

Victory over Syracuse Boosts HC's Prestige

With Holy Cross gaining added prestige with its 20-19 upset over Syracuse last Saturday, the Penn State football team settled down to a hard week of practice in preparing itself for the underrated Crusaders.

At the beginning of the season, Holy Cross was thought of by the forecasters as being a mediocre team which would win a few, lose a few, with a tie here and there. Well, the Crusaders have won a few—4—lost even fewer—2—and had their ties—2.

After their win over Syracuse, the experts are looking for a real dogfight at Worcester, Saturday. As Lion Coach Rip Engle put it, "Their win over Syracuse certainly can't harm them."

Coach Frank Patrick, who scouted the Crusaders for the Lions, brought back a report that shows his respect for Coach Eddie Anderson's team. "It'll be an even-steven affair," he said.

After hearing the weekly Monday night scouting report, Engle said of the Crusaders: "Holy Cross is a real strong, capable team with a great passer (quarterback Tommy Greene) and a good record." He looks for a hard-fought contest Saturday.

Looking back at his club's performance against Marquette, Engle said that the Lions did not play a very good game overall. "We played good in spots—good enough to win," he said. "I just hope we have a couple of good games left in our system because we'll need them," he added, referring to the calibre of the Lions' last two opponents—Holy Cross and Pittsburgh.

Individually, Engle said that he did not think any of the players were exceptionally outstanding, but did say that Captain and guard Joe Sabol did a very good job—probably the best from an individual standpoint. This was born out with



A LITTLE MORE BLOCKING . . . Sam Stellatella (r), sophomore guard, is shown checking end Ron Markiewicz (l) during a Lion football passing scrimmage last night. Pass defense is expected to be stressed in Lion practice because of Holy Cross' potent aerial attack.

Sabol's selection to this week's all-East team.

Engle expressed satisfaction with the performance of his second unit running backs—Maurice Schleicher, Eddie Caye and Pat Botula—who he said "ran very hard." He added that Caye and Botula, both sophomores, were "coming along pretty well."

The Lions came out of the Marquette contest without any serious casualties through injuries. None of the traveling squad was banged up hard enough to force an absence from practice.

Along that line, Penn State hopes were given a slight boost—and it is very slight—with the news that quarterback Al Jacks

has cast aside his sling and is now going through running exercises at the Lions' practice sessions.

Jack, however, still can not operate with enough efficiency to warrant his dressing for the Holy Cross game. But, there is a very quiet hope that he may possibly be ready for Pittsburgh in two weeks. "It's a good feeling to see him out there," Engle said.

The other two major Lion casualties, Willard (Bull) Smith and Bruce Gilmore, are reported as progressing satisfactorily from their injuries. However, it is doubtful that either of them will be ready for the Crusaders come Saturday.

Sabol Tabbed For All-East Team of Week

Joe Sabol, Penn State football team Captain and guard, was named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference's all-East team of the week for his performance against the Marquette Hilltoppers last Saturday.

Sabol is the third Lion to receive the honor. Ends Jack Farls and Les Walters, who was named twice to the all-East team, preceded him.

Sabol played his best game of the year against the Hilltoppers when he made a high number of tackles and also set up the Lions' second touchdown when he intercepted a pass on the Marquette 45 and returned it to the 32.



Sabol

Skeller Rats' Second Win Paces IM Cage Action

A close 19-18 victory by the Skeller Rats over the Travelers, highlighted Monday's intramural basketball action at Recreation Hall.

Other action saw Linden Five beat the College Co-Op, 18-13; the Gnarps defeat the Spaniels, 33-6; the Tribe wallops the K-Boys, 43-16; the Zips defeat the Hounds, 37-24; the J. O.'s beat the All Stars, 50-33; the Rams win over Wesley Five, 43-27; the Celtics edge Nittany 41, 28-26, and the Panthers defeat Stan's Men, 15-9.

Earl Sands of the All Stars, was the leading scorer of the night, in a losing cause, as he scored 21 points. Pete Logan was runner-up in the scoring department as he scored 17 points to pace the Tribe attack.

Walt Thomas of the Rams, netted 15 points to aid his teammates to their victory over the Wesley Five. Other leading scorers were Art Pharaoh with 14 counters and Pete Hoffman and

Brad Grandovic with 13 markers each.

Other players that shot for double figures were Dick Hoak, Chuck Myers, Vince Pecoraro, Harvey Haddock, Joe Funk, Dick Gross, Frank McVey and Andy Pagniani.

The Gnarps, the Tribe, the Zips, the Skeller Rats, the J.O.'s and the Celtics each copped their second victories of the young court season due to their Monday night wins.

Every independent team has now played in at least one game. The Indies will now be forced to share the basketball limelight, since fraternity teams have now entered local court play.

Open Tourney Now

For the first time, the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League championships will be converted into an open tournament to attract outstanding gymnasts from non-competing schools. Penn State will be host to the tourney March 7-8, 1958.



As a MATT-er-a-FACT

By MATT MATHEWS, Assistant Sports Editor

THE ATHLETE ISN'T A GOON

After reading an article in the current issue of Life magazine entitled "SAD NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS: NOBODY LOVES THE FOOTBALL HERO NOW," this writer learned to appreciate Penn State all the more. The article was rotten—true, but rotten.

But happily, it doesn't pertain to Penn State.

We're not going to get up on a pedestal and say that the article is all wet—it isn't. And we're not going to say that all football heroes should be glorified—they shouldn't, not all of them, at least.

The point we want to make is that this lack of hero-worshipping has brought about a more serious threat than the loss of praise for an individual athlete. What it has fatally brought with it is a lack of school spirit.

You say so what, you still go to the game and cheer, but as the Life article pointed out, the game has become secondary to the "open-air socializing (which is) a prelude to some serious indoor partying later."

So what? Well, we go along with the partying end of the deal just as much as anyone. But when it is carried to an extreme that makes the athlete, the team, the school and its supposedly high spirit, secondary to some other spirits, then it's time for an overhaul job of the whole system.

"There are fashions in these things," says one Michigan faculty member. "It is as unfashionable to glorify an athlete right now, as it is to be a member of the Teamsters Union. The football player is the figure of physical prowess, and intellectualism is in fashion. Attending games is still acceptable under the new standards . . . But any manifestation of 'gung-ho' is frowned upon as being in poor taste."

This downgrading trend has been created by the very group that once did the most to maintain the football hero and the gung-ho school spirit—the undergraduates. The fashion says that when the undergrad meets this athlete who fights for his school every fall Saturday, he should find him a rough, uncouth fellow incapable of discussing earth satellites or, for that matter, even the earth.

The three outstanding reasons given for the student change—besides that its "just the thing to do"—are platooning, the returning veteran and the bands. It is easy to see the lack of interest brought about by platooning—very few fans can follow all the changes. And it must be admitted that students attending college under the G.I. bill just aren't the "gung-ho" kind. They have passed their apathy down to the following classes.

Through this column so far, we have been hinting that it could happen here—and maybe it is leaning a little to the left of right, but we think that you realize we have some of the greatest guys on this campus on our athletic teams.

Top-notch players and fellow students like Captain Joe Sabol, Al Jacks, Ben Williams, Pete Shopa, Richie Lucas, Les Walters, Bill Wehmer, Sammy Stellatella, Bud Kohlhaas, Steve Garban and many others that you know and like personally.

And we don't think any of the unmarried ones mentioned above have any trouble dating coeds on this campus like those stated in the Life article. Northwestern's star guard Al Viola presented the case for the athletes on the Northwestern campus:

"There are two kinds (of coeds)—those who say they're interested in dating players and those who won't admit it. These girls are from very fine families and they date us because we don't take them to the Pump Room or the Palmer House. Maybe they're slumming, but they love it. There are plenty of coeds who give it that 'Look, there go the animals' routine. But the animals make out all right."

There are many problems in the face of the revival of the national gridiron hero and the ensuing revival of a national school spirit. But as we stated in the second paragraph of this column, this problem doesn't pertain to Penn State—and we're glad of it. Keep up the spirit. We'll see you at Pitt.

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