

# Rodgers Leads Temple Against Lions Tonight

Led by All-America candidate Guy Rodgers, Temple's highly-rated Owls invade the Recreation Hall hardwood tonight for an 8 o'clock engagement with the Nittany cagers.

Rodgers is the first All-America candidate to visit the Nittany Valley this year—Syracuse's Vinnie Cohen and West Virginia's "Hot Rod" Hundley will appear later—and with him comes one of the East's top quintets.

The Owls, coached by Harry Litwack, carry a 6-3 record into tonight's game. They lost to Kentucky, 73-58, Ohio State, 64-63, and Wake Forest, 67-59—three of the top cage teams in the country. They defeated Gettysburg, Muhlenburg, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Fordham, and New York University. Rodgers flashed his All-America potential in all Owl games, with the exception of the Gettysburg contest. He scored only seven points against the Bullets.

The biggest problem facing the Owls is replacing the strong scoring punch lost through the graduation of Hal Lear, Hal Reinfield, and Fred Cohen. Litwack may have come up with a solution in Jay Norman and Mel Brodsky, two unexpected Temple scoring threats.

With Rodgers heading the Owl attack, the Owls use a fast-breaking offense—the same offense which carried them to 27-5 record and third place in the NCAA's last year.

However, Lear, the second half of that fast-breaking duo is gone, and with him the tremendous speed which accounted for the success of the play.

According to Litwack, the key to Temple success lies in his big men. They must take up the scoring slack created by Lear's graduation.

Although Temple's starting lineup is unknown, it is very probable the Litwack will open with Rodgers (6-0), Norman (6-3), Brodsky (6-2), Don Fleming (6-6) and Tink Van Patton (6-8). Bill Smith (6-4) could also be a starter.

Turning to Lion prospects, Coach John Egli finds himself in doubt concerning his starting lineup for the first time this season due to Ron Rainey's ankle injury and Steve Baidy's cold.

Rainey injured his right ankle in closing minutes of the first half of the Gettysburg game, forcing him to miss the full second period. At first, the injury was diagnosed as a slight sprain and the high-scoring junior was expected to play tonight.

However, closer examination showed the injury to be more serious than first believed and his status will not be decided until game time. He did not run on the ankle during last night's practice session.

Although Baidy played against Gettysburg, he is not in the best physical condition because of a head cold. Egli planned to rest him during the second half of the Bullet game, but Rainey's injury forced him to play. Egli admitted that Baidy was tired, but expects to use him tonight.

Should the necessity arise, Egli said he would use either



## BOB Leisher

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Tom Hancock or Greg Schwendeman for Rainey and Ted Kubista for Baidy. All three are sophomores.

The rest of his lineup will remain the same with Bob Ramsay at center, Bob Edwards at forward and Captain Bob Leisher at guard.

Edwards has been a pleasant surprise for Egli. Joining the starting unit after Carmen Palmiero's tragic death, he has developed into one of the Lions' best scorers, hitting double figures in each game he started.

He has combined with Ramsay and Hancock to provide the Lions with a strong rebounding detail. All three were bulwarks off both boards against Gettysburg.

Ramsay has pleased Egli with the new-found aggressiveness he displayed in the past three or four Lion games. "He's doing his share at getting the ball," Egli said, "but still needs to take his time when shooting."

Egli was pleased with his first team's smooth ball-handling during the first half Monday night. "Our ball-handling was excellent during the first half," he said. With both coaches substituting freely in the second period, fouls and wild, race-horse basketball dominated play.

Egli said that the cagers would stick to the 3-2 sliding zone (Continued on page seven)

# Talk of Job Changes Stirs Grid Conclave

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8 (AP)—A horde of muscular, greying football coaches, some with their eyes glinting with thoughts of new jobs and others saddened by the loss of old ones, poured into St. Louis today for the start of the 34th annual American Football Coaches Association meeting.

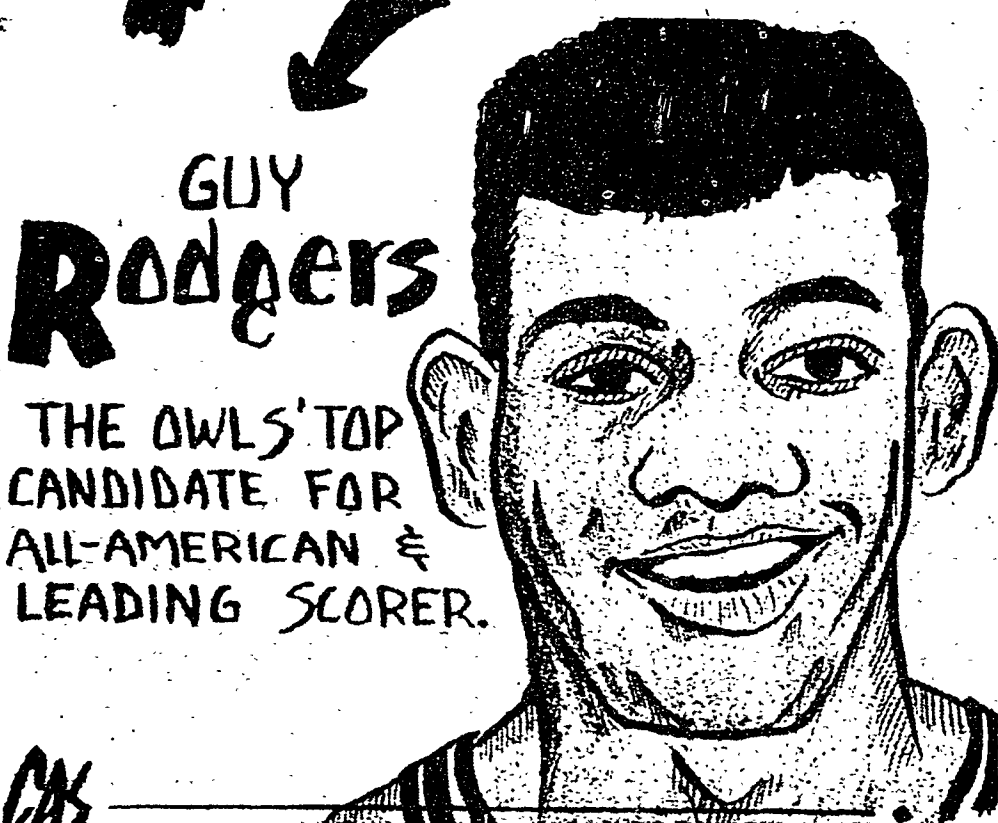
The result was that the talk around hotel lobbies rather overshadowed the routine doings of the 51st NCAA convention, which still is in the committee stage, and the other allied groups.

About a dozen major college football coaching positions are open at this stage and there probably are a dozen people here who would like to get each job. A lot of assistant coaches probably will be hired or interviewed this week, too.

As usual, the men who should know the answers are being very close mouthed about the whole matter while the ones who keep hearing reports will tell almost anybody.

Roughly, here's the situation: Missouri Athletic Director Don Faurot, who has to pick his own successor now that he has retired from active coaching, says that interviews have been suspended until the coaches' meetings end. He has talked to some 14 candidates so far but hasn't made any selection.

Most prominent names recently added to the list were Frank Broyles, Georgia Tech assistant, and Phil Bengston of the San Francisco 49ers, who came to Missouri with Faurot as line coach in 1935.



## GUY Rodgers

THE OWLS' TOP CANDIDATE FOR ALL-AMERICAN & LEADING SCORER.

# Kaline Sought By White Sox

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Three package deal offers, including \$250,000 in cash, were made today by Vice President Charles Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox for outfielder Al Kaline of Detroit, the club announced.

Comiskey said he offered players, a combination of players and cash, or straight cash in the sum of \$250,000. He said the players would include one regular outfielder, a starting pitcher, a utility outfielder and possibly a relief pitcher. He would not identify them.

"I note that the Tigers are having a little difficulty signing Kaline," said Comiskey. "We certainly could use him in our No. 4 batting order."

Comiskey said the Tigers were somewhat cool towards his bid for the young star, who hit .340 in 1955 and .314 last season, but that he thought some other kind of deal might develop.

Nobody ran over the Penn State football team in 1956. In nine games, the Lions gave up an average of only 6.7 points per game—fifth best record of its kind in the nation.

# 8 Veterans to Aid Gymnasts

Two National champions and six other returning lettermen should help keep any possible ulcers away from Penn State's Gene Wettstone, veteran gymnastic coach. Wettstone is facing the prospect of his inaugural meet with West Virginia, Feb. 2.

With slightly more than three weeks to shape up his performers and iron out the rough spots, Wettstone has been concentrating on the veterans of the squad.

Armando Vega, E.I.G.A. All-Round titlist and National parallel bars champion, will not be on hand for the opener, but will be back in action for the Temple meet, Feb. 6 at University Park. Vega took a semester's leave of absence to go to Australia with the United States Olympic Team and will return to class Feb. 4. Vega has been working out with the team and is in top-notch physical shape.

The powerful junior from New Bloomfield, Pa., holds the Eastern as well as the National rope-climbing crowns. Mullen will be on hand, and Wettstone is counting on several first places here.

Captain Dion Weissend is another talented performer that the Nittany mentor will have to do without in the opener, due to scholastic difficulties. Weissend is the top tumbler on the squad and will probably get the call for the horizontal bars too.

Sophomore Gil Leu, who did a tremendous job as a freshman last season, has great possibilities, according to Wettstone. Leu could quite likely fill the gap while Vega and Weissend are looking on from the sidelines. The Swiss native will participate on the side horse, horizontal bars, and parallel bars.

The rope-climbing event appears to be the Lions' strong point at the present time.

In addition to Mullen, Wett-Phil Mullen is the other Nittany has another veteran in Dick Rehm, a senior from Turtle Creek, Pa. Rehm was right behind Mullen in most of the meets last year and should continue to push the champion to greater heights again this year.

Adie Stevens, a junior from Pittsburgh, seems to have the number two spot in the tumbling event.

Two monogram-holders are the top contenders on the side horse. Senior Jack Biesterfeldt, from Woodhaven, N.J., and Walt Heiter, a junior from Crafton, Pa., have plenty of experience and can both be counted on under pressure.

New Castle's Bob Foht, a junior, will take over for Vega on the parallel bars for West Virginia and then will team with the champion as the season progresses.

The squad is still rusty in many spots, but Wettstone's training program is expected to bring them around by Feb. 2.

# Syracuse Cites Lion Gridders

Syracuse University's Cotton Bowl football team named three Nittany Lions to its 1956 all-opponent team.

Quarterback Milt Plum, whose field goal and masterful punting kept the Lions in the game against the Orange; halfback Billy Kane, and center Dan Radakovich, both of whom played outstanding ball, were the three chosen.

Pittsburgh also placed three men—halfback Jim Theodore, end Joe Walton, and tackle Bob Pollock.

Rounding out the rest of the team are fullback Larry Krutko, of West Virginia; end Dick Stephenson, of Army; tackle Mike Sandusky, of Maryland; and guards Jack Davis, also a Terp, and Jim Healy of Holy Cross.

This is the second consecutive all-opponent team that the Nittany Lions have dominated. West Virginia placed three Lions on its all-star squad, giving the Lions more recognition than such teams as Pitt and Syracuse.