Panthers, Not Bowl Bid, Big Nittany Worry--Engle

The Pittsburgh Panthers, and not the Gator Bowl, are the most prominent worry for Penn State Coach Rip Engle and his staff as the Nittany gridders undergo workouts for the Panther test Saturday at Pitt—the last game on the Lions' regular schedule.

Despite the news that the Lions vaulted into Gator Bowl consideration with their 14-10 victory over Holy Cross last Saturday, Engle refused to even give consideration to the Lions' Bowl possibilities.

Looking at the situation realistically, he said: "We're not even thinking about that (the Bowl)—we're just thinking about trying to beat Pitt."

Actually, there is no other attitude to take. In order to even remain in consideration for the Bowl bid, the Lions must score an impressive victory over the Panthers. A loss, or even a close victory, would almost automatically drop the Nittanies from consideration. It is simply a case of putting the proverbial horse before the cart—and the horse in this case is Pittsburgh.

Pitt, Engle said, is a big, strong, aggressive team. "Pitt is a good team; it should have won the Notre Dame game . . . they easily outplayed them," he said referring to the movies the Lion coaches have seen of the game during the past two weeks.

Engle said that he expected last week's Pitt layoff to be a big help to the Panthers, especially because of the condition they were in. Several Panthers, among them All-America candidates center Charlie Brueckman and tackle Jim McCusker, were on the shelf with injuries. The layoff may be just what the Panthers needed to recuperate physically.

This is not the case for the Lions, however, who came out of the Holy Cross game a bit worse for the wear physically. Lost definitely for the Pitt game is guard Skip Stellfox, who broke his ankle bone against the Crusaders.

End Paul North is also on the injured list and his status for the Pitt game is unknown as yet. North suffered a slight concussion against the Crusaders and only his progress in the next two or three days will determine whether or not he will play, according to Dr. Alfred H. Griess, team physician. North worked out without pads last night.

Guard Earl Kohlhaas and center Steve Garban both sprained their left ankles last Saturday, but Dr. Griess said it was nothing serious. Kohlhaas has been bothered with ankle trouble the past three or four weeks.

Reviewing his club's performance against the Crusaders, Engle said that he was, on the whole, satisfied with its performance. "It was just unfortunate that we were frustrated just when it looked like we could break the game open. Either a fumble or a penalty, or something else stopped us," he said.

However, he said that these mistakes were a part of football and had to be taken in stride. "Holy Cross was a good team; we feel flattered to have beaten them," he said.

Lacrosse Group To Meet Tonight

Harry Brown, president of the Lacrosse Club, has announced a meeting for 7:30 tonight at Alpha Sigma Phi. It is not necessary to be a varsity lacrosse aspirant to attend.

Movies of the 1957 Johns Hopkins-Navy game will be shown. Refreshments will be served.

The club was formed last year to stimulate interest in lacrosse.

Other officers are Mike Beatty, vice president; Chip Henderson, secretary; Barry Price, treasurer.

Ted Roethke, who later attained distinction as a poet, coached the Penn State tennis team from 1939 through 1943.

3 Teams Cop Victories, Reach Finals

Jordan II and the Nittany Mermen qualified for intramural swimming semi-finals and Alpha Tau Omega reached the quarter-finals in the fraternity division, last night at Glenland pool.

Alpha Tau Omega defeated Beta Sigma Rho, 31-10.

ATO took first places in every event except the 60-yard breaststroke. Ed Schwar was victorius in the 60-yard freestyle. His teammate Carl Tongburg won the 60-yard backstroke and Bill Pinder was high man in the diving competition.

ATO's 120-yard relay team of Art Wiel, Bill Buer, Schwar and Harry Sloat took the final victory of the night for the winners. Max Perlmutter was the only Beta Sigma Rho swimmer to take a first place, he won the 60-yard breaststroke.

In a much closer meet, Jordan II beat the Hamilton Wildcats, 25-15. The meet was tied going into the 120-yard relay, but the relay team of Jordan II rose to the occasion as the quartet of Al Hall, Don Brubaker, Don Paxton and Dick Keber swam to victory.

Jordan II also copped victories in the free style and backstroke. Chal Crease took the free style and Brubaker won the backstroke for the victors.

Fred Shaver won a first in the breaststroke and Ed Rose was the victor in the diving for the losing Hamilton Wildcats.

The Nittany Mermen won their meet against the Corn Grinders by forfeit.

McKee, Watts Take Cage Wins, Fowlers Set New Keg Mark

McKee II, Watts I, and the Studniks each won their third intramural basketball games of the season Monday night at Recreation Hall.

McKee II beat the Jordan Jaguars, 22-13; Watts I walloped Jordan II, 66-14; and the Studniks defeated Pollock 4, 26-7.

In other indie action, the McKee Royals won over McKee 3-4, 29-18; McKee 1 edged the Vikings, 25-22 and Pollock 6 beat Penn Haven, 38-7.

Fowl 4-and-1's five hard rolling keglers bowled their way to a new alley and league record Monday night during Independent League A intramural action.

The match—in which the Fowls won over the Hamilton Hornets 4-0—contained three games with scores 955, 876, 980 for a record total of 2815.

League A winners: McKee II, Ten Pins, Pollock II, R.R.R., and the Vets.

League B winners: Brats, Dark Horses, Gutterballers, Zeros, Jordan II, and the Aces.

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