

From 'Arabian' Nights?



Jim Bakhtiar
Virginia's Fullback, Linebacker

A Father's Advice May Aid Virginia

By ROY WILLIAMS

The words of a reassuring father who "straightened his son out" some four years ago and some 7000 miles away in Arabia, could have a bearing on tomorrow's Penn State-Virginia football game at Richmond, Va.

It all started in 1951 when Jim Bakhtiar, the Cavalier's husky fullback, left the United States for an office job with his father in Arabia in an Anglo-American Oil Company. Bakhtiar, who had become despondent with the long road of 'readjustment' ahead of him, left after a five-year stay in the U.S.

"That's when my father straightened me out," Bakhtiar said. In 1951 he returned and enrolled at Western High school, and played ball there in '51 and '52. In '53 he enrolled at Bullis Prep School, Washington D.C., where he was spotted as an outstanding defensive prospect for college football.

From there his future at Virginia University began to jell. For Virginia's 1954 frosh squad, he averaged 150 yards a game. In the annual spring-practice alumni football game this year he picked up six yards per carry against opposition including the Philadelphia Eagle's Tom Scott, and Bob Miller of the Detroit Lions.

As for tomorrow, much of Virginia's hopes of springing an upset on Penn State and maintaining its undefeated record in Richmond Tobacco Festival games rest on improving the defense.

And with Bakhtiar, a husky fullback who weighs in at 205, backing up a line that averages 213, Virginia should be able to field an improved defense.

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in two games. George Washington whitewashed Virginia, 13-0, Saturday in a surprise win, and Clemson rolled up a 20-7 win the week before.

Against GW's backs, however, the Cavaliers held the fast Colonials to only 63 yards for a 1.3 average. In the opener Virginia's record for rushing defense was 3.6.

What the Cavaliers can do in line play was depicted in the GW game Saturday. Here's how it went: Herb Hartwell, Virginia, broke away on a nice run, but GW guard Ray Murray stole the ball and ran it to the Cavalier's ten.

A pass interference penalty against Virginia placed the ball on its one-yard line. From there it took GW three plays to go over for the score.

Had it not been for the penalty, GW might never have gotten inside the five.

With Bakhtiar backing up the line, guards John Polzer, 210, senior captain, and Jay Corson, 198; Harold Outten and Jim Elekes—both over 200—at tackles; and two 200-pound ends handling the defensive line, Virginia has the power, weight, experience, and depth for what should be a powerful defense. Thus far it's allowed 33 points; tomorrow it may cause trouble.

Frosh Booters Open Season Today at Home

With one eye on the weather and the other directed on a Frostburg State Teachers squad which dealt them a losing hand last year, Penn State's freshman soccer team will usher in the '55 season at 4 p.m. today on Beaver Field.

From a turnout of 45 men, freshman mentor Dave Bischoff will go with a surprisingly experienced squad headed by Per Torgerson and Mike Stollmeyer. Torgerson, for whom Bischoff has high regard, learned the game in his native Norway. Stollmeyer, like Torgerson, is deadly from any angle and represents the Jamaican element on the yearling squad.

"It's difficult to tell how the boys will work their first time under competition," Bischoff said. "However, as evidenced in practice, that forward line will have plenty to say about the outcome." Bischoff was referring to the forward wall of Bernie Walsh, Roger Weigard, Dick Yatman, Torgerson, and Stollmeyer.

IM Golf Entries Due

Golf enters the Fall intramural sports program Saturday with opening play of the 1955 medal tournament scheduled to get underway.

Entry blanks for the tournament must be turned into the IM office, 202 Recreation Hall, by 4:30 p.m. today. The fee is 50 cents per man.

Booters Host Rams; Look for Win No. 2

A soccer rivalry which has been dead for the last five years will be renewed tomorrow at Beaver Field when Penn State's soccer team meets West Chester State Teachers College. The game will begin at 2 p.m.

The last time the two played was in 1950 and tomorrow's visitors took that one by narrow margin of 1-0. It was the only defeat handed to the Lion booters that season.

The year before, 1949, the Nittanians had shutout West Chester, 6-0, and it was sweet revenge the next year when the Rams defeated the Lions. But, it didn't stop the Lions from receiving a bid to the soccer bowl to play Purdue, a game which they won.

West Chester soccer Coach Earl Waters has compiled an unprecedented soccer record in the two decades he's been coaching there.

In those 20 years Waters has not had a losing season and at one time his team had a five-year winning streak, which still stands as a record at West Chester.

Last year, Water's charges swept by eight teams, while losing one and tying one.

In compiling the eight wins, West Chester held their opponents scoreless in seven games and limited the remaining three teams to seven goals.

On offense, the Ram booters scored 37 goals with their highest score coming against Howard University, 7-0, in the season's opener. Penn State goes to the top of Navy tops Lions. Navy leads Penn State, 13 to 9, in their all-time football series. The two teams meet again Oct. 15 at Beaver Field.

West Chester's "most wanted" list tomorrow. Why? Because the Lions are national champs, and the Teachers' squad has all to gain and nothing to lose by meeting the Penn State champs.



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