

Lion Gridders Continue Pre-Penn Preparations

Sugar Ray Robinson may have fought Carmen Basillo last night and Oklahoma may have walloped Pitt last Saturday, but the only thought in Penn State Coach Rip Engle's mind at present is getting his 1957 gridders ready for their opening game, Saturday.

The Lions go under competitive fire for the first time this year when they meet the the Pennsylvania Quakers, Saturday at Franklin field.

And, according to Engle, "We (the Lions) still have a lot of work to do." Engle said

that his club would spend the four remaining practice days attempting to tie all phases of the Lion game into an adequate football plan.

Although he readily admitted there was a lot of work to be done, he said that he did not plan to concentrate his efforts on either his offense or defense. Rather, he said the work would be divided as evenly as possible between the two phases.

Penn's strength remains a question mark in Engle's mind since he has not had, nor hopes to have, an opportunity to scout Coach Steve Sebo's crew—which only adds to their task awaiting the gridders. Engle said: "All I know about Penn is what I've read in the papers."

Despite the lack of scouting information, Engle said that he definitely was not underrating the Quakers. He expected Penn to be tougher than they were last year, but all he could do was speculate.

Personel-wise, halfbacks Bruce Gilmore and Bucky Paolone were somewhat of a question mark in the minds of the Nittany coaching staff. Paolone pulled a muscle in the back of his leg last week while Gilmore injured his knee in a scrimmage a week ago last Saturday.

The injuries sidelined both backs from serious practice work most of last week, but both are expected to be ready for use Saturday. To what extent, time alone will tell.

In other respects, the grid story is almost the same as it has been for the past week or so. The starting lineup is still uncertain in most positions because of the close competition being waged there. Only quarterback Al Jacks and guard Joe Sabol, the Lion captain, rate sure-starter tags.

The coaches were experimenting with switching center candidate Earl Kohlhas to guard because of his linebacking prowess. However, the experiment has not proven to be outstandingly satisfactory and, although there remains the slight possibility that it will be continued, it has taken a backseat in the football picture.

Stoneham Talks With PCL Prexy

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23 (AP)—President Horace Stoneham of the New York Giants opened discussions with Pacific Coast League President Leslie O'Connor today on the price of taking over the San Francisco baseball territory.

During the meeting, Stoneham stated flatly, "We're coming to San Francisco," and O'Connor indicated he felt the Brooklyn Dodgers would be in Los Angeles next year.



—Daily Collegian Photo by Joe Patton
ONLY FOUR DAYS LEFT . . . With only four days of practice before Saturday's Lion opener with Penn, the Nittany gridders buckle down to final preparation efforts on the Beaver Field practice gridiron. Shown above are several gridders pushing the blocking sled.

3 Lion Opponents Lose, 2 Tie In Season Openers

Five of Penn State's nine football opponents went hunting for early victories Saturday, but returned empty-handed. Two of them—Vanderbilt and West Virginia—did gain the solace of a tie.

Dropping their openers were Marquette, Pitt, and William & Mary. Syracuse, Army, Penn and Holy Cross were idle.

The Mountaineers of West Virginia just did escape with a 6-6 tie as the Virginia Cavaliers were knocking at touchdown door when time ran out. The Mountaineers, a pregame favorite, fielded a mammoth line, as is their habit, but found an equal in the forward wall of the Cavaliers.

Mickey Trimarki passed to Ralph Anastasio for West Virginia's touchdown. Penn State fans will see these two, and other Mountaineer stars Nov. 2 at Beaver Field. Two Mountaineer line-backers should be Joe Nicely and Chuck Howley, a pair of guards who rated high praise from Coach Art (Pappy) Lewis long before the

season began.

Jim Bahktiar led the Cavaliers' ground-gaining parade. Lion fans will recall the powerful Iranian from his visit to Beaver Field as a sophomore.

The Oklahoma Sooners resolved all doubt of their champion calibre at the expense of Pitt, 26-0. The Lions' traditional rival couldn't move against a lean and mean Sooner team that already smells Orange blossoms. Pitt plays Penn State

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Penn State, for the second season in a row, will open its football season against Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia Sept. 28.

Center Charley Ruslavage, of Coaldale, Pa., is the top-ranking student on Penn State's 1958 football squad.

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