gajecki, Sam Tamburo, and "Mother" Dunn have helped spread the name and fame of Penn State in the great fall sport. Penn State has had other All-America players and other bowl teams besides the 1933 Rose Bowl squad. They have all helped build the grid tradition of the Lions. The coaches have also played a vital part in the Nittany football picture. Three former Penn State grid mentors were named to football's Hall of Fame this year. Dick Harlow, Hugo Bezdek, and Bob Higgins were all elected to join the immortals of the grid sport.

Tradition is the spark which has kindled the flame that has led to many a victory. It is one of those "intangibles." It cannot be measured, and it will not be found in the final score. Like the source of adrenaline in the human body, tradition can be called on to make men perform beyond their normal capacities. When tradition grips an entire team and is used in the right way at the right time, it can work small miracles.

Lions Strong and Deep at Tackles

By DICK McDOWELL

(This is the fourth in a series of stories which will examine the Penn State football team position by position—today the tackles.)

Four veteran tackles, all of them topping the 200-pound mark, will provide the bulwark in Rip Engle's line this season.

The big man, literally and figuratively, is Roosevelt Grier, a 6-4, 245 pound giant who will see varsity action for the fourth year. Grier, mentioned on numerous pre-season all-American squads, and almost a sure bet for all-eastern honors, should have his best year this fall.

And if he does it should be nothing short of terrific. He's been terrorizing opponents for three seasons both on offense and defense. Surprisingly swift for a big man, he is probably one of the most dependable linemen ever to play on a Penn State team.

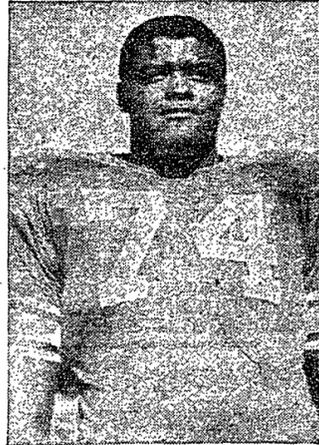
Along with Grier, Engle will employ the services of Gene Danser, 6-3, 215 pounds; Dan De Falco, 6-0, 210 pounds; and Otto Kneidinger, 6-3, 205 pounds. All three are exceptionally fine linemen and all are slated to taste plenty of game action this fall.

Danser of Monesson shared the right tackle duties with Kneidinger last year while Grier and Defalco held down the left half of the Lions' powerful line.

Together the four of them provided a lightning punch that often completely shattered opposing running offenses.

Danser, Defalco, and Grier are all seniors while Kneidinger, who converted to tackle after a season at end, is a junior.

Behind his front-line quartet Engle has junior Jim Harding, 6-2, 210 pounds, who may be used in spots, and Clint Law, 6-1, 215 pounds, the most promising in a group of sophomore candidates.



Rosey Grier
Giant Lion Tackle

Yankees Win, Trip Nats, 3-1

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (AP)—Bob Grim became the New York Yankees' first 20-game winning rookie since Russ Ford in 1910 as he held Washington to four hits today for a 3-1 victory. Pete Runnels' wild throw let the Yanks break a tie in the eighth inning. Only 1912 fans, an all time low for Yankee Stadium watched the game.

Tied at 1-1 going into the last of the eighth, the Yanks had two out before Gil McDougald walked. Mickey Mantle followed with a single and Yogi Berra grounded to Runnels who made a good stop but threw high to second base, pulling Jerry Snyder off the bag. McDougald scored from second on the play.

Bill Skowron's single to left drove home Mantle to make it 3-1. Washington scored first in the fifth on walks to Jim Lemon and Snyder and Wayne Terwilliger's single. The Yanks tied the score in the sixth on a walk to Hank Bauer, Snyder's wild throw trying for a double play and Mantle's single.

Only 3 Non-Residents

There are only three non-Pennsylvanians on the 55-man Penn State football squad. Two of the three—Jesse Arnette, New Rochelle, N.Y., and Rosey Grier, Roselle, N.J.—are hold-overs. The newcomer is Milton Plum, Westville, N.J.

Minors Plan \$50 Million Suit Against Majors

ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 21 (AP)—A group of minor league baseball club owners, irked over declining attendance and revenue, was reported today to be planning a \$50-million damage suit against Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick and the owners of the 16 major league clubs.

The Knickerbocker News, in a story by sports editor Charles Young, said the invasion of minor league territory by telecasts and radio broadcasts of major league games would be the basis for the suit. Young said the suit definitely would be filed.

Although Young could not, for professional reasons, divulge his source, Frank D. Lawrence of Portsmouth, Va., identified himself as a key figure in the suit. Lawrence is owner of the Portsmouth club in the Class B Piedmont League.

Lawrence said the story was premature and said future statements would come from his attorney.

He added: "I have contacted 83 independent baseball owners and a majority are with me."

Young wrote that a representative of the minor league clubs had been negotiating with an attorney and that an announcement of the filing of the suit might be made during the World Series, which begins Sept. 29.

Athletes Boast Averages

A progress report on 88 of Penn State's top athletes today showed that 36 boast All-University averages ranging from 1.32 to 2.00, and that a total of 66 are compiling the graduation average of 1.00 or better. The All-University average for Penn State's nearly 10,000 male students is 1.32.

A Penn State football team will appear on a national television network for the first time when the Lions face the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on Oct. 30.

Swedes May Tour U.S.

A combined men's-women's team of Swedish gymnasts may tour this country in 1955. Gene Wettstone, Penn State coach, who directed the men's tour of 1954, is sounding out American colleges and universities on the project.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BOWLERS—THERE will be a meeting of the A.I.M. League Mon. Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Beaver House. A captain or representative from each team should be present. New teams welcome. Any individual wishing to join a team should also attend. 329 E. Beaver Ave. Phone ADams 7-7831.

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