

Botula Sidelined for 3 Weeks

Nittanies Expect Return Of Schleicher, Bohart

Two Penn State regulars who missed the 43-0 rout over Penn last Saturday because of injuries will probably return to action this weekend when the Lions face fifth-ranked Army at West Point.

End Maury Schleicher and tackle Joe Bohart weren't needed in the onslaught over the Quakers, but their presence in the lineup Saturday should give the rebounding Nittanies a big lift.

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Ruslavage Picked 'Player of Week'

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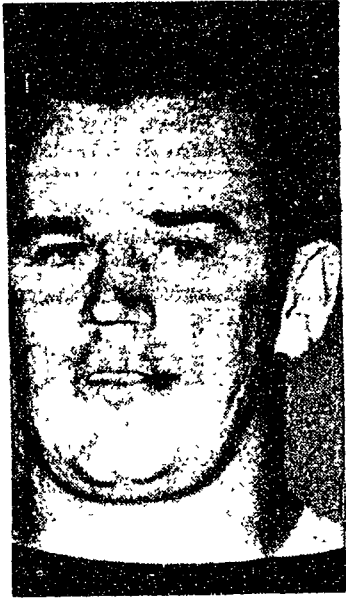
The 43-0 victory over Penn was so much a team effort—with nearly everybody playing a great game—that the Penn State sports family had an exceptionally hard time of coming up with the "Player of the Week." Of the five votes cast, only two agreed on the same athlete—guard Chuck Ruslavage.

The offensive guard and linebacker received the votes of Centre Daily Times sports editor Ron Field and WMAJ sportscaster Mickey Bergstein.

In making the admittedly tough pick, Field commented: "All our backs and our line looked good. What swayed my vote is that I try to keep track of the tackles during the game and most of the time I was writing down 'Ruslavage'."

The sports voice of WMAJ, Bergstein, said he favored Ruslavage and picked Al Jacks as the outstanding back.

University sports publicist Jim Tarman pointed out that Ruslavage was also the outstanding lineman pick in the Penn press box Saturday. "Even though all our backs were outstanding Saturday," commented Tarman, "the consensus seemed to be that the line won the game for us. That's why I think Ruslavage is a good pick for the top player. He was good on offense and particularly outstanding on defense."



Chuck Ruslavage

Ruslavage had his own opinions of the line play. This writer was kidding him that he hadn't made any "flying tackles" like the picture in Saturday's Collegian. He shot back with, "You don't have to make flying tackles when the ends and tackles set up clear shots for the linebackers like they did Saturday."

Alumni executive secretary Ridge Riley picked Steve Garban, Collegian sports editor Lou Prato picked Pat Botula and this writer chose Dave Kasperian.

Riley based his selection on Garban's field play and mainly his job off the field as captain. "Steve provided the Lions with really fine leadership when they needed it more than anything else," commented the sportsman who has analyzed Penn State athletics for over 20 years.

"My choice was between Garban and Ruslavage," continued Riley, "and Garban's special leadership after the Nebraska loss swayed my decision."

In picking Botula, sports editor Prato felt Botula looked "twice as good against Penn as he did against Nebraska when he won the 'Player of the Week' honor. And this time he had more blocking ahead of him."

Schleicher will definitely start against the Cadets but Bohart may only see limited reserve duty. Schleicher dressed for the Penn tussle but was held out in order to give his thigh time to heal. He had been suffering from a painful charley horse.

Bohart's status is questionable, although Coach Rip Engle is hoping for the giant lineman's return. Bohart injured his right ankle against Nebraska almost two weeks ago and was on crutches most of last week. He will give his ankle the acid test this afternoon when he dons full equipment for the first time since the injury.

Despite the optimism over the return of the two veterans, there is pessimism in the Lion camp over the injury to fullback Pat Botula. Botula suffered a very bad elbow sprain against Penn and will be forced to the sidelines for at least three weeks.

"I think that's the minimum time he'll miss," team doctor Alfred Griess said yesterday. "With the type of injury he has, he could be out even longer. Our X-rays showed no broken bones, but I'm pretty sure from the way he acted that the elbow was dislocated and then jumped back into place."

Botula's injury is a tough blow for the Lions for the power-running line-smasher had been Penn State's leading ground gainer in both games—rolling for a total of 194 yards in 42 carries for a 4.6 average per game. He had also caught two passes for 13 yards.

Senior Andy Moconyi, a regular at right half last year, will replace Botula in the starting fullback slot. Moconyi was on the injury list earlier this year with a twisted ankle. He missed the Nebraska game, but off his performance against Penn, no ill-effects were suffered. He rushed for 40 yards against the Quakers, carrying 11 times for a 3.7 average per trip.

LaX Club Will Meet

The Penn State Lacrosse Club will meet at 7 tonight at Phi Kappa Sigma.

All lacrosse players, including freshmen, are invited to the meeting.

Sophomores Excel In Harrier Workout

Sophomores Herm Weber and Denny Johnson turned in impressive performances in the varsity cross-country team's second time trial last Friday on the University golf course.

The workout was termed "satisfactory" by varsity Coach Chick Werner. The time trials were held on what Werner called "the worst type of weather for cross-country running"—a hot, humid day.

Ed Moran, Weber and Dick Engelbrink finished first over the 4-mile course in 21:06—two seconds slower than the 21:04 turned in by Moran, Engelbrink, Fred Kerr, and Clem Schoenebeck at the second time trial last fall. Johnson took fourth in 21:09, after dropping back from the

Navy, 22-33, over the Middies' 4-mile course. This week's race will be five miles.

Norm Gordon's frosh harriers got off to an impressive start with a 2 1/4-mile time trial. Steve Moorhead, state high school Class "A" mile champion and brother of 1955 cross-country Captain Doug Moorhead, and Mike Miller, Class "A" champion at 880 yards, tied for first in 10:48.

Fred Larson, Class "B" mile champion, crossed the finish line ten seconds later in 10:58.

Fred Thorwart finished fourth in 11:37, followed one second later by Dave LaHoff, a second semester freshman. Among the other high finishers in the freshman group were Herb Carver in 11:44 and Larry Millhouse in 11:53.

The Lion cubs will open the season Saturday in a 2.7 mile test against the Navy Plebes at Annapolis, Md.



Herm Weber

... promising sophomore

leaders on the final mile. Capt. Kerr finished fifth in 21:20—16 seconds slower than his time last fall.

Junior Chick King was the only letterman to improve on last year's time. He completed the course in 21:47—five seconds faster than last fall.

The three remaining veterans also failed to better their times. George Jones and Jack Williams went from 22:09 to 22:31 and 22:47 respectively. Sam White slipped from 22:18 to 22:35.

Werner singled out sophomores Weber and Johnson as the most impressive performers. He said that considering the weather conditions, he was neither overly impressed or disappointed with the performance of the rest of the team.

The varsity opens the season Saturday with a dual meet against Navy at 1 p.m. on the University golf course.

Last fall, the Lion varsity beat

Ex-Coach In Hall of Fame

Bob Higgins, former Penn State football coach, was one of ten new members added to the Helms Athletic Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

This is the second such honor for Higgins. He previously had been elected to the National College Football Hall of Fame.

Higgins will have his name engraved on the Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, the international sports shrine, in Los Angeles.

Other coaches honored with Higgins include Charlie Bachman, Matty Bell, Frank Cavanaugh, Charley Caldwell, "Scrappy" Moore, Frank Murray, Homer Norton, E. L. "Dick" Romney and Francis Schmidt.

Wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel is the only other Lion coach in the Helms Hall of Fame. He was elected last year.

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