

Engle Not Resting On Laurels; Sees Rough Road Ahead

It's been four years since a Penn State football team won its first two games, and many more since its victims bore the prominence of Illinois and Syracuse.

But be assured that Rip Engle isn't resting on his laurels. He sees a rugged climb ahead for his Lions in the seven remaining games. However, the Grey Eagle is pretty well-satisfied with his team's performances thus far.

"This is probably the best bunch of boys I've ever coached," he said. "They have no illusions about their ability, and they're not lacking in confidence either. They simply believe in themselves."

First 'Breather'

The Lions will meet Virginia at home this weekend in their first real "breather," but even this one could develop into a tight ball game.

The Cavaliers, who won only one game last season, have knocked off two opponents in as many games this year, and won't be patise by any means.

They surprised Lehigh in their opener, 27-21, and then beat George Washington last Saturday, 14-13. Lion scout Jim O'Hara called them "fast, combative, and dangerous."

O'Hara, who saw them win both games, says the Cavaliers have a strong running game and a better than average passing game.

Letdown Dangerous

"Any letdown will be dangerous," he said.

The Lions, hampered by rainy weather, took a light workout Monday and then got back to the heavy work yesterday. Engle reported yesterday that discounting several bad bruises, the team is in good shape and will be at full strength Saturday.

Co-captains Don Balthaser and Jim Garrity, both hampered earlier by injuries, appear ready for full-time duty, and guard Pete Petroff, nursing a sore leg, should be ready for the home opener.

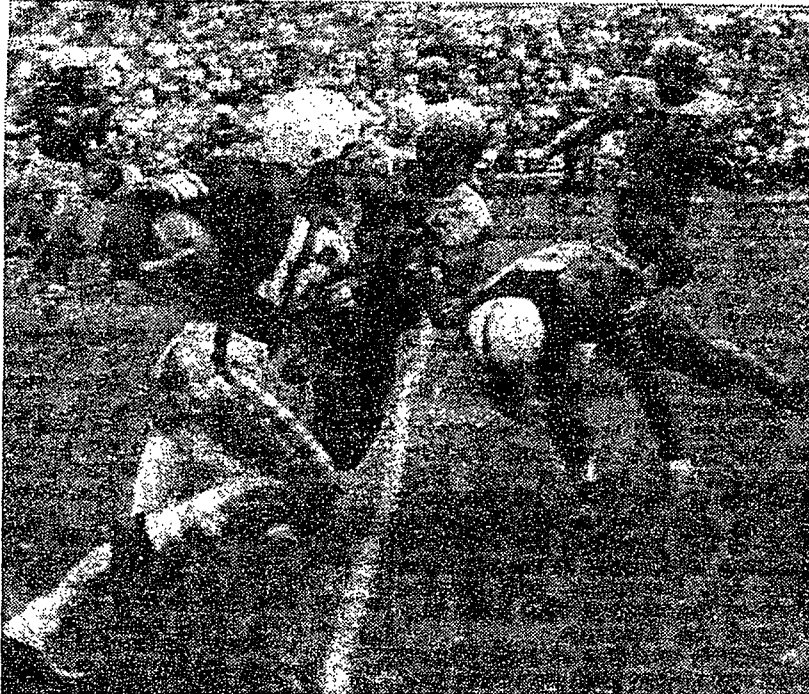
Unlike a year ago when the Lions lost their first two road

games, they'll go against Virginia with a spotless record.

"I can't tell you how far we'll go," Engle said, "but I can tell you this. These boys won't fold against anybody. They'll give it everything they have every week."

Grid Dope Sheet					
(2 Games)					
	Tries	Gain	Loss	Net	Ave.
Moore	35	223	12	211	6.0
Bailey	13	100	19	81	6.0
Straub	6	65	0	65	11.0
Blockson	14	45	5	38	2.7
Yunker	11	53	2	51	4.6
Passing					
	Att.	Com.	Incl.	Yds.	TD
Bailey	14	5	1	38	1
Hoffman	4	1	2	7	0
Plum	6	0	1	0	0
Pass Receiving					
	No.	Yds.	TD		
Arnelle	4	29	1		
Garrity	2	16	0		
Punt Returns					
	No.	Yds.			
Moore	4	73			
Yunker	3	75			
Straub	1	19			
Kane	1	15			
Kickoff Returns					
	No.	Yds.			
Moore	1	17			
Yunker	1	19			
Straub	1	20			
Interception Returns					
	No.	Yds.			
Moore	2	21			
Plum	1	10			
Punting					
	No.	Avg.			
Bailey	4	34.7			
Hoffman	2	22			
Plum	3	25.7			

Off and Running



RON YUNKER, fleet Penn State halfback, streaks down the sideline in his 50-yard punt return against Syracuse Saturday. The run set up the Lions' second touchdown. In the background Earl Shumaker is about to throw a key block on Syracuse guard Cal Smith. The Lions won the game, 13-0.

Scribes Lead In Grid Picks

Penn State's grid coaches did an about face last week in the Daily Collegian's second poll of the nation's top football contests. The coaches, who led the pack last week, were represented by line mentor J. T. White in the latest edition of the coin-flipping classic. White emerged with seven correct

choices out of the 15 games picked, to knock the coaches out of first place.

Collegian sports editor Dick McDowell was the top man Saturday, picking them at an 11-4 rate.

The second and third men were staff writer Roy Williams, with ten correct choices, and assistant sports editor Herm Weiskopf, with nine positive selections.

The swamies now stand at a two-way tie for both first and sec-

ond place honors. Coaches Paul Burdan and Jack Carrier stated that the squad displayed a good brand of Penn State soccer, but "they haven't completely rounded into shape."

After four minutes of the first quarter had elapsed, Henri Marinidin drove one through the uprights from the 10-yard line and Penn State had the lead. When Jim Hedberg checked in with his goal of the afternoon, things began to resemble a Penn State victory. However, the end of the first half found the Lion booters in command by only the narrow margin of 2-1.

The beginning of the second half found the Lock Haven eleven getting the lead on two consecutive goals. Although the Lions rallied in the fourth quarter, the Lock Haven defenses could not be solved and the Lions suffered their first defeat of the season.

A fragment of wood might have meant the difference in the final stanza as four Nittany shots glanced off the top bar and three off the side post. A stroke of luck was also present, when a frosh line drive struck the surprised Lock Haven goalie in the chest and saved the game for the Teachers.

Frosh mentors Burdan and Carrier commented that they "were very pleased," and felt sure that when the frosh have additional practice under their belts they will display the type of soccer they are capable of playing.

The yearling booters will encounter the Frostburg State Teachers at Maryland Oct. 30.

Lion Soccer Coach Pessimistic Despite Record-Breaking Win

Despite the fact that the Penn State soccer team broke loose with a record-breaking 14 goals against Bucknell Saturday, Coach Ken Hosterman has a pessimistic eye cocked on the future.

During the next eight weeks the Lions will meet the remaining seven teams on the 1954 card. And each foe looms as a much tougher opponent than the Bucknell squad the Lions overran.

"Our front line played exceptional ball," Hosterman said yesterday. Thirteen of Penn State's 14 goals were tallied by the forward wall. The other goal was scored by Bucknell when a Bison lineman pulled a miscue in the final quarter.

"And our halfbacks played one of the best all-around games I've ever seen," Hosterman continued.

But the Lion coach said he still had a "wait-and-see" attitude concerning the Lions' defensive game.

"Our halfbacks didn't get much of a chance to really show their defensive skills, and the fullbacks were never pressed," Hosterman said.

"We were on the defense very little," Hosterman explained, "but in those few instances several flaws were noticeable. They must be corrected in preparation for our remaining games," Hosterman explained.

This week Hosterman plans to concentrate on improving the Lions' defensive play in preparation for the Lions second tilt Oct. 13 at Maryland.

The youthful coach said he and the team realized that their next seven opponents—with the possible exception of Colgate—would only be stopped by a well-manuevered defensive plan and an aggressive offense.

Hosterman was quick to admit that his front line met his pre-season expectations of packing a solid scoring wallop. "But we can't depend on just our improved offensive play," Hosterman ex-

plained. "When we meet such teams as Maryland and Temple," Hosterman said, "our defense will be put to a critical test. It definitely wasn't against Bucknell. Once our

halfbacks slowed down Bucknell's scoring attempt the entire team dropped back to the defense instead of challenging halfbacks. The rest of the teams we meet this season won't do that."



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