

# Lions Favored by 13 Points

## Look for Fourth Win; Straub Hurt

By DICK McDOWELL

Penn State gets the odds-makers' edge tomorrow when it meets dangerous West Virginia in the 21st game of the colorful neighborhood rivalry.

The Lions, looking for their fourth consecutive win of the season, and seventh in a string that began last year, have been given anywhere from a seven to 13 point margin for the Homecoming tilt.

Head coach Rip Engle, however, isn't looking at it that way. He figures the Mountaineers will be plenty hard to crack tomorrow and has been grooming the Lions this week for what could be their toughest game to date.

### Straub Injures Knee

Engle's chances for number four received a severe blow Wednesday when fullback Bill Straub, scheduled to start against the Mountaineers, injured his knee. The hustling junior, who is averaging 8.5 yards a carry for three games, will definitely be out of action this week, according to trainer Chuck Medlar.

In his place, Engle will call on 218-pound Chuck Blockson to take over the fullback chores. Blockson has been used extensively this season in that position.

Outside of Straub, the Lions will be in good shape for the contest. Guard Pete Petroff and halfback Bill Kane, who were sidelined by injuries last week, will be ready to play.

One other change is anticipated in the Lion lineup. Sam Valentine, junior guard, will replace Chuck Sowers in the left guard slot.

### No Other Change

The rest of the lineup will look the same as last week. Jesse Arnette and Jim Garrity will be at the ends, Rosey Grier and Otto Kneidinger at the tackles, Earl Shumaker at right guard, and Don Balthaser at center.

In the backfield along with Blockson, Engle will have Don Bailey at quarterback and Lenny Moore and Ron Younker at the halfbacks.

West Virginia is expected to arrive in State College this afternoon and will work out at Beaver Field at 2:30. The Mountaineers will set up headquarters at the Penn Belle Hotel in Bellefonte.

### Won First Two

Coach Art Lewis' team, winner of its first two starts, is ranked second in the nation on defense this week and sports a line that will average above the 210-pound mark.

The Mountaineers whipped South Carolina 34-20 in its opener and faltered last week in downing George Washington, 13-7.

"We're going to have to play some football this weekend to make a good showing," Lewis said. "Penn State has a good team and they've proven it by the way they've played in their three victories."

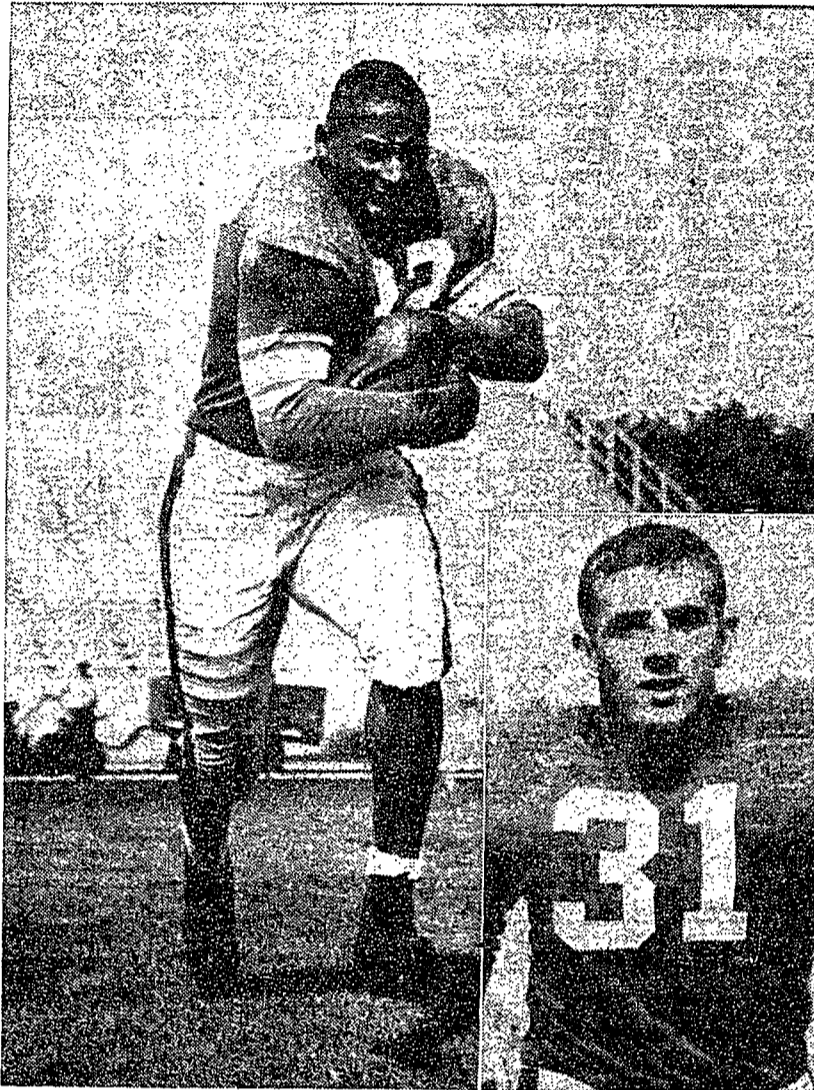
## Penn Ticket Sale Starts on Monday

sale to students at 9 a.m. Monday Penn game tickets will go on in the Athletic Association ticket office, 248 Recreation Hall.

No student may purchase more than six tickets.

Approximately 3140 seats are available in the lower stands and temporary bleachers from the west end zone to midfield. Tickets for these seats are \$4 each. About 1000 seats in the stands behind the west goal posts will be sold at \$2.50 apiece.

The AA office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Penn game tickets will be sold until Oct. 27. Checks and money orders should be made out to the Pennsylvania State University.



NITTANY LION FULLBACK, Charlie Blockson, displays the form he'll be using when the Lions tangle with undefeated West Virginia Saturday at Beaver Field. The hard-charging back will start in place of Bill Straub, (lower right) who suffered a knee injury in practice Wednesday.

## Booters Open Home Stand With Orange

Penn State's undefeated soccer team—fresh from an encouraging 5-1 victory over Maryland—will open a four-game home stand tomorrow at 10 a.m. when it meets Syracuse University.

The Orange encounter will be the first of four home contests, with Colgate, Army, and Navy scheduled to meet the Lions on the following successive Saturdays.

Nittany Lion Coach Ken Hosterman is expected to rely on the same lineup he has used in the Lions' last two victories.

## Lions Top East For 3d Week In Grid Poll

For the third straight week Penn State holds first place in the Lambert Trophy ratings over the top teams of the East.

The Lions gained two more points over last week's total. They are only 11 points shy of the possible 1000. Navy is a close second with 988, followed by Army, 985; Boston College and Boston U., 984 each; Princeton and Syracuse, 982 each; Yale 980; and Pitt tenth with 979.

The only major revisions in the ratings found Navy moving into second place and Army advancing to third.

According to an Associated Press release, the Lions are tied with Duke for seventh place among the nation's top 10 among the nation's top teams for "scoreboard defense" honors.

Both Penn State and Blue Devils have yielded only 6.3 points a game to opponents this season. This puts them slightly behind Navy, Colorado, Richmond, Georgia, Alabama, and Boston College.

### Band Day Nov. 6

Thousands of high school bandsmen will converge on the Penn State campus for football season's Band Day Saturday, Nov. 6. Lenny Moore, fleet-footed Reading halfback, scored Penn State's 10,000th football point against Fordham a year ago.

Of 261 home games since 1887, Penn State football teams have won an amazing 84 per cent exclusive of 12 ties.

Penn State rolled over Bucknell, 14-1, in the season opener, and then stunned Maryland on its home field Wednesday, 5-1, to run its string to two straight victories.

Not only will the Orange have to attempt to snag Penn State's forward wall, which has scored 19 goals in two games, but Syracuse Coach Andrew Cocari will have to figure out how to penetrate the Lions' defensive net.

### Terps Score Only Once

Maryland managed to tally in the first minute of play Wednesday on a first-period attempt to rattle the Lion defense, but in the final three periods the Terps were shut out by tight Lion play.

"Paul Dierks played an outstanding game," Hosterman said yesterday in evaluating his defense. Hosterman said Dierks displayed his usual aggressive game by breaking into many of Maryland's pass plays to stop several scoring attempts.

In the Bucknell contest, Hosterman got an idea of the scoring power harbored in his front line.

### Defense Is Tested

But the Maryland contest was actually the first time that Hosterman had an opportunity to see his defensive team's ability when pressed. Although Maryland only scored once, it outshot the Lions in attempting 17 goals, compared to 14 for the Lions.

Hosterman praised the offensive passing plays of his front and halfback lines. Captain Jack Pinezich, although he did not score, played an important role into two of the Lions' tallies when he chalked up assists with timely passes.

### Gym Managers

Candidates for assistant managerial posts in gymnastics will meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the rear of the gym in Rec Hall.

## AL Can't Force Mack To Sell, Harridge Says

CHICAGO, Oct. 14 (AP)—American League President Will Harridge said tonight that although the way is clear for Roy Mack to sell the Philadelphia Athletics to a new home in Kansas City, the league "can't force him to sell."

This was in reply to Roy Mack's surprising statement at Philadelphia, he still had hopes of keeping the A's there even though the league Tuesday formally okayed a sale to Arnold Johnson of Chicago and transfer of the A's to Kansas City.

"We took up and disposed of the matter of selling to Johnson and the transfer to Kansas City at Roy Mack's request," Harridge said.

"We gave him until Monday morning to make up his mind. At the meeting he said he would accept Johnson's offer. If he changes his mind, I suppose that is his prerogative."

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was in rebuttal to an assertion by Calvin Griffith, Senators' vice president, that the league vote was not official. The vote was 6 to 0 with Detroit and Philadelphia absent from the balloting. Harridge said the record of the meeting was "quite clear" that the necessary six votes for a transfer were cast.

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