

Grandstand Views



Visit With An Old Timer

By Sandy Padwe
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With today's Penn State-V.M.I. game marking the beginning of the end for Beaver Field it's only fitting that we should devote this column to one of Penn State's all-time football greats—"Heff" Hershman.

Hershman played with the Lion team which christened Beaver Field in 1909. On Oct. 2, of that year, "Heff" and his teammates ran all over Grove City, 31-0.

The Lions went undefeated that season, winning five and tying two. Hershman was the fullback on a team which boasted Hall-of-Famer Pete Mauthe, Bull McCleary, Dick Harlow and Larry Vorhis.

"That was some team," Hershman said yesterday afternoon while sitting in the Beaver Field stands watching this year's squad go through a brisk warmup.

Hershman, a mining engineer who has traveled all over the world since leaving State, is back on campus for a visit. "I've been a lot of places," he said, "but this is the best one to come back to."

Getting back to the 1909 team, Hershman went down the list of teams the Lions played and nominated the Carlisle game as best.

"The Indians were always good and Pop Warner had a real outstanding team in 1909. They had Jim Thorpe in the backfield and two great linemen in Wauseka and "Little Old Man."

"Wauseka was as broad as he was tall and Little Old Man was a giant. He was 6-4. Trying to get through them wasn't easy but we did it and went on to win," Hershman said with a smile.

Hershman also listed the Pitt game as another good one that season. "They were our top rival then just like they are now," he said, "and we upset them too."

Asked the inevitable question of comparing today's game with the game of the past, Hershman said the biggest difference was in the attitude and training of players.

"I'm not belittling any of today's players," he said, "but we played a harder brand of ball because we had to. We didn't have the protection and equipment that today's boys have and we didn't have any substitutes. The game then was a lot tougher. When you got knocked out nobody came in, you just stayed in there."

"Another big difference then was the closeness of the players. We were as close as brothers. We slept together, ate together, and did everything together. We used to live in the old track house and we sure had our good times."

"Today all the boys do is practice together for a few hours, eat a meal and go their own ways. It never used to be that way. We knew each other inside and out and our performances showed it."

Hershman lists "Mother" Dunn,



"Heff" Hershman ... welcome back

Mauthe, McCleary and an end named Dex Very as some of the top football players he ever saw. "Both Very and Bull (McCleary) should have been All-Americans but they weren't," Hershman said. "In those days you didn't make All-American if you didn't play for an Ivy-League team."

Hershman failed to say that he received honorable mention on Walter Camp's All-American team three times.

"Yes," the old-timer sighed, "we sure had plenty of fun in those days. We really played for the Glory of Old State."

Sooner Illness Puzzles Medics

CHICAGO (AP) — The sudden illness of a dozen Oklahoma football team members two days before their season's opening game with Northwestern took on an elusive flavor yesterday.

Several of the players became violently ill after they finished a fruit salad ordered with their steak dinners in a Chicago night club Thursday night. Possible contamination of the salads first was suspected because of this.

Sooners To Open With Wildcats

By JACK CLARY

Associated Press Sports Writer Oklahoma, its ranks weakened by an attack of food poisoning Thursday night, goes after a redhot Northwestern football team today as the college football season has its first full Saturday.

The Sooners have 12 players, including five first stringers, on the sick list. Six players, including first team quarterback Bobby Boyd, co-captain and tackle Gilmer Lewis and first string center Jim Davis spent Thursday night in a Chicago hospital and were kept in bed yesterday.

Two other starters, co-captain Brewster Hobby and Jimmy Carpenter, both halfbacks, were also stricken but did not require hospitalization.

Coach Bud Wilkinson said he expected all 12 to see action after keeping them under physician's care yesterday with intravenous feeding and complete rest.

The Sooners, ranked second in the Associated Press poll, are banking on fullback Prentice Gault, who was not one of those affected, to carry their offensive load in the nationally televised game NBC-TV, 3:30 p.m. EDT.

Northwestern, a Big Ten team which matured last year as sophomores, will counter with its offensive twins, quarterback Dick Thornton and halfback Ron Burton.

Louisiana State, top ranked in the first week's Associated Press poll and in the pre-season rankings, plays ninth-ranked Texas Christian tonight in Baton Rouge, La. Both were victors in opening tilts last week. LSU put on a second-half drive to beat Rice 26-3 and TCU struggled past Kansas 14-7.

LSU performed before a National TV audience and there were grumblings throughout the week that the Bayou Bengals and their famed three platoons didn't show what was expected after the big build-up. Coach Paul Dietzel thought so too and has warned of severe shakeups if the Tigers don't untrack themselves.

TCU, last year's Southwest Conference champ and a co-favorite with Southern Methodist this year, has big Jack Spikes to lead the attack and tackle Don Floyd to help stop LSU. The Horned Frogs are 10 point underdogs.

Army No. 7, under new Coach Dale Hall, opens against Boston College. Wisconsin No. 8 begins against Stanford.

Big Ten power Ohio State opens its season at home to Duke and Penn State meets Virginia Military in the South's top inter-sectional games. Georgia plays Vanderbilt and Florida meets Mississippi State in two SEC games.

Lions Booters Open At Bucknell Today

By BILL BARBER

The Penn State soccer team will be looking for a good start on its 16th straight winning season when it takes on the Bucknell Bisons at 1:30 this afternoon on the Bison's home field.

With a starting unit that has exhibited a great amount of potential on the practice field, the Lion booters are hoping to make it 23 straight wins over Bucknell.

The Lions gave a good account of themselves earlier in the week when they whitewashed Lock Haven, 5-0, in a scrimmage game. A point that could further boost the hopes of the Nittany booters for their opening test is that last Saturday Lock Haven downed Bucknell by an 8-4 score.

Heading the Nittany lineup is newly elected captain, Pete Wadsworth, a two-year veteran who plays outside right on the forward line. Handling the other wing slot is Lou Van Rafelghem, a letterman in 1957 who returned to Penn State this season after a year's absence.

Right inside will be taken by junior Gene Raiford, while the left inside position goes to sophomore sensation Howard Fairer.

In the key slot at center forward is Loren Kline, who succeeds Bill Fiedler and Gary Miller at this difficult spot. Miller, however, should be able to return to the lineup next week, according to Hosterman.

Taking over the second line positions up front will be Fred Tappert, Tony Matei, Dick Cuplen, Julius Besousko, and Jim Hockenbrock.

On the halfback slots are juniors, Carlos Artiz, Bill Rierson, and senior, Ed Ackley. While all three starters are seasoned veterans, Coach Hosterman is faced with the serious problem of only three replacements in a position that wears a player down fast. With no sophomore in the halfback unit, Hosterman is left with only senior, Fred Kochey, and juniors, Burnan



Gary Miller ... to miss opener

Bounds and Igor Bak.

Leading the fullback contingent are veteran Wayne Rodgers and Al Nieto, transfer from Venezuela. Two sophomore standouts, Ken Link and Phil Gum, should also see plenty of action in today's game, according to Hosterman.

Also on call for the fullback slots are Dick America, John Miller, Ed Naujoks, and Dave Anderson.

The goaltender's slot is a toss-up between veteran Larry Fegley and sophomore star Dave Grubb. Grubb gained the starting assignment this week when Fegley suffered a slight charleyhorse during practice.



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