

First Half of Season Productive for Gridders

The football season reached the halfway mark last Saturday. And it's been a productive first half for Rip Engle and his Nittany Lions.

The Nittanians have rolled up five straight wins, and are ranked seventh and eighth in the UPI and AP polls respectively.

Looking back over the first five games, Engle attributed the Lion success to good performances by the whole team. "The boys have been tremendous out there so far this year,"

It was learned yesterday that Lion end Dave Truitt will be lost to the squad indefinitely because of an emergency appendectomy operation.

Engle said "It's the easiest team I've ever had to coach. Everyone works hard in both the games and practice sessions and that's what counts."

"Of course we've had plenty of breaks too, but we took advantage of them," continued Engle. "I think the team is improving



Rip Engle

in every game but we still have some weak spots," he said. "Center is one of them. I'm not taking anything away from Jav Huffman and Jim Graham, but

that's still our trouble spot. However, you have to keep in mind that Huffman's only a sophomore and Graham was on the junior varsity last year."

Asked what he thought about the five games coming up, Engle said they'd all be tough. "It's going to take some real football to win all those games. Every team from here on in is really good," said the Lion mentor.

Yesterday Engle moved guard Frank Korbini back to the first unit in place of Bill Popp as the Lions went through a lengthy practice session in preparation for the Illinois game Saturday in Cleveland.

He also moved sophomore center Bob Saul up to the second unit in place of Graham, who has been bothered with a bad chafeyhorse.

GRID NOTES—The Lions have played Illinois just once . . . That game was in 1954 when the Nittanians won, 14-12 . . . Penn State guard Sam Stellatella has developed into an impressive place kicking specialist . . . He's booted 11 extra points in as many tries this year and is 2 for 3 in the field goal department . . . Quarterback Richie Lucas, Penn State's total offense leader, has personally accounted for 629 of the 1,851 yards gained by the Nittany Lions in five games . . .

Chisox, SF Place 6 on AP All-Stars

NEW YORK (AP)—The Chicago White Sox and the San Francisco Giants dominated the 1959 Associated Press major league All-Star team, landing three players each on the squad named yesterday.

Second baseman Nellie Fox, Catcher Sherm Lollar and righthanded pitcher Early Wynn represented the American League champion White Sox. The Giants selected were first baseman Orlando Cepeda, outfielder Willie Mays and lefthanded pitcher Johnny Antonelli.

The rest of the team, chosen by 173 members of the Baseball Writers Association of America participating in the annual poll, lists third baseman Ed Matthews of the Milwaukee Braves, shortstop Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs and outfielders Hank Aaron of the Braves and Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers.

The world champion Los Angeles Dodgers failed to place a man on either the first or second team. So did the New York Yankees.

Fox, named on 165 ballots, was the top individual vote-getter. The balloting for second base was the most one-sided in the poll with runner-up Johnny Temple of the Cincinnati Reds receiving only four votes.

The closest race was at shortstop. Banks drew 88 votes to 85 for Luis Aparicio of the White Sox.

The rest of the second team, in addition to Temple and Aparicio, first base—Frank Robinson, Reds; third base—Ken Boyer, Cardinals; outfield — Harvey Kuenn, Tigers, Rocky Colavito, Indians, and Vada Pinson, Reds; and Jim Landis, White Sox; catcher — Del Crandell, Braves; left-handed pitcher — Warren Spahn, Braves; right-handed pitcher—Sam Jones, Giants.

Argument With Dean Causes Blattner to Quit

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Sportscaster Buddy Blattner confirmed reports yesterday that a personal difference with Dizzy Dean prompted him to resign from a contract said to call for \$75,000 a year.

The 40-year-old former major league infielder said he had asked for and received his release because he no longer wanted to work with Dean, former pitching great.

Blattner said Dean insisted that their sponsor withdraw approval for him to work the National League playoff games between Milwaukee and Los Angeles.

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Players Favor 2 All-Star Tilts

NEW YORK (AP)—Major league players, through representatives Robin Roberts and Harvey Kuenn, informed baseball's Executive Council yesterday they favored two All-Star games next year, provided they are played within four days.

This was one of several proposals submitted by the player representatives involving player-owner relations.

The players were assured that the owners will consider all proposals at their annual winter meeting in Miami Beach next December.

Two All-Star games were played for the first time last season. The first was played in Pittsburgh in July; the second in Los Angeles in August.

If there are two All-Star games next year, the first will be in Kansas City the second Tuesday in July and the next in New York two days later.

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All five games in intramural bowling League A ended with the identical scores of 3-1 Monday night.

Handicaps balanced the scoring to such an extent that the Spartans, with only three men, beat Glenn Road.

The Devils won their decision over Dawson School behind Frank Greenhalgh's 212 high single and 529 triple.

In other action Delaware defeated Slipsticks as Don Miller rolled a 478 series for the winners. Splinters won over Runkle Ram and Bucks House topped Vets.

Despite the handicap, two teams in League B managed to win 4-0 victories. NROTC-1B splintered NROTC-1A due to the offense of Jim Rauch who bowled a 206 high game and a 531 high series. Jim Dawson's 480 triple led the Holy Rollers against the Janitors for the other 4-0 decision.

Eagles Buy Cothren

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles announced yesterday signing of fullback Paige Cothren, second high scorer in the National Football League last year but released before the 1959 season started by Los Angeles.

Cothren, a field goal and extra point kicking specialist, kicked 42 conversions and 14 field goals for the Rams for 84 points, second only to Cleveland's Jimmy Brown in scoring.

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Illinois Scout Previews Big Tilt

By Sandy Padwe
Collegian Sports Editor



Big Steve Susic has been following Penn State's football team for the past five weeks. But it isn't because he's a Lion fan.

Susic is an Illinois scout and his main assignment this year is to "get the book on Penn State." When he packed his

briefcase after the Boston U game and headed toward Champaign-Urbana last weekend it looked more like he had an encyclopedia.

This Saturday the personable Susic finds out just how good a job he did, when the Fighting Illini and the Lions tangle in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium.

Plenty depends on Susic's job—Penn State's 5-0 record, Illinois' 3-1 mark, plus a lot of prestige for the winner.

How does Susic feel about Saturday's game? "Well, I look for a real close ball game," said the Illini scout.

"I think the game will turn into a battle between the lines. Both teams are good upfront but I'm really impressed with that Penn State crew.

"And that Lucas is something," he exclaimed in between gulps of a coke.

"The thing that makes him so good is his intense desire to play this game. He's not just a one-way quarterback, you know, he's as good on defense as anyone. In fact I'd have to rate him as one of the best I've seen."

And that statement takes in quite an area, for Susic has played and coached for college, service and pro teams.

He played his college ball for Illinois and was one of the outstanding backs in the Big Ten during his collegiate career. Then came a hitch in the Air Force where he played on a team with such stars as Glenn Dobbs, a hall-of-famer from Tulsa, and Tom Fears an all-

pro with the Los Angeles Rams. Susic's pro career was spent with the Rams and Detroit Lions. After winding up his playing days, he was head coach at Bradley for two years and backfield coach at Kansas State for three years.

He joined the Illinois coaching staff in January 1958 as backfield coach.

Susic has seen a lot of football in many different sections of the country and he rates Penn State as one of the best Eastern teams he has seen in quite awhile.

"One of the big things we'll have to worry about Saturday in Cleveland is Lucas and his passing," Susic said. "But we've got a few fellows who could give Penn State some trouble in return."

Susic was referring to sophomore quarterback sensation Mel Meyers and junior John Easterbrook. Meyers took over for Easterbrook when the latter cracked a bone in his foot early in the year.

He was the big factor in the wins over Army and Ohio State and did a good job against Minnesota. Easterbrook, who is rated as one of the Big Ten's best signal-

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