

9 Games to Open IM Football Tourney Tonight

By JOHN BLACK

Eighteen teams will kick off the opening of the intramural touch football tournament this evening on the IM fields on the golf course.

Nine games are scheduled on the three turfs, with both fraternity and independent teams seeing action in the initial encounters of the season.

Three games will be played simultaneously as Pi Kappa Phi meets Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Gamma Rho engages Delta Theta Sigma and Sigma Pi faces Alpha Phi Delta at 6:30.

The second flight, starting at 7:30, pits Phi Kappa Sigma against Alpha Tau Omega in the fraternity division, while the Terrors play Nittany 24 and the Rockets challenge Femmegems in the independent bid-lifters.

Nittany 34 faces Paradise 39, the Eels encounter Nittany 23, and the Diggers pit their prowess against the Nittany Lions at 8:30 p.m. in the final three frays of the evening.

A total of 102 teams will compete in 20 leagues aligned by intramural coordinator,

"Dutch" Sykes. The fraternity division slates 49 entrants in 10 leagues while the independents' 53 squads are distributed in another 10 leagues.

In the first phase of the grid-iron tournament each team will play every other team in its league once. The squad with the best won-lost record in each league will engage in a single-elimination play-off within its division to determine the trophy winners.

The fraternity winners will claim for their house a permanent trophy plus valuable points in the fraternity sports

competition. Each member of the independent champion team will be awarded a sterling silver medal.

Last year Alpha Sigma Phi captured the fraternity championship while the Timites, a team composed of town independent men, annexed the independent crown.

The intramural fields are 80 yards long and 40 yards wide with white chalk lines marking off 20-yard zones. To gain a first down, the offensive team must cross the next succeeding chalk line.

IM grid rules call for nine-

man teams and allow no heavy blocking or charging and only one forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage.

Three referees officiate each game, controlling the play and calling infractions of the rules. Graduate and undergraduate students who are serving as officials were instructed in the execution of their jobs at a critique last night held by Sykes.

"We're looking for a good season if the weatherman permits," Sykes said. "Tonight is a big starter."



PAT BOTULA

Botula Unanimous Choice As 'Player of the Week'

Junior fullback Pat Botula was unanimously selected as "Player of the Week" in a press poll conducted by the Daily Collegian Sports Department. The poll will be conducted each week among five members of the Penn State press family.

The selectors are WMAJ sports-caster Mickey Bergstein, Sports Public Information Director Jim Tarman, Centre Daily Times sports editor Ron Fields, Collegian sports editor Lou Prato and associate sports editor Matt Mathews.

Besides being the pick of the five, Botula was the unanimous selection of the press corps at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.

Another of the biggest boosters of his performance Saturday was Lion alumni secretary Ridge Riley, an expert sports analyst on the Penn State scene for many years.

In his interpretive Alumni Newsletter, Riley tabbed Botula as the Lion's "bread and butter" man.

Riley further commented: "His performance was the bright light of a dismal afternoon. Most of Botula's gains (he carried the ball 27 times) were made from the 'inside belly play' as it is inelegantly called."

Head coach Rip Engle went Riley one better and said Botula "looked like an All-American. He was terrific, not only in his running but also his blocking and defensive work. Had he had a block on a couple of plays, he would have gone all the way."

Looking at Botula's statistics, it is easy to see why he was a unanimous choice. Not only did he carry the ball the most (27 times), but he by far outgained any other individual with 122 yards to his credit.

His 122 yards was only one short of the modern Penn State ground gaining record for fullbacks. The record was set by Paul Anders against Boston University in 1951.

He even surpassed the marks by Franny "Up the Middle" Rogel. But Rogel still holds one—he carried the ball 31 times in one game in comparison to Botula's 27 trips.

Bohart to Miss Penn Contest; Schleicher May Also Be Out

The injury nemesis which has hampered Penn State's football team since the start of pre-season drills will keep one and possibly two first team veterans out of the lineup against Penn Saturday.

Tackle Joe Bohart will definitely miss the scrap because of a severely sprained right ankle. But end Maury Schleicher, who is suffering from a charley horse in his thigh, may be ready for the Quakers. Both injuries occurred in that 14-7 holocaust against Nebraska last Saturday.

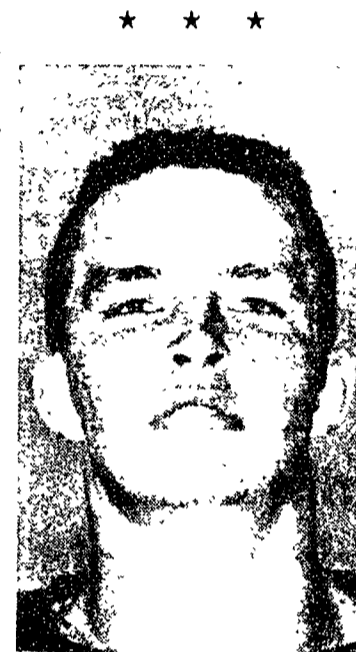
"Bohart may even miss the Army game," team doctor Alfred Griess said yesterday. "He's on crutches now and won't practice at all this week. Just how he'll be next week is another story. However, the X-rays of his ankle showed no breaks, so maybe that's a lucky sign."

Schleicher's charley horse kept him out of contact drills for the past two days, but Coach Rip Engle thinks the massive terminal will be ready by Saturday. If not, sophomore Stu Barber will step into his slot on the first unit.

Bohart, who according to Penn State's coaches was the Lions' outstanding lineman against the Cornhuskers, will be replaced by junior Chuck Janerette. Janerette saw some action with the starting team Saturday after Bohart was injured in the third period.

"We're going to miss Bohart," Engle said very dejectedly. "He was our best lineman both offensively and defensively against Nebraska. In fact, he was the only one of our linemen that played well the whole game."

With Janerette moving up, Engle



Joe Bohart ... suffers bad sprain

now finds himself with the chore of finding another tackle for his alternate alignment. It will probably be 6-4, 205-pound junior Jim

Zaino, who last week understudied starter Andy Stynchula and Tom Mulraney at left tackle.

Sophomore Jim Schwab will probably take Barber's spot as the second team end if Schleicher is unable to play.

However, Engle isn't sure what he'll do. "Do I have a second unit now?" he said sardonically yesterday. "With all those injuries, I'm lucky to field one sound team let alone two."

One bright spot in all this pessimism is the return of veteran Andy Moconyi. Moconyi, last year's starting right halfback who was transferred to fullback this fall, missed the Nebraska opener because of a badly twisted knee. He is working out in full equipment for the first time in two weeks and will probably be ready for the Philadelphia rival.

Two other men who missed the Cornhusker tilt are also expected to play, including sophomore scabback Jim Kerr. Kerr made the trip to Nebraska over the weekend but an overnight flu development forced him to the sidelines. Tackle John Sava was absent because of leg and arm ailments, but he is being counted on this weekend.

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