

Lions Invade West Point

Black Knights Favored In Top Game of the East

By ROY WILLIAMS

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Penn State, set to meet Army at 2 p.m. today (EDT) here at Michie Stadium for the sixth time since 1899 and the first time since 1950 when the Cadets walloped it 42-7, is expected to carry a heavy two-way attack as the East's top game of the day looms as a battle royal.

For the first time in two years Coach Rip Engle is expected to have not only a running command at his fingertips, but also an aerial barrage for the Lions to rely on in getting over a 13-point edge given Army for today's contest.

Two years ago, Engle's major attack was based on the arm of passing star Tony Rados; last year it was carried primarily on the ground by the record-breaking speedster from Reading, Lenny Moore.

But today Engle has Moore back in harness, and if the Lions' senior signal caller, Bobby Hoffman, and the most immediate competition for his job—junior Milt Plum—can team up for another successful air arm as they did in the Nittany victory over Boston University a week ago, Coach Red Blaik and his Cadets will have a game on their hands.

WMAJ will carry a partial coverage of today's World Series game from Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn, New York, over the Mutual Broadcasting network and then switch to the play-by-play coverage of Penn State's football contest with Army at West Point, N.Y.

Coverage of the World Series will start at 12:45 p.m. Warmup time for the Penn State-Army game will start at 1:50 p.m. with Bob Prince opening the play-by-play at 2 p.m. (EDT).

Engle's chief worry on the other side of the ledger will be stopping Blaik's high-g geared offensive machine that sports a speedy, light line with an equally fast backfield.

With expected changes in his defensive net from tackle to tackle, including the linebackers, Engle may get additional help from fullback Buck Straub.

Straub, who broke his hand three weeks ago in the first scrimmage of pre-season drills, arrived here at the Point yesterday with Engle's squad, but that doesn't mean he will be used.

But if the 194-pound fullback is called into action against Army today, he'll be a valuable addition to the right side of Penn State's defensive line as a linebacker.

Engle said his lineup today would remain "about the same" as that which faced BU in the season's initial contest at University Park.

The only change which Engle indicated may be made is at left guard, where Sam Valentine may move in for Dick DeLuca.

The grey-haired Nittany Eagle said that he'd "probably" stick with Jim Lockerman at fullback with Joe Sabol, the Shamokin sophomore who made a smashing debut last week against the Terriers, in ready reserve.

On the line Engle said his probable starting lineup would include Ned Finkbeiner, left end; co-captain Otto Kneidinger, left tackle; Sam Valentine or Dick DeLuca, left guard; co-captain Frank Reich, center; Earl Shumaker, right guard; Jack Calderone, right tackle, and Leo Kwalik, right end.

Kwalik and Finkbeiner opened against BU a week ago, but the Lion coach used nine men. Sophomores Paul North, Les Walters, and Jack Farls showed promise and are expected to see action this year.

Junior Doug Mechling, who has been sidelined with an ankle injury thus far, will definitely see action today if he does not replace Kwalik in the starting eleven.

In the backfield Engle will go with his "old trio" in Hoffman, Moore, and right half Billy Kane, plus newcomer Jim Lockerman, who picked up 26 yards in five tries last week, running from fullback.

Army's forward wall is expected to remain intact with Art Johnson, left end, all-East guard of '54 Ralph Chesnauskas, left tackle; sophomore Stan Slater, left guard; Ed Szveterz of Bethlehem, center; Flay Goodwin, right guard; Dick Stephenson, right tackle; and Don Satterfield, right end.

Blaik's backfield is another story. Fullback is manned by 197-pound senior Pat Uebel and Don Hollender, who look like the only two "sure starters" for Army today in the backfield quartet.

With Mike Ziegler, Joe Cygler, and Bob Kyasky all sitting this one out, Blaik will have to go to his junior and sophomore crop to find a right half. Dick Murtland, who missed practice with a severe charley horse, should be ready today at left half, but if not, Blaik will again have to revert to his untried reserves.

Penn State was unable to go through a scheduled workout session yesterday afternoon after getting a late start in leaving State College yesterday morning because of bad weather.

Instead of flying as was originally planned, the Lions left at 1:13 p.m. for New York City by train. They arrived at their Bear Mountain Inn lodging at 7 p.m. last night.



Sam Valentine

Harriers Test Middies On Foreign Soil Today

By RON GATEHOUSE

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Yes, it's "military weekend" for the three Penn State fall varsity sports. Here on the banks of the Hudson the Lion gridders are set to battle it out with the Cadets of the United States Military Academy for Eastern independent football supremacy.

Yesterday, the Black Knights played host to the Nittany booters, as the Lions embarked on their 1955 campaign, bent on igniting the spark that brought national soccer prominence to the Nittany Vale last fall.

And, down at Annapolis, Md., Chick Werner's Centennial varsity cross-country squad is taking its first step forward in the 1955 season.

The Lion harriers, facing a more experienced Navy squad are represented by Captain Doug Moorehead and six 1955 hopefuls—Paul Roberts, Don Woodrow, Norm Shoup, Bruce Austin, Ron Lewis, and Al Jones.

Although the Middies have to be given the edge in experience, today's meet, also the first for Navy, may well be decided on the performance of two individuals.

Moorehead, at present the most promising Lion entry, will find his stiffest obstacle in Navy's junior flash, Walt Meucow.

Even though the Annapolis squad includes seven runners above Meucow in class standing, he left all seven dodging the dust in last year's Navy-Penn State-Villanova triangular meet, to place second.

But, the man in front of him happened to be none other than Moorehead, who traveled the four-mile hilly course in 21:16. Meucow's time was 21:22.

Should Moorehead better Meucow's time in today's run over the Academy's hills and dales, the Lion chances for a first-meet victory would be greatly enhanced.

Another member of today's Penn State traveling squad, Roberts, could break loose for a ban-



Norm Shoup Varsity Harrier

ner performance. He's been a consistent front-runner during Lion practice sessions the past few weeks, and is due to equal his practice pace in a competitive test.

Should Moorehead and Roberts expose their mettle today, Werner and his Lion thinclads could well have their first dual-meet victory of the season.

When the Lions visited Annapolis last fall on Oct. 2, Coach Jim Gehrdes & Co. waltzed away with top honors. They out-matched Villanova by one point, 38-39, with the Lions bringing up the rear with 43 points.

It was the first time that a Werner-coached harrier squad had tasted defeat since mid-season of 1952.

Werner took the loss offering no excuses. "Navy was set and deserved the win," he said.

Gehrdes, starting his fourth year at the helm of Academy cross-country squads, was a star performer for the Lions under Werner before undertaking the Navy coaching duty.

The Lions arrived at Annapolis about 5:00 p.m. yesterday, and are expected to return to University Park late this evening.

On Monday, Werner and assistant harrier coach Norm Gordon are scheduled to put the Lion yearlings through time trials. It will mark the first time this year the frosh have been clocked without running in the same group with the varsity.

The present freshman squad is composed of some 20 first-year candidates.

Nittany Ends . . .



Leo Kwalik Probable Starter



Doug Mechling To See Action

Podres Wins on 23rd Birthday

(Continued from page one) Carl Erskine, who managed an 11-8 record during the regular season despite arm trouble.

Casey Stengel will send Don Larsen after the fourth game, still hoping to end matters with two more victories at Brooklyn.

This was a different Brooklyn team from the bedraggled Dodgers who were mystified by Tommy Byrne's lefty slants yesterday. They fought back smartly after the Yanks tied and never yielded.

Jackie Robinson played mag-

nificent ball at third base for the Dodgers, contributing seven assists, only two short of the record.

The Dodger catcher wore the dunce cap for a spell in the second. Mantle's homer got one run back and Skowron followed with a double. Podres made Howard ground to Robinson and whiffed Billy Martin.

Rizzuto singled to left and Skowron streaked toward home. Sandy Amoros' peg to the plate had Skowron out by at least three feet but Campy, trying to make an extra hard tag, lost the ball. The Brooks lost little time rip-

ping into the wild Turley. Pee Wee Reese walked with one out in the first. After Duke Snider struck out, Campanella hit his home run.

With the score tied 2-2 in the last of the second, Robinson singled after one man was out. Turley hit Amoros on the right thigh with a pitch and Podres' bunt down toward third was fumbled by Turley, loading the bases.

Then Turley lost all semblance of control, walking Gilliam on a 3-1 pitch to move home Robinson with the tie-breaking run. He was finished for the day as Stengel waved in Morgan.