

Gridders Face Illini Tomorrow

Underdog Nittanies Meet Toughest Test of Year

By DICK McDOWELL

Penn State puts a 67-year old record on the line tomorrow when it opens its 68th consecutive year of football with favored Illinois. Never in its grid history has a Lion team been beaten on opening day two years in a row.

But the experts say that the Nittanies, who lost to Wisconsin in their first game last year, may be in trouble tomorrow at Memorial Stadium when they face the Big Ten favorites.

Coach Ray Eliot's fluid T-formation offense is regarded among the best in the country, and despite a lack of experienced line material, the Illini have been a consensus pick as the best in the conference.

However, the Lions will have plenty to offer themselves. Spearheaded by halfback Lenny Moore and a veteran line, coach Rip Engle, inaugurating his fifth season at the reigns, may have his best Penn State team. And from all aspects it might surprise the Illini tomorrow.

The Penn State party arrived in Champaign this morning and will take a light workout at the stadium this afternoon.

Engle's final starting lineup probably won't be known until game time tomorrow. However, he did release a tentative starting team before the squad departed yesterday.

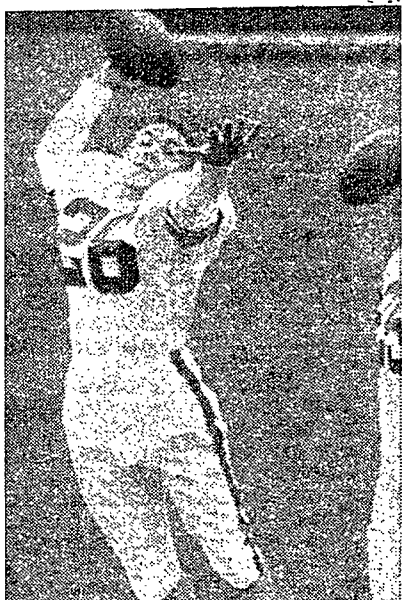
Veteran Jesse Arnelle will be at left end with either Jack Sherry or Bob Rohland at the right terminal position. Giant Rosey Grier is slated for the left tackle spot. Otto Kneidinger or Gene Danser will be at the right tackle.

Earl Shumaker gets the call at right guard with either Chuck Sowers or Pete Petroff at left guard. Frank Reich will be at center.

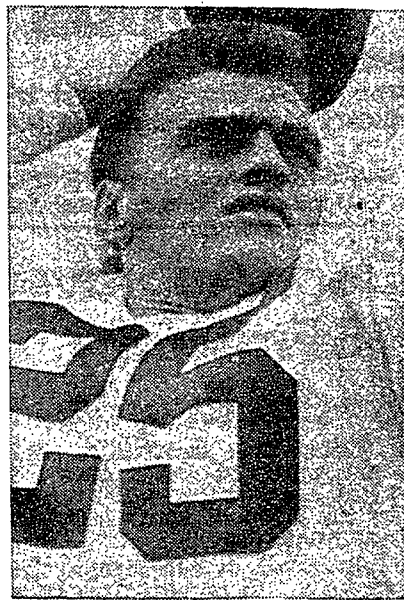
In the backfield Engle will have Lenny Moore and Ron Younker at the halfbacks and Bill Straub at fullback. In the much discussed quarterback position Engle will call on either Bob Hoffman or Don Baily.

Center Don Balthaser and end Jim Garity, the Lion co-captains, who have been sidelined with injuries, will dress for the game but neither is expected to start. However, both men's injuries have

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Bob Hoffman



Don Bailey

Starter Still Unknown

Booters Will Scrimmage Tomorrow

By ROY WILLIAMS

With the opening date of the regular soccer season set for one week from tomorrow, Coach Ken Hosterman will put his present squad through a practice game tomorrow afternoon against the Cosmopolitan Club at the soccer practice field on the golf course. The game will start at 1 p.m.

The Cosmopolitan team will be composed of graduate and one-year foreign students attending the University. Students from from Mexico, Norway, India, and Iran will

participate. The club, however, has asked for additional players who qualify to report for the contest.

Although the contest will be strictly a pre-season warm-up game for the Nittany soccer squad, Hosterman will grasp the opportunity to put the finishing touches on his first string choices for next Saturday.

In tomorrow's contest local soccer fans will have an opportunity to see the bulk of the Lions' material vying for starting positions. Hosterman will have not only an array of veterans performing, but also a large selection of sophomores up from the freshman squad.

"I have my material sorted for each position," Hosterman said yesterday, "but now the problem is selecting a man for each position to give us a well-knit unit for a strong team."

Hosterman, now in his second year as the booter's coach, admitted that he had nearly enough men for two solid lines. "I have five veterans this year, and also three sophomores that look very good in the line positions," Hosterman said.

Returning to the line positions are Captain Jack Pinezich, Joe Mijares, Milt Springer, Dick Packer, and Dick Matacia. Three sophomores on which Hosterman will count heavily are Ward Hill, Tom Nute, and Dutch Walz.

The fullback slots—which were the prime headaches for Hosterman at the start of workout sessions—are being run by seniors Galen Robbins and Paul Dierks. Both were halfbacks last season. Bob Little, another senior, and a new senior recruit—Johnny Dufford—have been added to the fullback roster.

Four men will be available for duty at the three halfback slots. Ihor Stelnyk and Gerry Gillispie—both lettermen—along with junior Jim Edmonds and sophomore Steve Flamporis have been Hosterman's top pre-season choices.

Lion-Illini Clash Is 'Game of Day'

Penn State's grid clash with Illinois Saturday has been chosen by the American Broadcasting Company as the game of the day and will be broadcast over that network, beginning at 2:15 DST.

Sportscaster Jim Finnegan will do a direct play-by-play from Champaign.

Bob Prince will be announcing the skirmish over WMAJ, for the Mutual Broadcasting Company. He will carry all of the Lions' tilts this year.

Phils Defeat Bucs Twice; Roberts Wins

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates twice today—for four wins in 22 hours—winning a suspended game of Aug. 15 with a run in the ninth 7-6 and then taking the regulation game 4-2 on a three run homer in the first inning by Stan Lopata.

Robin Roberts pitched the one inning necessary to win the suspended game, gaining credit for his 23rd win of the season and his second in two days.

The suspended game resulted when the second part of a double-header on Aug. 15 was halted by the Pennsylvania curfew law. An inning cannot be played after 6:59 p.m. on Sunday in Pennsylvania. The score was 6-6 at the end of eight innings.

Roberts pitched and won last night. Manager Terry Moore called on his great righthander today to help win a game the club needed sadly in its battle for fourth place money.

Roberts, who has lost 14 this year, allowed one hit in the Pittsburgh ninth and the Phillies delivered with a run in the last half of the ninth.

Heavy Drills Emphasized By Werner

There's more to running than meets the eye.

This is the part of the season which many athletes consider to be the roughest. These are the days when the cross-country runners are working out kinks and recalling their lessons of previous campaigns—for these are the days of practice.

The Nittany hill-and-dalers have just a little more than a week to go before the opening meet of the season at Annapolis with Navy and Villanova.

Workouts

Penn State Coach Chick Werner has been putting his team through all sorts of workouts in preparation for opening day. The Lion mentor has been sending his outfit through speed workouts one day, through uphill and downhill practice sessions on others, and has been devoting still other days to such things as pace, rhythm, stride, and breathing.

One of the workouts the Lions have been going through is called "ins and outs." In this type of practice session the thinclads run through alternate laps at fast and slow paces.

Overrunning, Underrunning

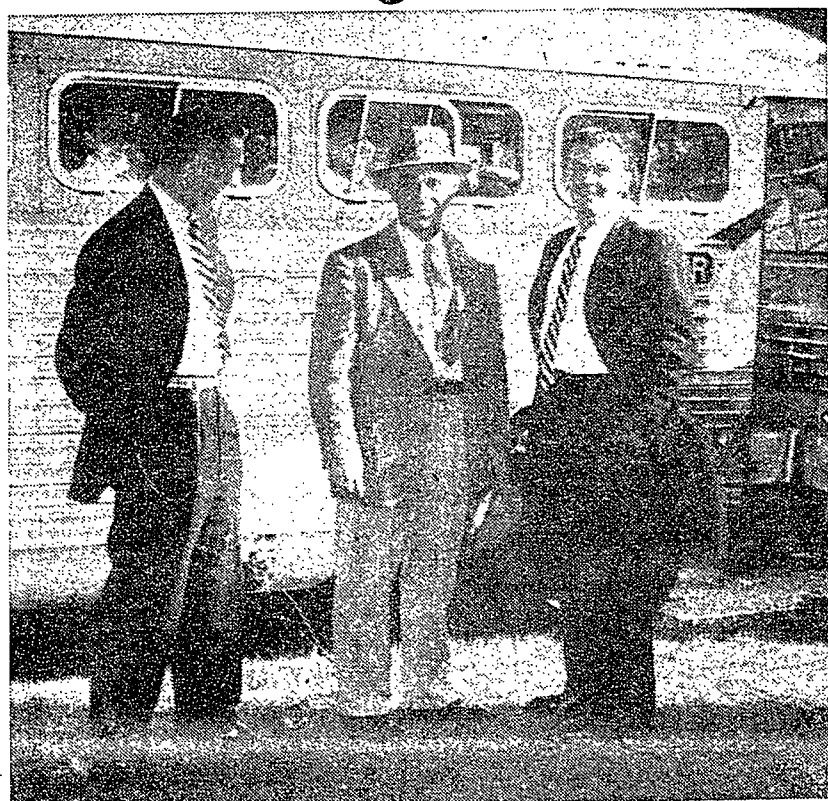
Overrunning and underrunning are two other devices used to get the runners in shape. The regulation distance in cross-country is five miles, but during workouts the Lions may cover seven miles one day and then three miles another.

Workouts emphasizing breathing, pace, and rhythm are among the most important. Each runner must learn how to maintain a constant pattern of breathing throughout the race. Through coaching and practice this pattern has to be perfected until the runner can keep the same rhythm throughout the race. Pace is an art that comes only after much practice. Each runner must learn how he can best run; he must learn when to run fast or slow and for how long he can maintain a fast pace.

The runners must also learn how and when to pass, general running strategy, and a host of other details that go into the making of a top notch team. Only after all these lessons have been learned can a squad hope to come up with a winning season.

Penn State's 1954 football team will play its first home game against the University of Virginia, Oct. 9. Two road games precede the home opener.

Go West Young Man . . .



LION COACH Rip Engle is flanked by his two co-captains Jim Garity and Don Balthaser as the Lion gridgers embark on the first leg of the journey to Champaign, Ill., where they open the season with Illinois. The squad traveled to Altoona by bus and then continued for the Big-Ten city.

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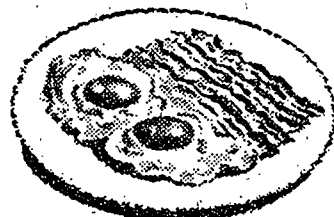
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