

Crusaders May Surprise West Point Coach Praises Soccermen

Dr. Eddie Anderson's Holy Cross football team—one that has come so close so often—shows up at Beaver Field this weekend when Rip Engle's Lions go after their fifth win of the season, and assistant coach Jim O'Hara, who has been scouting the Crusaders, promises plenty of action.

The Crusaders—third of three newcomers on the Lion schedule—have won only one game, a 14-13 squeaker with Boston University, but they've lost four games by less than six points. Only Colgate completely dominated Anderson's club. The Maroon owns an 18-0 win.

Outside of that blemish, the Crusaders have what might be considered an impressive loss record, if there is such a thing. They dropped a 27-26 decision to Dartmouth, lost to powerful Miami, 26-20, bowed to Marquette, 19-14, and lost to Syracuse last week, 25-20.

O'Hara, who has watched the Crusaders in their past three games, says that with the right

breaks, their record could have been a 5-1 chart instead of 1-5.

The Lions, back at work on a slushy practice field yesterday, are expecting a heavy aerial barrage Saturday. The New England team has gained 789 yards through the air ways this season, completing 61 of 134 passes thrown, and only one of the last seven touchdowns has been scored on the ground.

Anderson, one of the old masters in the college coaching game, is in his 11th season at Holy Cross, and fifth in succession. From 1933 to 1939 his teams won 47, lost seven, and tied four. He left the school until 1950 and since returning has posted a 26-19-1 record.

An influx of more than 4000 high school bandmen is expected to swell the crowd to 20,000 Saturday for the Lions' first home appearance since the West Virginia setback in mid-October.

On the road for two weeks since, Rip Engle's club brought

its record to 4-2 with a 20-13 loss to Texas Christian and a 35-13 victory over Penn before the sweeping eye of the television camera.

The game will be the first of a three-game set with the Crusaders. One more game will be played here in 1956 and the third is slated for 1957 at Worcester, Mass.

The Lions came out of the Saturday television debut with only one casualty. Tackle Otto Kneidinger suffered a severe ankle bruise against the Quakers and may not be available for Saturday's game. However, the Lions are still hampered by old injuries. Don Balthaser is still having trouble with a knee injury that occurred in pre-season practice and full-back Chuck Blockson has missed two games because of an impacted wisdom tooth.

Game time this Saturday has been advanced to 1:30 p.m. The new kick off time will also be in effect for the Rutgers game the following week.

West Point Coach Praises Soccermen

"You've got a great team, and a bunch of bullets on that front line," Army's soccer coach Joe Palone said when he congratulated Penn State's Coach Ken Hosterman after watching the Lions stop his team Saturday for its first loss, 5-1.

Army's coach, its captain, and its players had nothing but praise for Hosterman's soccermen who have stashed away five straight victories.

After the game Scotty Adams, the Cadet's captain who was selected on the All-America soccer team in 1952 and '53, said, "If Penn State goes undefeated it should be national champs."

Last year the national soccer title was awarded to Temple University. Because the annual soccer elimination rounds and the final "bowl" game played by the two remaining finalists was discontinued, Temple was awarded the laurels on the basis of its record and scores posted against its opponents.

Temple Won Nine
Temple won nine straight games last fall, including a 2-0 win over Penn State, and collected 60 goals. The Owls' defensive allowed only eight goals.

In reviewing his team's play against Army, Hosterman said, "We taught Army a good lesson. We beat them on the fundamentals of the game. Army usually plays a much rougher game, but we cut the opportunity for much physical contact by continually passing the ball.

Offense Good
Hosterman was again pleased with the usual high-caliber offensive game that the Lions fielded against Army. "Our wings stayed out, leaving the middle open, but they still passed to help us work the ball in," Hosterman said.

Dick Packer, center forward from Newton, ran his total scores to 16 by striking three times against the West Pointers.

"Packer's play has improved a great deal over last year," Hosterman said. "Now his reception

Scribes Pick DeLuca 'Linenman of the Week'

Nittany Lion guard, Dick DeLuca, earned this week's Daily Collegian sports staff's "linenman of the week" title with his outstanding performance, both on offense and defense, in the Lions' 35-13 conquest of Penn Saturday.

The 5-10, 185 pound sophomore, who had seen little action since starting against Illinois in the Nittanians' opener, took the field on the opening kickoff Saturday, and was a consistent threat to Penn ball carriers the entire afternoon with his tackles as defensive line-backer.

Moorhead Top Runner

Doug Moorehead of North East is rated one of the most improved runners on the 1954 Penn State cross-country team. He came home first in the Michigan State meet.

of the ball is different. He has an option—he may either turn and kick, let it go by him so the wings may pick it up, or he can pick the pass up and relay it. Last year Packer had a touch of these abilities. This year he has developed them."

With five of the eight scheduled contests in the books, Penn State has netted a total of 39 goals. Captain Jack Pinezich has nine, Dick Mataria has five and Joe Mijares and Tom Nute each have three. Mert Springer has scored twice.

Manhattan Cross-Country Team Spearheaded by Speedy Sbarra

Bob Sbarra, one of the finest cross-country runners in the collegiate ranks, will spearhead Manhattan's attack when the Jaspers battle the Lions Saturday at the University. The meet will be the final regular-season encounter of the campaign for Penn State.

The quick-stepping junior was sidelined by an operation last year, but has recovered fully and has made a habit of winning. Sbarra's smooth stride, stamina, and determination are the key to his success. Besides being one of the nation's top hill-and-dalers, he is also a fine two miler.

In the opening meet of the season for the Jaspers Sbarra turned in a winning time of 26:45. However, Providence upset Manhattan, 23-32, in the 96 degree heat. One harrier, Bill St. Clair of Manhattan, collapsed about 100 yards from the finish line. Sbarra did not wilt under the intense heat, and was able to maintain his early lead and finish a full minute before Providence star Bob Wray.

Last weekend, despite some of the worst handicaps a harrier can run under, Sbarra covered Dartmouth's 4.68 miles course in just five and nine-tenth seconds over the record time. Sbarra was plagued by a rain-soaked course. He also took a wrong turn on the unfamiliar layout. But, probably his biggest handicap was the fact that he ran the last three miles without his right shoe.

Sbarra's winning time for the Dartmouth meet was 26:26.4, almost a half minute better than that turned in by second place Doug Brew. Manhattan defeated Dartmouth, 21-39.

But, Sbarra is not the only reason why the Jaspers have a good team this season. Captain Bob Goodwin, St. Clair, Jim Debraggio, and Bob Howard—all returning lettermen—are vital cogs in the Jaspers' cross-country machine.

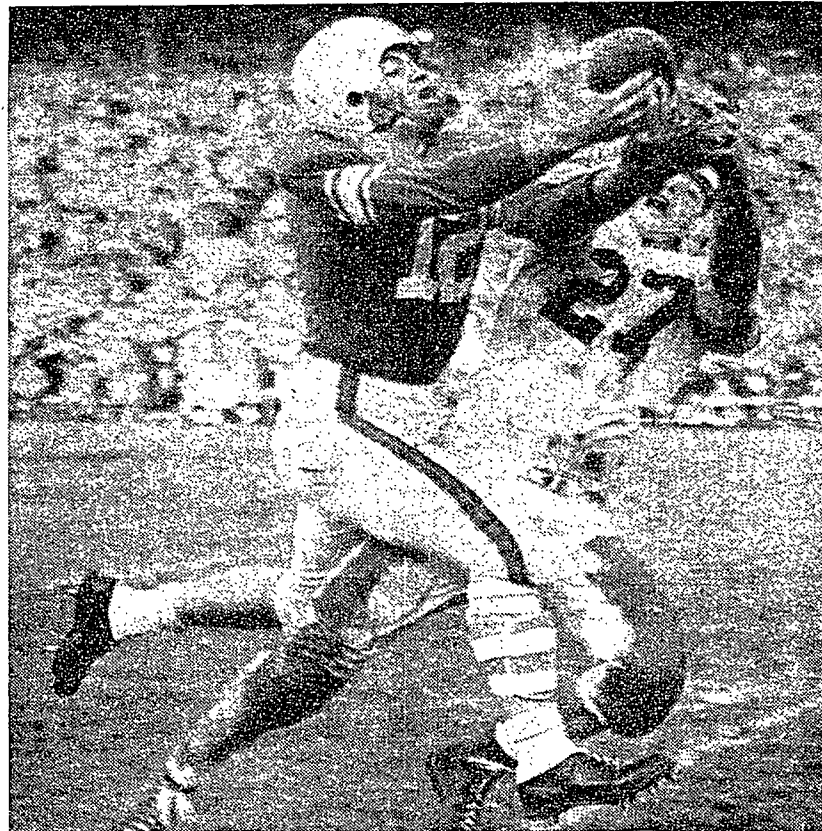
Injuries have hampered Eastment's harriers considerably this year. Goodwin has been slowed down by a knee injury and Phil Rios suffered a bad spike wound in the Providence meet.

Debraggio finished third against Dartmouth with a 26:53 running, St. Clair came in fourth, and Rios placed seventh. Other Manhattan harriers who finished in the top ten were Jerry Malloy, sixth; Andy DePhillips, eighth; and Bob Howard, tenth.

Manhattan's cross-country team possesses depth and experience. But its most important possession is Bob Sbarra.

Penn State again will close out its football season against Pitt at Pittsburgh November 20.

Looks Good, but...



RON YOUNKER, Nittany Lion halfback, all but crawls up Quaker Stan Chaplin's back in an effort to snag a long pass from quarterback Don Bailey in the first period of the Lions' battle with Penn Saturday. The aerial was inches too long however, and the pig-skin fell to the turf after a desperate effort.

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