

From This Angle...

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ODDS AND ENDS

Rip Engle, the worrying Lion football coach, probably wishes that information booths frequently seen on the Penn State campus during conventions and other events, were a little better equipped.

Rip was driving across the campus early this month just after he began pre-season practice when he recognized an old friend who happened to be working at such a booth. Engle stopped his car beside the booth and the friend, not recognizing the car, asked him if he could help him.

Engle's head appeared through the window.

"Yes," replied the Lion coach, "tell me how many games I'll win this year."

FACTS AND FIGURES DEPT.

Only two teams—Michigan State and Syracuse—have twice licked an Engle-coached team during four years at the coaching helm. He has, however, beaten Syracuse twice so the count is even there but the Spartans whipped his team decisively in their only two meetings.

Soccer coach Ken Hosterman currently owns the best win-loss percentage among the Penn State coaching staff. However, the genial coach has only been in the ranks for one year. His squad last season posted a fine 5-2 mark.

Only two of Penn State's 1954 football opponents, Pitt and Penn, own an advantage over the Lions in all-time competition. Against the Panthers the Lions have won 21, lost 30, and tied two. Penn State teams stand 13-25-4 against Penn. Against Syracuse, the Lions hold a 14-12-5 edge. They stand 1-0 against Virginia, 1-0 against Texas Christian, and 4-1 against Rutgers. Illinois and Holy Cross enter the Penn State schedule for the first time this year.

A 67-year-old Penn State football record will be put in one of its most perilous positions Saturday when the Lions meet the Illini. Never in its entire history has a Penn State team been defeated on opening day two years in a row. Last year Wisconsin topped the Lions 20-0 in the opener and Illinois has been given the favorites role Saturday.

The Lions have been licked on opening day only twice in the last 12 years and only nine times in 67 years of play.

BUSY MEN

Two of Penn State's busiest men, Gene Bischoff and Dutch Sykes are all set for an opener of their own next week, when the mammoth intramural program gets under way.

During the next nine months, thousands of students will take part in the 16-sport program which will open Monday with touch football and tennis singles.

GUESSING GAME

As sure as there is a football season there will always be crystalballers. It's inevitable. And as usual the Collegian sports staff takes on the football coaches again this year in the annual 10-week "Out on a Limb" contest. The amateur swamis pick 'em this Saturday in the first big day of collegiate football this fall.

Intramural Deadline Set for Tomorrow

Intramural touch football and tennis singles entries for independent and fraternity men must be posted by 4:30 p.m. tomorrow at 202 Recreation Hall, according to "Dutch" Sykes, assistant director of intramural athletics.

Football entry fees are a \$1 per team and 25 cents per man in tennis.

Competition in both sports will be on a single elimination basis. Organizations may enter only one team in football play. Football games will be played under the lights on Beaver Field practice area. Tennis participants will play the best of three sets on any University tennis court at a time convenient to the contestants involved.

Triple Play Highlights Yankee Win

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (AP)—Aided by a triple play in the sixth inning, lefty Tommy Byrne blanked Washington on five hits today for a 3-0 New York victory. It was the veteran southpaw's third victory in four decisions since he rejoined the Yankees.

A slim paying crowd of 2117 saw the Yanks safeguard the 35-year-old hurler's 1-0 lead in the sixth with their triple play.

Wayne Terwilliger and Pete Runnels singled in that order with the former holding second at the start of the sixth. Mickey Vernon then lined to first baseman Bill Skowron who tagged first, doubling Runnels, and then threw to shortstop Gerry Coleman. Coleman caught Terwilliger trying to return to second base.

It was the fifth triple play in the majors this season and the fourth in the American League. Cincinnati, Boston, Washington and Cleveland were the other triple play performers.

The victory was the 102nd for the Bombers this year. They must sweep their three-game series with Philadelphia Friday, Saturday and Sunday to become the most successful runnerup club in baseball history. The 1909 Chicago Cubs and 1942 Brooklyn Dodgers each won 104 as also rans in the National League. The Yanks already are the most successful American League pennant failure.

Left-hander Mickey McDermott gave up a run in the first inning on successive singles by Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, and Skowron.

The Yanks picked up the other pair in the seventh on a walk, singles by Gil McDougald and Berra, and a pair of forcing grounders.

Braves Top Reds, 3-1

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22 (AP)—The Milwaukee Braves defeated Cincinnati, 3-1, today in a game ended on a weird note with the umpires calling out a Redleg base runner on an interference penalty play.

Cincinnati Manager Birdie Tebbets declared immediately that he was protesting the ruling, announced by plate umpire Hal Dixon following an 18-minute conference in the middle of the infield.

Cards Defeat Cubs, 6-3

CHICAGO, Sept. 22 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals scored all their runs in the fourth and ninth innings as they defeated the Chicago Cubs, 6-3, before 1785 today. Brooks Lawrence limited the losers to five hits to gain his 14th win.

Halfbacks, Fullbacks Set for Illinois

(This is the fifth and last in a series of stories which will examine the Penn State football team position by position—today the halfbacks and fullbacks.)

With top-notch talent working in all three positions, Rip Engle's halfback and fullback problems appear to be almost nil this year. The only problem the Lion coach might face could be in picking his starting backfield. Engle has five lettermen and one outstanding sophomore candidate gunning for first team positions and they're all good.

In the left halfback slot the top man is speedy 185-pound Lenny Moore, the Lions' leading runner last year with 601 yards from scrimmage. A breakaway threat from any place on the field, he borders on greatness as his second varsity season approaches.

Behind Moore comes another speedster—senior Buddy Rowell, 6-0, 175 pounds—going after his fourth varsity letter. On almost any other college ball club, Rowell might be

the top man, but Moore's exceptional ability has kept him in the number two spot. However, he has too much ability to be hidden on the bench and is a sure bet to see plenty of game action this year.

Scrappy Ron Younker, who came to the front as an unknown last season, and became one of Engle's most dependable ball carriers and defensive backs, is the leading contender for the right halfback slot. The 5-9, 170-pound senior will be counted on heavily to help share the ball carrying duties with Moore.

Sophomore Billy Kane, 5-10, 175 pounds, who started his college career with Penn, has already made his mark as one of Engle's finest sophomore prospects in recent years. He has speed and power and is a tough defensive man. Despite his lack of varsity experience he will probably be used extensively at the right halfback position along with Younker.

Two junior lettermen return to the fullback position after an extra-fine season as sophomore, Both Charlie Blockson and Bill



Ron Younker
Charging Halfback

Straub, who shared the line-busting duties last year are expected to platoon that job again this season.

Despite his size, 6-3, 215 pounds, Blockson has terrific speed in the open field and can do a lot of damage once in the open. Straub is smaller, 6-0, 195 pounds, and can get a faster start from his position. Both players possess needed power for down-the-middle plays.

Athlete of the Week

The Daily Collegian sports staff will be adding a special feature to their pages in each Tuesday's edition beginning next week. Throughout the remainder of the athletic year, the Collegian's sportswriters will select a Penn State Athlete of the Week, to be chosen from the performers of each of the University's 11 varsity sports.

The poll is being resumed after a two-year absence.

Thoroughbred AC

The Thoroughbred AC will hold an initiation meeting tonight at Rec Hall.

Stengel Signs Two-Year Pact With New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (AP)—Cassie Stengel, still "surprised" that he failed to win a sixth straight pennant, today signed to manage the New York Yankees for a fourth two-year term through 1956 and promised to rebuild the club.

The grizzled old manager, now 64, will remain the game's highest paid manager at "exceptional money." Neither Stengel nor the Yanks would nail down the exact figures, but it was believed his basic salary is \$75,000 a year with a profit sharing pension plan and a bonus edging the figure close to \$95,000.

Although the Yanks won more than 100 games in its second place finish to the Indians, Stengel left no doubt many changes will be made.

"Our farm system isn't dead," he said at a press conference. "We came up with Bob Grim and Bill Skowron this year and we may have two more next year."

"We've got to fix our hitting and our pitching. When you get a setback you have to rebuild. Anybody interested in any of the New York Yankees can get in touch with Mr. Weiss (general manager George Weiss) by phone. With the exception of Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle I'd listen to talk about any others."

In the next breath, Stengel was talking about his three solid pitchers—Bob Grim, Whitey Ford and Tommy Byrne. "You can't tell, Harry Byrd might be better next year," he added. "You ask me what I am going to do first? Well, you fellows ought to know. You've been writing all year that my pitching was lousy."



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