

# Lion Booters Host Undefeated Rams

By LOU PRATO

Revenge-minded Penn State will be defending a 15-game home field winning streak when they clash with defending Eastern champion West Chester on the Beaver Field soccer turf this afternoon. Kickoff is at 2:30 p.m.

The 1957 Eastern title and possibly the national honor, as well, could go to the winner of the skirmish—rated a toss-up by collegiate soccer experts. Both outfits are undefeated.

The Lion booters haven't lost a home tilt since November 14, 1952 when Temple blanked them, 2-0. Included in the skein is a 2-1 victory over Maryland earlier this year.

However, this home field advantage means practically nothing in the pre-game ratings. For the Nittanies were also riding on a winning streak when the two teams met last fall at West Chester.

And almost everyone knows the results of that disheartening encounter. The Rams held the Lions to a scoreless draw and stopped that 19-game streak—the longest in Penn State soccer lore.

On top of this, both teams currently own undefeated strings. Penn State has won seven in a row since a 2-1 loss to Navy last year while the Rams haven't been beaten in their last nine encounters. A 3-3 deadlock with Baltimore mars the West Chester mark.

Three of the West Chester consecutive victories were scored this year. The Rams blasted East Stroudsburg, 4-0, Panzer College, 3-0, and Elizabethtown, 3-2.

The Lions, meanwhile, scored decisions over Bucknell, 10-0, Maryland, 2-1, Syracuse, 12-1, and Colgate, 2-0.

Six veterans return from that West Chester team but the coach is different. Earl "Muddy" Waters—a name synonymous with United States soccer—retired from the head job at the Chester school after 30 years of service.

He was replaced by Mel Lorback, a graduate of Brockport State Teachers College of New York. (Brockport, remember, shared the national throne with the Lions in 1955). Lorback tutored at Panzer College last season and recorded a respectable 7-4-1 mark. However, he will have to go a long way to measure up to Waters' standards.

West Chester dropped only one game in 1956—a 2-0 loss to Pennsylvania's State Teachers College champion, East Stroudsburg—on its way to the Eastern Championship. They rapped Springfield, 2-1, in that title game.

But back to the veterans. Three of the returnees are of all-America calibre, including 6'2" goalie Bob Rozonowski. The other two are co-captains Mark Kingsmore and Tom Fleck.

Fullback Norman Frank, halfback Dan Schaeffer and inside Dave Hubbard complete the monogram winners. Frank and Hubbard were the stars in the Springfield title scrap and Schaeffer was tabbed the most improved player in the 1956 season.

Goalie Ralph Becker, who earned a starting role off his performance against Syracuse, came down with the flu and will not see action. Becker, incidentally, has not been scored upon this season. Veteran Don Dougald, starter in the Bucknell and Syracuse frays, will defend the nets.

Hosterman will also have veteran inside Mike Stollmeyer—who has yet to see action in 1957 because of an ankle injury and respiratory illness—in the lineup as well as halfback Gary Miller, who missed last week's game because of the flu.

The rest of Hosterman's starting array will find Ralph Brower and Tony Tremonte at fullback; Walt Krauser and Howie Maeroffer at the halves; and Jim Hedberg, Per Torgeson, Bill Fiedler and Lou VanRafelghem on the front line.



Don Dougald  
... he'll stop some scoring



Bill Fiedler  
... he'll do some shooting

## Illnesses Weaken X-Country Squads

By GEORGE FRENCH

The winner of the varsity cross-country meet with Michigan State Saturday may be determined not by which team has been strengthened the most by conditioning, but by which team has been weakened the most by illness or injury.

The defending NCAA Champion Spartans have been plagued with the flu and leg injuries since practice began in September. An under-manned Michigan State squad dropped its first meet since 1955 to Western Michigan, 27-36, in the Michigan AAU Championships three weeks ago.

Defending NCAA individual champion Henry Kennedy has shown great advancement after a long battle against the flu and is expected to be in top condition to run against the Lions at East Lansing.

Sophomore Fordy Kennedy, Henry's brother, has shaken off a slight cold and is running at his normal pace.

Spartan Coach Karl Schlade-man also expects junior Ron Wheeler and sophomore Jim Horan to be ready for the Nittany engagement. Wheeler had a slight cold, while Horan returned to practice last week after a week layoff because of leg injuries.

After being free from illness and injury all season, all but three Lion runners—Ed Moran, Dick Engelbrink and Joe Thompson—were hit by the wave of respiratory illnesses last Friday.

Capt. Fred Kerr and State College's Clem Schoenebeck seem to have recovered rapidly, but junior Chick King is not yet fully recovered. King could be a big factor in Saturday's meet because of his greater



Clem Schoenebeck  
... recovers rapidly

ability to run over a flat course like Michigan State's than to run over the hilly University golf course.

Other Lions on the sick list are Sam White, Jack Williams, George Jones and Al Jones.

## Intramural Bowling Action Resumes Normal Speed

Intramural bowling was back to normal Thursday night after being temporarily slowed down by the general circulating illness, and both Fraternity Leagues C and D rolled full 6-game schedules on the Rec Hall alleys.

In League C, Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Phi Delta scored 4-0 wins. Delta Sigma Phi and Zeta Beta Tau duplicated the shutouts in D League.

Results of the League C matches were:

Alpha Chi Rho beat Sigma Alpha Mu, 3-1; Lambda Chi Alpha won over Phi Kappa Sigma by forfeit; Pi Kappa Alpha tripped Chi Phi, 3-1; Pi Kappa Phi knocked over Theta Kappa Phi, 4-0; Triangle tied Acacia, 2-2; and Alpha Chi Sigma went

down to Alpha Phi Delta, 4-0.

Alpha Chi Sigma had high team score with 824. Dave Lynch, Pi Kappa Phi, was high singles bowler with 218 and Benjamin Amato's 526 for Alpha Phi Delta was high series for League C.

In D League, Delta Sigma Phi and Zeta Beta Tau scored 4-0 shutouts over Phi Sigma Delta and Delta Sigma Rho in that order; Tau Phi Delta and Beaver House and Sigma Tau Gamma and Phi Sigma Kappa bowled to 2-2 ties; Beta Theta Pi downed Phi Gamma Delta, 3-1; and Sigma Phi Epsilon beat Phi Kappa Tau, 3-1.

Tau Phi Delta took high game honors with 839. Two Beaver House men, Bede Bender and Richard Giesecke took high singles and high series with 222 and 569 respectively.



## A Glance at . . . SPORTS

By VINCE CAROCCI  
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### PENN STATE 'STUDENT' DOUBTS GRIDDERS' 'GUTS'

The Penn State football team has at least one dissatisfied "student" follower—and this boy is really dissatisfied. He questions the gridders' "guts", as he put it.

We learned of this dissatisfied student during a conversation with Lion Coach Rip Engle yesterday morning. He showed us a letter he had received from one of the student populace following the Lions' loss to Vanderbilt Saturday afternoon at Beaver Field.

Poor taste by the author, protecting himself under the signature of a "dissatisfied student," prohibits us from printing the letter in context. But, here are a few excerpts from the letter:

"Your halftime speech must be for the birds. Thus far this year every second half has been nothing but shame for every past Penn State team.

"... I played football way back in Jr. High . . . but when I played we had a combination of guts and brains. You have brains but I haven't seen any guts so far . . .

"... Where are the guts of the Penn State team?"

Normally, we wouldn't waste our time and newspaper space answering a letter like this—if it's not the kind of a letter that deserves an answer, except for the accusation that the Penn State team doesn't have any guts. But, we feel that this boy should be straightened out and this is our humble effort.

Because a team loses, does that mean it doesn't have any guts? Some of the heartiest teams in football took their share of lumps—a perfect example is last year's team at Notre Dame. The Irish were whipped badly, but they never were accused of losing heart—lacking guts, as this boy puts it.

Penn State has lost two games thus far. Unless some changes are made in the Lions' game, they probably will lose again. But, this is no indication that they are gutless.

When players like Andy Moconyi, Emil (Babe) Caprara, Paul North and Joe Bohart, to name only a few, play the best they can despite their recuperating from an attack of flu, this is every indication that the Lions lack anything but guts. As Engle said after the game, "Those boys (the Lions) gave 120% effort." And, if that's not guts, we don't know what it is.

If anything can be definitely said about the four Lion performances to date, it's this: this team is not a quitter. It's been beaten, but it never quit trying. And when it quits trying, that's when it lacks guts.

So, "dissatisfied student," as to your question of where is the Penn State football team's guts, we say that it is clearly evident on the football field where the game is played—not in the stands where some fans second guess. If you were the football authority you suppose yourself to be—and you must or you would have never written the letter in the first place—you would have recognized it and let it go at that.

For the Penn State student body, we apologize to Coach Engle for the ignorance displayed by one of its members. Fortunately, the student fans have done a creditable job thus far in supporting the team. They deserve to be congratulated on their performance thus far. We hope they keep up the good work.

Again fortunately, Engle realizes that the writer is not typical of the student fans. "The students are a great bunch, the best anywhere . . . this does not represent the typical student attitude," he said. We'll not argue with that.

But, let's not hear charges of "gutless" again because it most certainly does not apply in this case. And, before anyone goes off on a tangent to write a letter to Engle, sit down and think it over. If a student fan knows football better than the coaches, we're sure there would be a place on the coaching staff for him. But, we doubt if there is any student of this caliber on this campus—or most any campus, for that matter.

So, use a little discretion and common sense here. If you have any complaints to make, do it via letters through this department. If we feel that the gripe is sound, we'll convey it to the coaches. They have enough bothers to concern themselves with without you adding to the load.

And, take this into consideration: the Lions were highly over-rated at the beginning of the year. Don't base your complaints on the preseason ratings because they have proved themselves to be worthless.

JACK WIMMER says



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