

# Injury-Riddled Gridders Determined to Trip TCU

By DICK McDOWELL

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 22—(Enroute to Fort Worth, Texas) An injury-riddled, but very determined Penn State football team boards a plane here today for the second leg of a trip that will take them to Fort Worth and the second game in two years with highly-touted Texas Christian University.

Crippled by injuries to three key players, the Lions will make their second try for win number four against the Purple Horned Frogs at Amon G. Carter Stadium tomorrow.

Rip Engle's two front-line fullbacks—Bill Straub and Chuck Blockson—and center Don Balthaser will be out of the starting lineup today.

Straub and Balthaser are nursing leg injuries and Blockson is recuperating from a minor operation on his mouth.

Junior Frank Della Penna will be charged with the fullback duties. Although he has appeared in only two games this year, and then only briefly, the 200-pound line buster

has gathered considerable experience in two years of varsity play and might be a real menace up the middle of the TCU line.

### Frogs Have Tough Line

That line, incidentally, has been the key factor in the Frog's superb showing against five opponents this season. Texas Christian, a strong contender for the Southwest Conference championship after a fine showing in league play, currently owns a 3-2 record which shows wins over Kansas, Southern California, and Texas A&M. They've lost to Oklahoma and Arkansas, two of the best teams in that section of the country.

With the exception of Della Penna and Frank Reich, who will replace Balthaser at the center slot, Engle's line will remain unchanged. Jesse Arnette and Jim Garrity will be at the ends, Otto Kneidinger and Rosey Grier at the tackles, Earl Shumaker and Sam Valentine at the guards.

In the backfield, Lenny Moore and Ron Younker will flank Della Penna at the halfbacks, and Don Bailey will be at quarterback.

### Return Visit

This is the return visit of the game that was played last year before a homecoming crowd at Beaver Field when the Lions had to go all out to beat coach Abe Martin's team, 27-21.

The Lions, seven point underdogs, know they will have to throw everything they have into this one. The Frogs are currently ranked 20th in the nation and have been an improving team since their opening-game loss to unbeaten Oklahoma (21-16).

Four capable backs, Ron Clinkscale, Buddy Dike, Ray Taylor, and Jim Swink, give Martin's split-T offense a potent offensive punch. The Frogs have been an explosive-type team, surging at unexpected moments for long scoring plays, both on the ground and in the air.

The Penn State party stayed at the Hotel Pittsburgher last night and will arrive in Fort Worth at 3 p.m. today. The Lions will workout immediately at the Stadium. The team will be housed at a ranch 15 miles from the city.

Army, Navy, Penn and Pitt will be numbered among Penn State's football opponents in the centennial year of 1955.

## Will it Score?



—Photo by Walker  
PENN STATE'S Dick Packer rifles one of the 43 shots the undefeated Lions took yesterday when it drubbed Sampson Air Force Base, 18-2. Captain Jack Pinezich led the Lion scoring with six goals; Packer and sophomore Tom Nute each scored four. Penn State played the practice game in preparation for Saturday's game here against Colgate.

## Ex-Lion Harriers 'Know Way Around'

By HERM WEISKOPF

"Are there any questions," Norm Gordon, freshman cross-country coach, asked as he prepared to fire the gun which would begin last year's race between the alumni harriers and the Lions.

Bill Ashenfelter stepped forward from the pack of runners. "I'm not sure I know my way around this course," said the lanky ex-Nittany great who had run the course many times in his undergraduate days.

"Just follow Smith (Lamont Smith) and you'll be okay," replied Paul Roberts, freshman harrier last year.

Ash didn't take Roberts' advice, but he seemed to have little trouble figuring out the course. Curt Stone and Ash finished in a tie for first, proving that the alumni harriers "knew their way around."

### Race to Start at 1 p.m.

Tomorrow's race with the alumni, which will start at 1 p.m. on the golf course, will pit these two squads against each other once again.

This year's alumni team is headed by several Olympic performers including Stone, Bill Ashenfelter, Herm Goffberg, and possibly Horace Ashenfelter. Penn State defeated the former Lions last season, 27-28, in the first meeting of the two teams.

Red Hollen, last year's cross-country captain for Penn State, reported yesterday that he will be able to take part in tomorrow's race.

### Broke NCAA Mark

Although he broke the national collegiate cross-country mark in the NCAA championship race last fall, Hollen finished seventh. . . A week before, Hollen placed third in the IC4A run for the roses.

"This will be the toughest meet of the year for the team," Nittany Coach Chick Werner said. "Every one of the alumni has run on a championship team, and some of them are Olympic stars. Our only advantage is that the alumni are one year older this time."

"That's true," Gordon said, "but they keep getting our best runners." Gordon was referring to the fact that two of the most recent additions to the alumni squad—Hollen and Bob Roessler—graduated from the University in the past two years.

Mitch Williams, Bob Parsons, Bob Freebairn, and John St. Clair round out the lineup for alumni.

## New Champ's Jail Sentence Is Suspended

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (AP)—Johnny Saxton celebrated his newly won welter championship outside the barred windows of a jail today because his 15-day sentence as a traffic court "scofflaw" was suspended.

The suspended sentence was the result of an eloquent plea by Saxton's attorney, John J. Duff, who hinted his client's dull, though winning, performance last night at Philadelphia against Kid Gavilan was the result of worry about his pending jail term.

"Even the defendant's best friend could not say he fought his best fight," said the attorney. Brother, that was putting it mildly. The dull, 15-round clutching contest was aptly described as a "stinker" by Frank Wiener, chairman of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission.

Although most of the 7909 fans who paid \$57,121 to see the bout appeared to agree with the unanimous verdict for the 24-year-old New York Negro, boxing writers at ringside disagreed. According to comment by television viewers, most of them thought both the fight and decision were plain "lousy."

"It was a real stinker but Gavilan won," was the comment heard most often from the TV customers. Many observed "Nobody won it—they should have thrown both of them out of the ring." You couldn't argue too seriously with either viewpoint.

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