

Jacks Makes HC Trip; Gilmore, Smith Finished

A bit of rain, compensated by an even bigger bit of sunshine, fell on the Penn State football situation yesterday as the Lions completed their serious practice efforts for tomorrow's Holy Cross game.

First, the rain: The Lion outlook was dampened with the news that both halfback Bruce Gilmore and guard Willard (Bull) Smith are lost for the remainder of the 1957 season with knee injuries. Both were injured against West Virginia two weeks ago and have not played since.

As hard as the losses may be on the Lions, the gridders' hopes were brightened with the news that quarterback Al Jacks, out since the Syracuse game with a shoulder separation, will dress for the Crusader encounter at Worcester, Mass.

Jacks cast aside his sling this week and went through, as Coach Rip Engle put it, "limbering-up exercises" during the Lion practice. Engle said that he was taking Jacks along to get him back in the atmosphere of competition.

The Lion mentor, at present, is not contemplating using Jacks against the Crusaders. What his action will be should the necessity arise is anybody's guess.

The loss of Gilmore has added another problem to the current list of grid woes—right now, the Lions have only two authentic left halfbacks, Dave Kasperian and Pat Botula.

To alleviate the problem, Engle has been working substitute fullback Ben Williams at the left halfback spot. Williams also worked the position in workouts before the Marquette game but did not see action against the Hill-toppers.

Physically, the Lions are in good shape. The major injury problem is Botula and his injured ribs, but he will be ready for the Crusaders. The injury has handicapped him in practice, however.

Because Holy Cross quarterback Tom Greene is the nation's leader in total offense, the Lions naturally placed emphasis on their pass defense during the week's practice.

However, Engle warned that Holy Cross can also run when necessary. "They're a good team with a great passer, a good record and adequate runners," he said, to show his respect for the Crusaders.

The 34-man traveling team, which Engle described as "the smallest traveling team a major football team takes to a game," will wind up its practice efforts with a short workout this afternoon at Holy Cross. The traveling team is:

Ends—Les Walters, Paul North, Jack Farls, Romeo Panozzo, Ron Markiewicz and Norm Neff; tackles—Bill Wehmer, Joe Bohart, Andy Stynchula, Frank Urban, Tom Mulreany and Charlie Janerette; guards—Captain Joe Sabol, Richie McMillen, Sam Stellatella, Earl Kohlhaas, Skip Stelfox and Frank Korbini; centers—Charlie Ruslavage, Steve Garban and Bob Rice.

Quarterbacks — Richie Lucas, Bob Scrabis and Jacks; halfbacks — Kasperian, Eddie Caye, Botula, Andy Moconyi, Fran Paolone and Bill Mendicino; and fullbacks Babe Caprara, Maurice Schleicher, Pete Shopa and Williams



—Daily Collegian Photo by Ron Miller

THESE THREE coed hockey players will compete for a berth on the mid-East women's field hockey team. From left to right they are Janet Kuntzelman, Joan Brown and Maxine Hampton. Betty Spencer, a fourth competitor, was absent when the picture was taken.

3 Coeds Seek Berth On Mid-East Team

By CARMELLA LaSPADA back Hampton and left wing, Penn State coeds Joan Brown, Spencer—all members of the WRA. Maxine Hampton and Betty Spencer—were chosen from 125 competitors.

Pennsylvania field hockey tryouts. Ten hockey teams entered the to vie for a berth on the mid-East field hockey team this weekend at Batavia, N.Y.

Freshman Janet Kuntzelman also from Penn State made the second team.

The Central Pennsylvania hockey tryouts were held at Wilson College, Chambersburg, last Saturday in which thirty-seven coeds represented Penn State.

Center forward Brown, left full-



The Sportseer

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Will Penn State's football team receive a post-season bowl bid?

According to the nations' grid experts, the Lions' chances of performing before your TV screen on New Year's Day (or Dec. 28th for the benefit of you Gator Bowl fans) is practically nil.

However, we find ourselves revolting against our fellow scribes, and we predict: If the Lions record impressive victories over their two remaining foes—Holy Cross and Pitt—they will celebrate the Christmas holidays in either Dallas, Tex., or Jacksonville, Fla. (For the benefit of you novice grid fans, the Cotton Bowl is at Dallas and the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville.)

Now for our reasoning. We feel that the East must be represented in a Jan. 1 grid classic—either the Cotton or Gator bowls. The other pigskin extravaganzas of that day are out of the picture for obvious reasons.

Now, if the Lions beat Holy Cross and Pitt, they will finish with a 7-2 record and will no doubt rank second or third among the East's major colleges. The Eastern championship will be the winner of the Army-Navy clash in Philadelphia Nov. 30—and to the winner will go a bid to the Cotton Bowl.

However, we believe Army will nix a Cotton Bowl bid. Our reason—the Cadets value their 15-day Christmas recess too much to give it up for football.

So let's imagine the Middies accept a free trip to the Lone Star state. That leaves "us" with the Gator Bowl. But last week, following the Lions' 20-7 win over Marquette, the Gator Bowl Committee dropped the Nittanians from consideration and named the Texas Aggies, Mississippi, Tennessee, TCU, Texas, Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Miami and Mississippi State as the prime (and only) contenders.

However, despite this "set-back," we feel that the Gator group will eventually select

Penn State and Mississippi as participants. Also, Texas A&M will be the host team in the Cotton Bowl, Texas and Arkansas will tangle in the Sugar festivities—and the o'er will be eliminated.

There is no doubt that the 32-20 loss to Vanderbilt hurt the Lions' chances. Gator Bowl Selection chairman Sam Wolfson revealed this in a telephone interview Tuesday with George Kiseda, an enterprising Pittsburgh journalist. However, we feel that the committee will overlook this factor in the final briefing.

Wolfson himself left this leeway when he told Kiseda, "before the final decision is made, I'm sure we'll have an Eastern team under consideration."

Yes sir, the Penn State-Mississippi Gator Bowl slash should be very interesting this year.

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