

White Says West Va. 'Better Than Last Year'

"I think they're a better team than they were last year." Assistant Coach J. T. White said when questioned about the West Virginia Mountaineers, the Lions' next opponent Saturday afternoon at Beaver Field.

"They're a power team . . . a good football team that doesn't make too many mistakes," he said. He described the 1957 Mountaineer edition, 4-1-1 to date, as representative of past West Virginia teams—big, strong and rugged.

There's no question of the Mountaineers being big. A look at some physical statistics erases all doubts: guard Chuck Howley, 6-2, 220 pounds; guard Joe Nicely, 6-1, 220 pounds; end Bruce McClung, 6-4, 205 pounds; end Roger Chancey, 6-2, 225 pounds; tackle Paul Sharkady, 6-1, 225; tackle Jim Pickett, 6-3, 220 pounds; and on and on it goes along the line.

In the backfield, the story is a bit different where fullback Larry Krutko is the biggest man at 6-1, 210 pounds. The rest of the backs taper off to the usual backfield weights between the 100-170 marks. Halfback Ralph Anastasio is the smallest of the backs at 5-11, 165.

The backs may be no bigger in size than average college backfields, but the Mountaineers have plenty of them to throw at the Lions. White saw 10 of them in use against William & Mary last Saturday.

Quarterback and fullback seem to be the best of the Mountaineer backfield posts. Each spot boasts two season veterans ready for action.

At quarterback, senior Mickey Trimarki and junior Dick Longfellow are waging a tremendous battle for the first team berth. White has seen Longfellow start more than Trimarki, but cautions that Trimarki may be the starter against the Lions.

"There are times I think Longfellow is a better quarterback than Trimarki but then Trimarki will come on the field and do something that will change my mind," he said. "I was counting on the team of (Al) Jacks and (Richie) Lucas to do the same for us"—referring to the fact that Jacks is lost for an indefinite period.

At fullback, senior Larry Krutko and junior Noel Whipkey give the Mountaineers one of the strongest fullback corps in the country. Krutko, whom White called the workhorse of the ball carriers, was first in team rushing last year with Whipkey second, while both tied for scoring honors with 24 points each.

Along the line, White singled out Howley as the best West Virginia has to offer. "If I were to single out any individual it probably would be Howley," he said. "He's one of the year's better football players."

Howley was switched from center to guard in order to form, along with Nicely, one of the best guard combinations in the country. However, Nicely was hurt in the Wisconsin game and Bob Guenther has replaced him.

Lion Coaches Gain In Football Picks

The football coaches, under the clever auspices of Frank Patrick, have crept into a contending position in the Daily Collegian's football contest.

A nine-and-six mark Saturday left the coaches one game behind Vicous Vince Carocci and three behind the leader, Lucky Lou Prato (8-7). Matt Mathews (7-8) is last.



Chuck Howley . . . transformed center



Larry Krutko . . . Mountaineer workhorse

AP Picks Walters 'Lineman of Week'

Les Walters, Penn State end, was named Lineman of the Week in the Associated Press nationwide poll. There is a nice little story to go with it.

A year ago Syracuse beat Penn State 13-9. Walters considered himself the goat because he dropped a forward pass late in the game that might have turned defeat into victory for Penn State.

Last Saturday the Nittany Lions again played Syracuse. This time Penn State upset the Orange 20-12. Who was the big star? Walters, of course. He caught two touchdown passes and helped to set up the other by tackling Syracuse's Tom Stephens on the Syracuse one after a poor pass from the Syracuse center on fourth down.

It was for these feats that Walters was voted Lineman of the Week in the weekly Associated Press poll of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Penn State Coach Rip Engle says "Walters is the fastest boy on our squad. I consider Les our fifth back."

The 6-ft Les got down field mighty fast on the two passes he snared for TD's. One was good for 51 yards. He also caught two other passes. He gained over 100 yards on the four aeriels.

Walters, one of Penn State's finest all-around athletes, is the Lions' leading pass receiver. In five games this season he has received 14 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns. His defensive play has also been terrific.

He also wrestled as a regular with Penn State's Eastern champions, winning five dual meet victories and finishing second in the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament at Rec Hall.

Walters is a deceptive football player. One Philadelphia Sports-writer said, "He looks more like a choir boy than a football player."



Les Walters . . . lineman of the week



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Varsity, Frosh Harriers Will Meet Pitt Tomorrow

By GEORGE FRENCH The varsity and freshman cross-country meets with Pitt, originally scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. on the University golf course.

The move was made to avoid a conflict with the PIAA high school cross-country championships at 10 p.m. Saturday or the West Virginia football game.

Nittany coach Chick Werner believes that his squad will be in top condition for the meet with the Panthers. "They have looked really strong in practice this week," Werner said. "Chick King and Joe Thompson have been particularly impressive. "These boys appear to be mad at themselves for their loss to Michigan State and seem to believe that they can do a lot better."

Werner has been giving his harriers distance workouts at Centre Hills Country Club and workouts

consisting of 12 quarter-mile sprints on the University golf course.

Most of the workouts have been conducted in heavy basketball shoes. Originally Werner prescribed the heavy shoes to protect his runners from injuries from the hard turf early this fall.

The heavy shoes seem to have helped the squad enough that Werner has continued to use them for most workouts.

Grid Staff Intact

Penn State's football coaching staff will be intact in 1957 for the fourth straight season. Last man to join the staff was J. T. White, formerly of Michigan, who was brought in to replace Al Michaels in 1954.

Lion Freshmen Lose 3 Players For Navy Game

Facing the tough Navy freshman football squad Saturday has become a bigger problem this week for Earl Bruce's frosh with the loss of three star gridgers.

The number one loss has been guard Bob Dallas. Dallas has been outstanding both in practice and in the Pitt encounter this year in defending the middle guard spot on defense. He is also rated high as a blocker on offense.

According to Bruce, the gridder is at home in Philadelphia with a case of the flu. He has received no word from Dallas and does not expect to use him at Annapolis.

End Dave Alexander has been out of action since the Pitt win two weeks ago. The Latrobe athlete developed a reaction to the "Toughskin" ointment that the players use to protect their skin from the football pads.

Fullback Denny Schaeffer is the third casualty. Schaeffer is the alternate unit line-bucker behind Red Worrell.

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