

# Nittany Halfback, Urban Nittanies, Syracuse Stars in Classroom Too

By SANDY PADWE

Lady Luck hasn't always been on Jack Urban's side, but the little Penn State halfback has managed to overcome all the obstacles and now is one of the top students and football players on the Penn State campus.

Urban performs quite capably for Rip Engle's unbeaten Nittany Lions on Saturday afternoons, and during the week he does just as well in the classroom.

The Sparks Scholarship Medal which he won this year is proof of his classroom ability while his 12.8 rushing average is proof of his other assets.

The Sparks medal is awarded to the Penn State student who shows the most improvement in his marks from one semester to the next.

The 165-pound halfback won it this fall after boosting a sub "C" to a perfect 4.0.

Urban, who hails from Greensburg, Pa., High School, is in secondary education and majors in mathematics. His all-university average is 3.15.

Urban is a little on the modest side when it comes to talking about his accomplishments, but his coaches aren't.

"Throughout his stay here, Jack's been a real fine credit to our team and the University," Engle said.

Engle continued "We're as proud of his academic achievements as anything he's done on the field. He's really a wonderful boy. You know that he's been hurt quite a bit through his career but that hasn't stopped him from giving us some fine football."

Backfield coach Joe Paterno chipped in from the corner. "Second it," he said, "Jack doesn't have a lot of natural ability, but he makes up for it in desire."

Last year it looked like Urban was on his way to becoming



Jack Urban

an established performer when he broke his arm. He was the star of spring drills last year and looked like a sure bet for a right-halfback post. But this fall he came back and found Eddie Caye, a star two years ago ahead of him.

Caye was out all last year with a knee injury but played like his old self in early practices.

Urban got his big chance in the Colgate game this fall when Caye banged his knee again, and he made the best out of it picking up

70 yards in four carries. He's been alternating with Caye ever since.

Urban attributes his classroom success to not being able "to loaf" and budgeting his time.

"During football season you just can't loaf and you really have to learn to budget your time," he said.

Explaining his success on the field, Urban says that he really loves the sport and eventually would like to go into coaching.

# 'Ole Miss' Seeks To Avenge '58 Loss to L.S.U.

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Louisiana State, No. 1 in the weekly Associated Press college football poll for the 13th straight time, gets a chance to solidify its position Saturday night.

The Bayou Tigers, astride an 18-game winning streak, play powerful Mississippi, the nation's third-ranked team, in a game which should make or break LSU's bid for a second straight national title.

The latest poll of sports writers and broadcasters show that opinions differ widely on who has the

Penn State was ranked seventh this week in the United Press International Poll. The Dunkel Ratings had the Lions in ninth place and Syracuse in second.

best football team in the country, although support for defending champion LSU continues strong.

In the latest balloting, four teams drew more than 1000 points.

LSU, which has won its last two games by shaky 9-0 margins, attracted 71 of the season's record 182 first place votes and received 1556 points on the basis of 10 for a first place vote, nine for second, etc.

Northwestern, with 25 first place votes, was second with 1474 points. Then came Mississippi, 1444, and Texas, 1227.

There weren't many significant changes. Mississippi, which clobbered Arkansas 28-0, replaced Texas in third place. Syracuse and Penn State each moved up a notch. Wisconsin grabbed the No. 10 spot from Arkansas.

The top 10, with first place votes and won-lost records in parentheses:

1. Louisiana State (71) 6-0; 1,556
2. Northwestern (25) 5-0; 1,474
3. Mississippi (46) 6-0; 1,444
4. Texas (6) 6-0; 1,227
5. Syracuse (11) 5-0; 994
6. Southern Calif. (6) 5-0; 758
7. Penn State (6) 6-0; 715
8. Auburn (5) 4-1; 674
9. Georgia Tech (1) 5-1; 344
10. Wisconsin (2) 4-1; 276

## Cadets Will See Game

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Approximately 400 cadets of the senior and junior classes at the Air Force Academy will fly to New York for the Falcons' football game with Army Saturday. An academy spokesman said they will travel in five planes chartered by the Air Force Academy Athletic Assn, a private organization. He said no tax funds will be used to finance the trip.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Mississippi cried "wait 'til next year" after coming out on the short end of a 14-0 football decision to Louisiana State last season. The Rebels get another shot at LSU Saturday night, and they'll never have a better chance.

Rarely, if ever, has a repeat setting been so similar. Last year both teams were unbeaten when they met. LSU won the game that was close statistically and went on to win the national championship.

Come Saturday night another unbeaten but more powerful Ole Miss team tackles undefeated LSU, on the prowl for another national title. LSU ranked first in this week's Associated Press poll and Ole Miss third.

Not only does Ole Miss have a glowing chance for revenge, but the statistics, while often misleading, seem to give the Rebels the edge.

Both teams have come through six games unscathed. While the LSU schedule is more difficult, the Rebels certainly have been more impressive in their triumphs.

Last Saturday is a good case in point. LSU, inspired once again by the play of All-American halfback Bill Cannon, was hard-pressed to down in-and-out Florida 9-0. Mississippi, on the other hand, unfurled a blazing offense in routing tenth-ranked Arkansas 28-0.

Odds makers have installed LSU a one-point favorite for the battle Saturday night.

## Eight IM Teams Bowl Shutouts

Independent IM bowling Monday night in leagues A and B saw eight shutouts recorded as 24 teams competed.

Jim Smiley of the Splinters won individual honors by racking up the highest single-game score, 227. Ray Konesol of the Hi Five rolled the high three-game series, 57. The same Hi Five team turned in the high team score of 873.

In league A 4-0 wins were notched by Bucks House over "300," Spares over Herkumers, Glenn Road over Vets, Splinters over Slipsticks and Dawson Scholars over Delaware Devils defeated Runkle Rams, 3-1.

In league B 4-0 victories were registered by Labache over NROTC-1B, Penn Haven over Errors and King Pins over Janitors. Hi Five beat the Holy Rollers, 3-1 while NROTC-1A topped Stokers and McElwain defeated Tenors by the same score.

## Norman Still Leads In Total Offense

NEW YORK (AP)—Stanford's Dick Norman is still the over-all major college offense leader, but his margin is being reduced steadily by the onrushing Dwight Nichols of Iowa State. Penn State's Richie Lucas is third.

NCAA football statistics released yesterday show that Nichols, the Cyclones' tailback, is just 98 yards behind Norman's total of 1,041 all on passes.

## Varsity 'S' to Initiate New Members Sunday

The Varsity "S" Club will hold its initiation of new members at 10 p.m. Sunday at Phi Kappa Psi, president Blaine O'Connor announced yesterday.

All varsity lettermen desiring to join the club who were unable to attend the meeting last Sunday should contact O'Connor at AD 7-4908 or Bob Szezyler at AD 8-0226 today.

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