

# HC Has Strong Defense

## Crusaders Have 6-1 Season Slate

By SANDY PADWE

Up around Boston and Worcester, football fans aren't talking about Syracuse and the "fizable seven," they're too wrapped up with the weekly feats of Holy Cross' "stingy seven."

The Crusader line, headed by All-American guard candidate Vince Promuto, has held the opposition to 169 yards per game, the sixth best mark in the country.

Only mighty Syracuse, the nation's number one team, was able to run through the Holy Cross defense at will when it posted a 42-6 win over the Crusaders earlier this year.

The loss to Syracuse is the only black mark on the Holy Cross record. Eddie Anderson's boys have won six.

The Crusaders who play Penn State here tomorrow, hold wins over Dartmouth, 31-8; Villanova, 20-0; Dayton, 8-0; Columbia, 34-0; Colgate, 14-12; and Boston University, 17-8.

In those six wins, the "stingy seven" held the opposition to a mere 60 yards rushing per game.

Offensively, Holy Cross, primarily a passing team in recent years, has devised quite a powerful running attack.

Junior halfback Dick Skinner from Jersey City, N.J., is the big gun for the Crusaders. Skinner, the workhorse in the Holy Cross backfield, has gained 446 yards in 85 carries for a 5.2 average.

The other Crusader halfback Kevin Malone, is a speedster and is a breakaway threat at all times. Playing his first year of varsity ball, Malone has a 5.5 rushing average and last weekend had touchdown runs of 52 and 36 yards.

Another breakaway runner, Johnny Allen, alternates with Ma-



**HOLY CROSS COACH** Eddie "Doc" Anderson goes over strategy for the Lion-Crusader game tomorrow with his two star linemen, Captain Charlie Pacumens (86) and All-America guard candidate Vince Promuto (65). The high-flying Crusaders have lost only to Syracuse and will bring a 6-1 record into the contest which will signal the end of 50 years of gridiron action on Beaver Field.

lone. Allen is third in rushing for the Crusaders and he demonstrated his peed when he ran back a punt 75 yards against Boston U last Saturday.

At fullback, Holy Cross has last year's starter John Esposito and sophomore Bill Clark.

Clark, considered one of the finest prospects in Holy Cross history, was hampered by injuries until last week when he started against BU and racked up 67 yards in 11 carriers.

The Holy Cross quarterback will be Ken Komodzinski, a senior from Buffalo, N.Y. Komodzinski took over for Dick O'Brien when O'Brien was injured in the Dayton game and forced out of the lineup for the rest of the season.

Komodzinski has passed for 361 yards this fall in 47 attempts. Behind him is junior Terry Byron. The Holy Cross starting line-

up from end to end averages a little below 220 pounds.

Promuto from the Bronx, N.Y., is the top lineman and is very much in the running for All-American honors.

He is very agile for his size, 215, and is a fine tackler and an outstanding blocker. A real ball-hawk, he recovered eight fumbles against Boston College as a sophomore.

Tom Henehan, a senior letterman will probably get the starting nod at the other guard spot.

At end the Crusaders have five lettermen, including captain Charley Pacunas.

Pacunas, however, may not start Saturday because of an elbow injury received last weekend.

The tackles are lettermen Charley Benoit (220), Joe Lucido (225), and Bob Taubman (235).

The center is Ken Desmarais, a 215-pound junior from Chichester Falls, Mass. Desmarais will probably play a good portion of (Continued on page 8)

## Frosh End Grid Season At Army

Coach Earl Bruce's freshman footballers will place their winning 2-1 record in jeopardy when they tangle with the Army plebes at West Point this afternoon in their last game of the '59 season.

Although they have lost to both the Boston University frosh and the Syracuse yearlings, the Army plebes are reported to have a strong club. They came within two points of beating the Syracuse aggregation that has been touted as one of the best Orange freshman teams in years.

"They have a good passing attack," reported Bruce. "They threw 22 against Syracuse and gained most of their yardage through the air, while losing 16-14."

Cammy Lewis, the son of the West Virginia coach, Art "Pappy" Lewis, is playing quarterback for the West Pointers and may be out to seek vengeance for the Mountie varsity's loss to Penn State.

Coach Bruce plans to let as many of the Nittany boys as possible pick up some experience this afternoon and has named dual starters at some positions.

Speedy Junior Powell may get the nod over Chris Weber at the right halfback slot and Ed Bambury will share the left half chores with Bud Torris. Either Steve Williams or Joe Blasenstein will get the call at center.

The rest of the line will be the same as last week. Bernie Sabol and Frank Waresak will handle the guard positions while Harrison Rosedahl and Charlie Raisig, hero of the Navy game when he kicked the winning field goal, are slated to start at tackle. (Continued on page seven)

## Unbeaten Powers Face Tough Game

By The Associated Press

Syracuse, the new No. 1 team in the nation, appears to have the easiest job of the four major perfect record teams in remaining unbeaten for another week.

Rugged Texas Christian is anxious to test Texas' No. 2 rating. Southern California must play an in-and-out Baylor team that only lost to Texas by one point. North Texas State bumps into a Tulsa team that is beginning to roll after a slow start.

Syracuse's bowl-bound powerhouse meets a Colgate team that just managed to break a losing streak last week against Bucknell.

It will be interesting to see how Louisiana State and Northwestern, both knocked out of the perfect record class last week, react against Mississippi State and Michigan State, respectively.

One of the big games of the day will be played at Memphis where the Tennessee giant killers (No. 9), who have knocked off both Auburn and LSU among others, tangle with Mississippi (No. 5), a 7-3 loser to LSU after a bitter struggle.

Bowl promoters will be watching the results and scanning their scouts' reports on a number of games in all sections.

Georgia, still unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference, must get past Auburn on Saturday and Georgia Tech Nov. 28 to unseat an LSU team that has clear sailing ahead.

The Penn State team that gave Syracuse such a battle last week takes on Holy Cross. Boston College plays Boston University.

Army invades Oklahoma while Navy starts to get ready for its Nov. 28 game with Army by taking on George Washington.

## Fox Selected American MVP

ST. THOMAS, Pa. (AP)—Nellie Fox, peppery second baseman of the pennant-winning Chicago White Sox, was selected as the American League's Most Valuable Player for 1959.

Fox, Luis Aparicio and pitcher Early Wynn swept the first three places in the annual valuable player poll for their parts in leading the Sox to their first pennant in 40 years.

Fox, 31, received 295 points from the 24-man selection committee of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America. Aparicio polled 255 points and Wynn 123.

Other major vote receivers were Rocky Colavito and Tito Francona of Cleveland, Al Kaline of Detroit, Jim Landis of Chicago and Harvey Kuenn of the Tigers. Sherm Lollar of the White Sox and Jackie Jensen, Boston, last year's MVP, rounded out the top 10.

Fox, a consistent, line drive type hitter, was honored as much for his defensive play as for his ability to produce the clutch hit. He handled 827 chances with only 10 errors for a .988 fielding average. He belted 191 hits for a .306 average.

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