

Navy Boasts Solid '55 Record

By ROY WILLIAMS
Zero, plus zero, plus zero equals nothing. But in this case nothing is to be feared, especially when it concerns Navy which meets Penn State Saturday at Beaver Field.

Zero—nothing—is exactly what Navy's opposition has gotten this year. The Middies come to play before an overflow Homecoming crowd of 33,000 with an enviable record—unbeaten, untied, and unscored upon.

They've beaten William and Mary, 7-0; South Carolina, 28-0; and most recently, Pitt, 21-0. Saturday Coach Eddie Edelatz brings to Beaver Field a powerful eleven that's dotted with seven lettermen on the opening squad.

The list includes end Ron Beagle, 1954 All-American; 168-pound quarterback George Welsh; end Earle Smith, and captain and tackle John Hopkins.

The Lions, after stopping Boston University and Virginia, and bowing to Army, are decided underdogs in this meeting with Navy—the first since 1947 when the Lions won 28-7 and went on to clinch Eastern honors and a Cotton Bowl bid.

Penn State won in 1946, 12-7, but Navy holds the overall edge with 13 wins to nine defeats. Two games ended in ties. The Middies last appearance at Beaver Field was 32 years ago when "Light-horse Harry" Wilson led an attack that surprised Navy, 21-3. That game was played before an over-flow crowd too.

Navy is confident that Welsh is its candidate for another bid for All-American honors. Here's why: In defeating Pitt—the win was expected, but not by the 21-8 score—Welsh was the key figure.

Welsh hit on eight of 16 pass attempts for 121 yards—one was a seven-yard touchdown toss to

end Jim Owen for the first score. In three games Welsh has hit on 61 percent of his aerial tosses. He now has 25 for 41 and a net of 350 yards gained. He has hit for scores on three passes.

Welsh's favorite targets are Beagle, left end, Chet Burchett, 5-10 right half, and left half Ned Oldham. Oldham, a 5-10 sophomore, leads the parade of Welsh's five constant receivers. Oldham has snagged four passes for 95 yards; Jim Owen, end, has run up 65 yards and a TD on seven receptions.

Dick Guest, Burchett, and Beagle have each snared four passes good for a combined total of 61, 54, and 33 yards respectively.

Against South Carolina in the opener, Welsh ran the gamecocks dizzy by hitting on 11 of 15 passes for 163 yards. "Welsh is like a boxer," said South Carolina coach Rex Enright. "He keeps you off your guard constantly. He's an excellent quarterback."

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ON THE LINE

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TOBACCO FESTIVAL SMOKE SIGNALS:

Frank Reich, Lion co-captain, and tackle Walt Mazur missed the Virginia encounter with hand injuries. Their absence was noticeable; centers Dan Radakovich and Ed Kleist—the latter a junior—and Sam Valentine, guard, did commendable jobs, particularly on defense.

Michigan gained 89 yards rushing against Army. Lenny Moore, Penn State's consistently top-performing left half, picked up 75 against the Cadets.

He hasn't had a dry field yet. No one in Rec Hall seems worried about his performance to date. He's got 245 yards rushing for five yards a try and has been a demon on open-field tackling and pass defense.

VIRGINIA POST MORTEM:

Article in Look Magazine by Virginia's senior guard and Captain John Polzer created a great deal of talk among the Cavaliers' alumni group. Opinion has it that the article did more harm than good to the school and Polzer. Final decision: "some things are better left unsaid."

AROUND THE CIRCUIT:

Pitt isn't as bad as it looked against Navy—Frank Patrick, Lion coach who scouted the Panthers in Baltimore . . . Penn spurned by 8-7 score against Princeton . . . some say they've found themselves . . . West Virginia continues to have trouble finding where its first team ends and its second starts . . . VMI feels the sting of Freddy Wyant's arm this time, 47-12. The four-year quarterback hit on 10 of 19 aeriels. Rutgers wins 21-0 over Muhlenberg; Syracuse drops Boston University.

NAVY'S SCOUT TELLS—

—Erdelatz that "Moore is all they say he is . . . when he gets the ball he goes places" . . . AND . . . that Engle's outfit has a "good line, and a fair passing attack—and one of the East's top runners is Moore."

RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH SAYS—

Penn State's famed Blue Band put on a tremendous show at halftime featuring a medley of Stephen Foster's Southern melodies . . . performing a soft shoe dance routine while playing last number. On that mud it was a real "soft" shoe dance, but hard-working members made the best of it and looked great.

Penn State picked up 115 yards in penalties against Virginia. That brought its total to 240 yards in three games to the opponents 110. Against Navy, a pressure team for a full 60 minutes, Penn State will have to play, alert and errorless football. Against BU the Lions were caught for 100 yards in penalties.

Game Statistics

| PENN STATE | VIRGINIA | |
|------------|--------------------|-----|
| 17 | First downs | 13 |
| 202 | Rushing yardage | 165 |
| 114 | Passing yardage | 29 |
| 16 | Passes attempted | 19 |
| 9 | Passes completed | 4 |
| 2 | Passes intercepted | 2 |
| 4 | Fumbles | 4 |
| 39 | Punting average | 28 |
| 6 | Fumbles lost | 2 |
| 115 | Yards penalized | 50 |

Harrier Frosh Please Gordon In Shutout Win Over Cornell

By RON GATEHOUSE

"Although they were running for the first time on a new course and we can't positively judge them on a single meet's performance, I was pleasantly surprised and pleased."

That's the way Norm Gordon sums up his freshman cross-country squad's shutout performance against the Cornell yearlings Saturday.

The Lion frosh registered a perfect score against the visitors, 15-46, and in so doing, took the first five places in a field of 23.

Four of the Lion first-year runners crossed the finish line side-by-side, and a fifth came in 1:23.5 later.

Four Tie for 1st Place

Fred Kerr, Bob Thompson, Ed Moran, and Clem Schoenebeck deadlocked for top meet honors, and Charlie King was next.

Gordon, after again putting emphasis on the fact that Saturday's test was the first for his squad in college competition and they, therefore, couldn't be given a definite rating, said, "Not only did the first five to finish do a fine job, but the entire team looked good. We have high hopes for them, and they could well be one of the finest freshman teams we have had."

Won Two State Titles

Kerr gained state-wide acclaim last spring when he waltzed to both the mile and half-mile titles in the PIAA track and field meet held at Beaver Field. He faced and topped the best the state had to offer in both events.

Thompson, a native of Canada, claims former Penn State and Olympic great, Horace Ashenfelter, as one of the main reasons for his choosing Penn State for his four years of college. And, as in the cases of many Lion runners, Thompson, was spurred on by the fine teams turned out in the past by Gordon and varsity coach Chick Werner.

Close to Home

Schoenebeck did his high-school running for State College High, where he was a standout performer.

Kane's contribution to the present Lion frosh squad is Moran, who was tutored by Curt Stone, another former Lion great.

And still another Nittany track star of the past, Charlie King who ran for the Blue and White in the early 1930's, has a hand in the present Lions. He is the father of Saturday's fifth-place finisher.

The frosh harriers travel to Annapolis, Md., Oct. 22 for the second of three scheduled meets.



—Photo by Zlatin

THIS QUINTET of Lion harriers had quite a bit to say about the Penn State freshman cross-country win over Cornell on the University golf course Saturday. Reading left to right, Bob Thompson, Fred Kerr, Ed Moran, and Clem Schoenebeck all tied for first place, and Charlie King finished on their heels. The Lions shut out the Big Red, 15-46, in the first of three scheduled meets.

Michigan Tops AP Poll; Navy, W.Va. in First 10

By The Associated Press

Michigan, bidding for its first national title since 1946, moves into the No. 1 spot this week in the Associated Press football poll, overhauling Maryland's mighty Terrapins, who fell to the runner-up role.

Michigan proved its comeback as a national power by humiliating Army 26-2 Saturday. It was the third game of the season for the unbeaten Wolverines and it convinced the nation's experts.

Oklahoma, with its winning string now stretched to 22 games, remained in third place, followed

by a general shakeup that listed Notre Dame, Georgia Tech, Wisconsin, Texas Christian, Navy, UCLA, and West Virginia in that order.

Maryland, which held the No. 1 position for two weeks, collected only 45 firsts (the Terps had 88 a week ago) and a 1457-point total. Oklahoma was awarded 21 first-place voters and totaled 1350 points.

Notre Dame moved up a notch shifting places with Georgia Tech. Wisconsin jumped from ninth to sixth, displacing Army, which tumbled to 18th.

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