

The Sportseer



National Grid Loop Seen for Future

By Lou Prato
Sports Editor

"That (All-American) Conference has been in the wind for the last five years," the dignified-looking gentleman sitting across the desk was saying. "Some times our name comes up in connection with it and other times it doesn't. But there's no question of its value. It would benefit all schools that belong."

The man leading the conversation was Dean Ernest B. McCoy, Penn State's director of athletics. He was talking about the proposed national football league involving a tie-up of such eminent independent grid powers as Army, Navy, Notre Dame, Pitt, UCLA, Southern California and Miami.

"Right now, the conference is still in the planning stages," my debonair host continued, "but when we get it down on the table it won't be up to any individual. In fact, I'd only be a link between the President and the Board of Trustees. The conference dream is higher than the athletic director. But it would be a wonderful thing and I would be all for it."

"Is it true that only the approval of the service academies are needed for the conference to be formalized?" asked the inquisitive newshound.

"That I can't say," the Dean replied. "But I do know that the military academies—that is Army, Navy and the Air Force—must get the approval of their academic lord, superintendent and—I assume—the secretary of that particular department in Washington."

"But even if the three academies said 'yes' tomorrow, the conference couldn't be formalized until about 1964 or 1965 because of schedules. And while I'm speaking of schedules, I might add that the conference would almost automatically eliminate the scheduling problem of the schools. It would give us a spring board to get four or five other top teams."

"But isn't our schedule now being made to coordinate with the new conference?" the reporter asked. "I mean, I know we have already scheduled teams mentioned in the conference."

"You are right, in a way," the silver-haired host answered. "We have scheduled many of the schools whose names are mentioned, but not with the

idea of a conference in mind. It's just that we had the opportunity to schedule some top teams and we did. Right now we have most of our schedules through 1964 filled, and some of the teams included are Army, Navy, Pitt, California, Oregon, Miami and UCLA. But as I said, we just had the opportunity to pick them up."

"Something else I want to add," McCoy said. "Before the conference can be formalized, all the schools would have to become compatible in regard to entrance requirements, academic standing, eligibility rules and so forth."

"There's also rumors that when the conference does begin play, the winner will meet the Big Ten champion for the Rose Bowl title New Years Day. Is this true?"

"It's only newspaper talk," the affable athletic scholar answered. "The committee that puts on the Rose Bowl has no tie-up whatsoever with any school. What they have done is put two conferences with equal eligibility rules together. (Big Ten and Pacific Coast.) I don't know what the committee would do if the (All-American) Conference were formed."

"Now, if Penn State does join the conference," the interrogator said, "wouldn't we have to speed up our recruiting program? I mean, wouldn't we have to give more scholarships?"

"I don't think so," McCoy replied. "We have a fine recruiting program right now. We get just as many good boys as any other school. Besides, numbers isn't the necessary answer. Sure it's noticed when you run into injuries, but everyone has injuries."

"When you examine the records, as I have, you will find that in a very tight ball game only 27 or 28 boys get into the game. Numbers are only for insurance. Why, one of our best teams was two years ago when we had only 49 boys available from first team on down."

Four Changes in Lineup

Lion Booters to Host Syracuse at 10 Today

By SANDY PADWE

Syracuse University's Orangemen will provide the opposition this morning as the Nittany Lion soccer team shoots for its second victory in three outings. Game time is set for 10 a.m. at Beaver Field.

Penn State soccer fans will see the Lion Coach Kenny Hosterman send a revamped lineup into today's game. Four main changes have been made since the Lions opened with a 7-1 conquest of Bucknell two weeks ago.

Most of the switches involve the forward wall where Hosterman has juggled three positions. In the main forward line switch, Hosterman's wings—Loren Kline and Pete Wadsworth moved to opposite sides. Wadsworth will operate at right wing and Kline will be at the left flank.

Hosterman plans to start sophomore Fran Manley at center forward. He takes over for Julius Besoushko who was moved to the alternate fullback slot. Manley played inside on last year's freshman squad, but moved to center forward this year at Hosterman's request.

"He's helping the forward line quite a bit," said Hosterman. "Fran is very good at setting up the insides and that is what we need."

The other big switch involves the fullbacks. There, Hosterman will start Wayne Rodgers in place of Mike Ackley. Rodgers made good on his bid for a starting job when he turned in a strong performance last week at West Chester.

The rest of the Lion team will be the same as it was in the home opener against Bucknell two weeks ago. Mike Stollmeyer and Bill Fiedler, Penn State's leading scorers, will lineup at the inside positions.

Fiedler leads the Nittanians in scoring with four goals. With seven games remaining he still has a chance to break the all-time Penn State scoring record of 25 goals set by Dick Packer in



Mike Stollmeyer
... high scoring inside

1955. He scored 20 last year.

The halfbacks remain unchanged. Bill Rierson is the center half and he is flanked by Herby Hertner (RH) and Gary Miller (LH).

Lining up alongside Rodgers at fullback is Paul Bauer. The third

member of the defensive trio will be goalie Jerry Bruce.

Syracuse will be seeking its first victory over a Penn State team coached by Hosterman. Last year the Lions mauled the Orangemen, 12-1.

Syracuse is relying mainly on sophomores this year. Syracuse coach Pete Cataldi expects to start four or five sophs. The Orange offense, however, is built around letterman Ted Koppel. Koppel was one of the leading scorers on last year's Orange squad. He scored the lone goal that Syracuse tallied against the Lions last year.

Penn State Lineup:

- (OL) Loren Kline—10
- (IL) Mike Stollmeyer—11
- (CF) Fran Manley—9
- (IR) Bill Fiedler—5
- (OR) Pete Wadsworth—4
- (RH) Herby Hertner—3
- (CH) Bill Rierson—12
- (LH) Gary Miller—3
- (RF) Paul Bauer—44
- (LF) Wayne Rodgers—28
- (G) Jerry Bruce—30

Substitutes—

- Jim Hockenbrock (27)
- Gene Raiford (16)
- Mike Ackley (22)
- Tony Mattei (15)
- Julius Besoushko (6)
- Bill Glatz (25)



McCoy

"Too many boys," continued the gentle department chief, "leads to red shirting, and that's something I'm against. (Red shirting means holding a player from intercollegiate competition for one year, but still keeping his four years (Continued on page ten)

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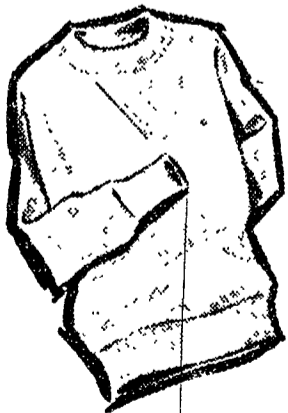
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