

Lion Football Outlook:

Attitude Is Unchanged But Injuries Are Worse

By FRAN FANUCCI

If the Lion football team is upset tomorrow by West Virginia it won't be because of a complacent attitude but because it isn't in top physical condition.

Coach Rip Engle expressed this opinion when asked if the players were going "to be down" for the game. Engle, who was voted United Press "Coach of the Week" this week, said that the spirit and attitude of the team was as high as against Ohio State.

"But, he added, "many of our boys were injured in the Ohio State game and it is doubtful if they will be ready for West Virginia."

Trainer Chuck Medlar and team physician Alfred Greiss have been putting in long hours in the training room this week, attempting to get the Lions back on their feet for what will be one of their roughest games.

Biggest question marks are reserve fullback Maurice Schleicher and end Paul North. North did not see action against Ohio State because of an injured shoulder, while Schleicher injured his elbow against the Buckeyes.

Second string center Steve Garban is out until the Syracuse game with an injured knee and will be replaced by Chuck Ruslavage, who was outstanding against Ohio State.

Regular fullback Emil Caprara is still nursing a slightly sprained ankle, but will definitely be in the lineup tomorrow.

The Mountaineers, losers to Pittsburgh and Syracuse, will be seeking their fourth straight win over the Lions. Not one player on the Lion squad was ever on a team that beat West Virginia, but if the Lions can perform tomorrow as they did last week then that jinx should be snapped.

But the Mounties came to town last night with an optimistic attitude and they have reason to feel that way.

Bolstered by a strong and heavy line, the Mountaineers could put the damper on the Lions' offense.

Strong points on the Mountie line are tackle Bill Underdonk and end Joe Kopnisky. Underdonk is rated better than Bruce Bosley and Sam Huff, both All-Americans in '55, while Kopnisky is the top pass receiver catching 11 for 143 yards. Last season he snagged 12 for 141 yards.

Center Chuck Howley, guards Gene Lathey, Joe Nicely, and Bob Guenther, and tackle Barry Blake are all considered extremely tough by the Lion coaching staff. Coach Art Lewis has plenty of depth on the line and alternates two teams during most of the game.

Thompson Nips Team 'D', 2-1

A goal by Terry Myerion in the final minute of play in the Women Recreation Association's field hockey league yesterday gave Thompson a 2-1 win over team "D" and sole possession of first place in the standings with a 2-0 record.

Sue Corbin knocked in the first Thompson score. Heather Treckler scored the loser's goal. Team "D" includes Mac Hall, Women's Building, and Elm Cottage.

In other games this past week, Thompson shutout Atherton, 1-0, on a second period goal by Myerion.

Team "D" edged Little Lions also by a 1-0 score with Lois Piercy knocking in the decisive goal.

Yesterday's game eliminated team "D" from the winner's side of the elimination schedule.

Booters Visit Penn Tomorrow; Harriers Host Michigan State

By LOU PRATO

Penn State's undefeated soccer team invades hostile Ivy League territory tomorrow morning to face the University of Pennsylvania's once-beaten booters in the 17th renewal of soccer relations between the two schools.

The Quakers, who were co-champions of the Ivy Soccer League last year, have been able to defeat the Nittany booters only twice since the series began in 1911.

Two ties add a little luster to the Penn record but this is completely erased by the fact that they have not won a game from the Lions since 1918.

The two teams last met in 1954. Coach Ken Hosterman's crew barely won that encounter, scoring a goal in the final minute of play to break a 3-3 deadlock.

Had 10-1 Slate in '55

This season the Philadelphians are maintaining the pace they set in 1955 when they posted 10-1 mark. They are currently in first place in the Ivy Soccer League with a 3-0 record and overall the Quakers own a 3-1-1 slate.

The Penn booters possess victories over Dartmouth, 4-2, Princeton, 3-1, and Brown, 8-0, and have a 1-1 deadlock with Swarthmore.

In their last encounter, Wednesday afternoon, the Quakers toppled from the ranks of the undefeated with a 4-3 loss to Navy. The Middies held a 3-0 lead at one time during the fray but had to stave off a late Penn rally to win.

Six letterwinners, including two starters from the 1954 team, fill out the key positions in the Quaker starting array. The two-year veterans are co-captains Dick Tyrell and Jim O'Neill. Tyrell is slated for the outside right position while O'Neill is listed in the left fullback spot.

Other Starters Listed

Junior monogram winner Gerry Mayall is ticketed for the other wing slot and senior veteran Homer Wood will see action at right fullback. Walt Schroth, another junior letterman, will start at inside left and junior veteran Bob Strickland will man the left halfback post.

The remainder of the Penn lineup will find Dick Williams at goalie, Don Mershon and Dave Briggs at halfbacks, Jamie Hill at inside right, and Howie Rockett at center forward.

Williams is considered the top sophomore prospect by the Quaker coaching staff.

cool and don't let that Ohio State win go to their head or else we'll be in real trouble."

"Well, see you at the game," they said, and out of the office they walked mumbling something about spirit and injuries.

By VINCE CAROCCI

Strengthened somewhat by the return of Captain Don Woodrow, the Lion harriers continue their practice sessions for Saturday's meet with powerful Michigan State on the University golf course.

Woodrow missed last week's meet with Navy, but will be among the Lion starters in their effort to upset the unbeaten Spartans. His return adds to the team's depth—a vital factor if hopes of an upset are to remain.

Coach Chick Werner realizes that this is the toughest meet that his promising sophomores—Ed Moran, Fred Kerr, and Clem Schoenebeck—have yet to enter.

However, he refuses to let Michigan State's reputation scare his club or give it a defeatist attitude. On the contrary, he and the Lion harriers expect to make things a bit rough for the Spartans. He did not predict an upset—he simply said that he is looking for a close meet.

It will probably be a completely different race from that which the harriers ran against Navy. Last week, the harriers had only one serious threat to run against, Walt Meukow.

This week, however, the Lions are meeting an experienced, well-balanced, championship team. Each harrier will have to match the Spartans almost step for step if the Nittanians are to win.

Henry Kennedy, Spartan intercollegiate and IC4-A champion, will definitely be the top Spartan entry. Kennedy has set a course record on each course that he has competed—he also holds the intercollegiate course record.

Werner is looking for the University course record to fall this week, either by Kennedy or one of his sophomores.

Despite all the odds looking down the Lions' throats, there is one factor in their favor—running on their own hilly course. Most midwestern courses are fairly level and only four miles in distance. The Lion course, however, is rather hilly and is five miles in distance. This may effect the Spartans, but to what degree is still a question.

Rip Engle, Penn State football coach, rates Milton Plum the most versatile quarterback he has ever coached.



Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCI, Sports Editor

MR. GRID, MR. IRON RAP CRITIC!

The visit was inevitable. It was just a question as to when they would show up, and last night was it. As usual, I was just putting the finishing touches on my work when Mr. Grid and Mr. Iron strolled through the open doorway.

"Hi," Mr. Grid said rather sourly. I returned the greeting and inquired why he and his cousin seemed to be in such bad moods.

"It's this letter I have with me," Mr. Grid answered, "I want you to read it." I opened the envelope and read the letter:

TO THE EDITOR:

Penn State football fans are in for a big letdown this weekend. For some unknown reason the team played a perfect game last weekend and topped a rugged Ohio State team, 7-6. For this feat the squad was accorded a royal welcome when it returned to the campus.

Things are going to be different this weekend. Too many students feel confident the Lions will whip West Virginia, but I don't think so. In the first place I have heard from friends at West Virginia that the team and fans are building this game up to be the "game of the year."

The Mountaineers want to win this one very badly. Secondly, our team will probably trot on the field with the biggest heads in the world.

This is a rather common Penn State malady. Everytime we beat a big team, our heads get twice as big, and this week will be no exception. So don't count on winning, it's not in the books or should I say not in the players' books.

—Fritz Shepard

I put the letter back in the envelope and asked Mr. Iron where he and his cousin got it. "Some fellow stopped us in front of the office and gave it to us. I hope you're not angry that we read it before you?"

"No, I'm not angry," I said, "I'm used to people reading my mail."

"How could anybody write something like that," Mr. Iron asked, "especially when the spirit of our team is probably the best in the past few years." Why last

week they whipped a team that was almost three touchdown favorites and believe me Ohio State was not down for the game either."

Before I could answer, Mr. Grid said, "It's only the opinion of one person. Why should we get so excited. Two weeks ago some guy said we didn't have any guts and he was made a fool of."

"I hope so," Mr. Iron answered remorsefully, "because if they are too confident they might just get bumped. And you know what that will do? It'll knock us out of the top 20 and also out of Herman Hickman's top eleven in the country. And on top of that people will think that last week's game was a fluke, when we know that it wasn't."

"I think," Mr. Grid said, "that most of the forecasters feel the same way as Shepard. Two of them picked West Virginia to win, although Hickman did pick us. They all think we're going to have a letdown."

"Why the only letdown the team will have," Mr. Grid said angrily, "is a physical letdown. They're all battered up. But personally I think we'll win with a touchdown to spare."

"I agree," Mr. Iron said. "Our reserves have been picking up a lot of experience this season and can now go into a game without worrying Engle too much. Before he had to worry if they would fold under pressure, but his gamble paid off and they're looking good."

"Well, if we win tomorrow," Mr. Grid answered, "our stock will really soar, but I'm still afraid of an upset. We haven't beat them in three years and they sure want to win this one bad enough. I just hope our boys stay

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