

Lions Meet Boston U First — But Then What?

One week from tomorrow Penn State embarks on its centennial football season when the Terriers of Boston University visit Beaver Stadium to help the Lions' open their 69th year on the gridiron. But that's all the help head coach Rip Engle can expect from Coach "Buff" Donelli's squad.

That's why Engle, his assistants, and his team have just one thought in their minds—Boston University—as they continue drills in preparation for the coming opener. At the same time, however, another fact appears. The Lions have eight other grid tests ahead of them after the Terriers and there's no rush to get out on the proverbial limb to predict a Lion "breather" in the 1955 schedule.

For now, all we'll say about BU is two points—we're all that separated the Terriers from an undefeated season in 1954 when they won seven of their nine starts, and from Boston, Mass., the word comes that prospects for the 1955 season continue bright despite the loss of six starters from the '54 eleven.

After BU, the Lions travel first to Army, and then Virginia. Navy ends the Lions' two-game road trip when it visits Penn State Oct. 15. West Virginia and Penn then host the Lions. Syracuse comes to Beaver Field Nov. 5 to meet the Lions for the 34th

time. Rutgers will entertain the Lions on the following week with Penn State returning home Nov. 19 to close the season with Pitt. Can you find a "breather?"

Army and Navy again have drawn prominent attention recently as being the East's best—and if not, then top candidates to serve up hot trouble for the East's independent ranks. Boston University, although not as highly rated as the service squads, also is not being slighted by the pre-season forecasters.

Navy lost 21 men of its 38-man Sugar Bowl team including its four most experienced halfbacks plus fullback Joe Gattuso, voted outstanding player in the Sugar Bowl game. Coach Eddie Erdelatz, however, doesn't seem to be worried with his line returning intact except at the guards. Erdelatz says his line is heavier this year and that spring work produced a "great deal of progress." All-America end Ron Beagle returns to that line too.

West Virginia is expected to have more depth than ever with veteran Freddy Wyant at the quarterbacking slot for the fourth straight season. At fullback the Mountaineers have more depth with good runners and blockers.

On the line tackles are strong and plentiful and are the brightest spots in the forward wall. The guards are somewhat weaker and inexperienced except for Gene

Lathey, a junior 205 pounder. Ends and center slots lack experience and shifts are expected.

Penn, trying to rebound after a winless nine-game card of '54, boasts ten lettermen available for line berths. Sixteen lettermen, 12 potential frontline reserves up from the freshmen, and two service returnees hold the fate of the 1955 Quaker squad which is rated "definitely better than the '54 eleven."

Syracuse claims a big, strong, line returning except for center. Orange Coach Ben Schwartzwalder lost 13 lettermen, five of them regulars, but has 16 lettermen returning including seven regulars. Syracuse considers the development of a passing attack and a balanced ground attack its two major problems in addition to finding two linebackers.

Rutgers' coming 87th consecutive football season has been tagged the brightest since the "golden era of 1946-49," when the Scarlet won 28 while losing only eight. Coach Harvey Harman claims a wealth of talent from his undefeated frosh squad and several newcomers.

"For the first time in five years, we'll have good backfield manpower," Harman says. He rates the team his biggest, fastest, and most promising since 1949.

At Pitt, John Michelosen is the (Continued on page ten)



Gene Bischoff
IM Director



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Football, Tennis to Open IM Program Next Week

By VINCE CAROCCI

The Penn State intramural department moves into full swing next week as preparations are being made for the forthcoming touch football and tennis singles tournaments.

The department, headed by Gene Bischoff and his capable assistant, Clarence "Dutch" Sykes, is in the process of preparing a full time schedule comprised of fall, winter, and spring sports for Penn State men.

Intramural athletics, unlike varsity sports where perfection is a prerequisite, only requires of the competitors raw skill and a knowledge of the game.

Excellent Hunting Grounds
IM contests have proven to be excellent hunting grounds for many of the school's varsity coaches. Among the notables who have participated in IM competition are the Ashenfelters, of rack fame; Jack Sherry, 1953 basketball captain; and Larry Joe, left footed back of Lion football squads of the late 40's.

At the present time there are 7 tournaments included in the program. During the fall season here is touch football, tennis singles, swimming, bowling—the latest addition to the program—and the golf medal tourney. In

the winter, the department offers basketball, boxing, wrestling, handball singles and doubles, badminton, and volleyball to athletic-minded students.

No Softball
Horseshoes, tennis doubles, golf-team play, soccer, and track round out the IM schedule in the spring. There is no softball tournament due to lack of playing facilities.

Separate tournaments are conducted in all sports for both independent and fraternity groups. Independent competitors vie for sterling silver medals while the fraternity organizations work as a team towards a trophy for the house.

Only undergraduates may compete in IM contests as long as they are not members of the varsity, junior varsity, or freshman (Continued on page eleven)

969 Pounds of Linemen



THESE STURDY GENTLEMEN, the only returning lettermen to Penn State's forward line for the 1955 campaign, will defend the Lions' 1955 honor on the gridiron. The five (l. to r.) are Co-captains Otto Kneidinger, Bellwood, and Frank Reich. Steelton; Sam Valentine, Sykesville; Earl Shumaker, Beaver Falls; and Dick DeLuca, Monaca.

Three of the five lettermen are guards—Valentine, Shumaker, and DeLuca. Kneidinger will work at tackle and Reich at center.

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