

Lucas Nominated Player of the Week

Richie Lucas nearly received the unanimous vote of the five Penn State sportsmen for the "Player of the Week" selection, but unpredictable Ridge Riley called sophomore Sam Sobczak the man of the day.

Only one player—Pat Botula for his performance against Nebraska—was a unanimous choice in the five weeks of voting in The Daily Collegian poll.

Lucas won the votes of Collegian sports editor Lou Prato, associate sports editor Matt Mathews, Centre Daily Times sports editor Ron Field and WMAJ sportscaster Mickey Bergstein. Field and Mathews cast an electronic vote—they watched the game on television due to conflicting newspaper commitments.

Although Riley was the only selector to pick Sobczak as the top



RICHIE LUCAS

man, his companions all praised the sophomore fullback for his outstanding offensive role.

"He had a pretty tough assignment of handling the starting fullback assignment," commented Riley, "He proved to be the spark that got us away on the two opening TD drives that started the scoring barrage. And he was also the leading ground gainer (with 74 yards in 15 carries)."

In the voting for Lucas, Prato commented, "There isn't any question in my mind that Lucas deserves the (Player-of-the-Week) honor. He played one of the best games in his career. His play-calling and team leadership were tremendous. And his running was outstanding."

"I'd have to rate Sam Sobczak next in line," said Prato. "Sam did a great job, not only in running but also in blocking and defensive work. He's going to give Botula and Moconyi a fight for that first team fullback spot against Syracuse."

While praising Lucas' work Saturday, Field then turned his words toward the team effort: "Lucas played an outstanding game at quarterback but I was more pleased with the team effort. They looked real good. They started jelling as a team. In the Marquette (Continued on page eight)

Knee Injury May Keep Sobczak on Sidelines

Chuck Medlar's "Memorial Hospital" was busy again yesterday—just like it has been all football season.

Medlar is Penn State's head athletic trainer, but he might as well be a doctor from the number of injury cases he handles at the Beaver Field training room.

There were seven new patients admitted to Medlar's "Hospital" over the weekend following Penn State's 34-0 romp over Boston University. However, most of the patients only needed dispensary treatment.

Fullback Sam Sobczak, the leading rusher in the BU affair, is the most serious casualty. He's suffering from a twisted knee, and may see only limited action in the tilt with Syracuse Saturday.

If Sobczak does not play, that will leave the Lions with only

two able-bodied fullbacks—Andy Moconyi and Pat Funair. And Moconyi may not be at full strength because of a charley horse suffered a couple of weeks ago. He played only briefly in the BU clash.

The situation may be alleviated if Pat Botula returns. Botula, you may recall, was the team's leading ground gainer in the first two games (Nebraska and Penn) with 187 yards. But an afterwhistle block in the Penn test forced him to the sidelines with a dislocated elbow injury.

"I don't know if he'll be ready or not," team physician Dr. Alfred Griess said. "He won't get any rough work this week at all. But he could be ready for some limited action against Syracuse."

The other first line performers—tackle Andy Stynchula and halfback Jim Kerr—are also on the injury list, but both are expected to be ready for the Big Orange invasion.

Stynchula's ailment is in his achilles tendon and Kerr has a

twisted knee. Both "rested comfortably" yesterday while their teammates ran through a scrimmage with the freshmen.

Halfbacks Don Jonas and Dave Kasperian also sat out the scrimmage. Jonas—the Lions' extra point specialist—has a charley horse in his thigh, but he'll be available Saturday. However, Kasperian may not be. The senior halfback, who has been struck by numerous odd injuries this season, has a pulled calf muscle in his left leg.

Other men receiving treatment this week include end John Bozick (neck), Jim Schwab (ribs) and Maury Schleicher (thigh).

Captain Steve Garban was also injured against BU, suffering a slight concussion in the second quarter. But he has no ill-effect and will play Saturday.



Sobczak

Army Retains Top Spot in Nation

3 Service Teams Make Grid Top 20

Texas, Auburn and Mississippi, voted into the fourth, fifth and sixth spots in the Associated Press college football poll this week, had better have a care. Those spots are exceedingly vulnerable.

As the unbeaten Army powerhouse again was voted the No. 1 spot by the sportswriters and sportscasters, the previous holders of these three positions dropped from the top 10 entirely, all victims in games last Saturday.

Wisconsin lost to Iowa, Michigan State to Purdue and Navy was upset by Tulane.

On the strength of its victory, Iowa jumped from 13th place to seventh this week. Northwestern moved from 17th to eighth as a result of its tremendous showing in trouncing Michigan, and Oklahoma moved up from 11th to ninth, the voters obviously impressed by the Sooners' lop-sided victory over Kansas.

Army received 90 first place votes, 68 more than Louisiana State, which climbed from ninth position to third and was second in the number of votes for the No. 1 position.

Ohio State, moving from third

second, received only 14 votes for the No. 1 spot, but it had tremendous support for the lesser positions in the top 10.

The tie with Georgia Tech was costly to Auburn, which dropped from second a week ago to fifth, right behind Texas. The Longhorns jumped from seventh to fourth.

Only No. 1 Army and No. 10 Clemson retained their positions over a weekend which saw a wave of upsets sweep the nation's gridirons.

Some of the leaders face real trouble this week. An Army team that may be minus its star back, Pete Dawkins, meets a deep and rugged Pittsburgh eleven, and Ohio State takes on a good Wisconsin team which is smarting from its first loss, to Iowa.

Louisiana State takes on Florida, which has won two, tied one and lost one. Texas and Auburn will be favored over Rice and Maryland, respectively, and Mississippi is a top-heavy choice over

Arkansas. Iowa and Northwestern, the No. 7 and No. 8 teams, tangle in what promises to be a thriller, based on the performances of the two teams last week.

The second ten are Notre Dame, Colorado, Wisconsin, Air Force Academy, Purdue, Texas Christian, Georgia Tech, Navy, Mississippi State and Michigan State.

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