

# Kochman Placed On Doubtful List for Pitt

Penn State halfback Roger Kochman yesterday was placed on the "very doubtful list" for the Pitt game this weekend by team physician Alfred H. Griess.

The sensational sophomore, who ran a kickoff back 100 yards against Syracuse, injured his left knee in the Holy Cross game last Saturday and as of last night the injury was not responding to treatment.

Kochman has been limited to jogging exercises the last two days. After practice yesterday Kochman said his knee felt better and added "that's not saying much."

Kochman's loss would be a tough blow for the Nittany Lions who are eyeing a post-season bowl.

Dick Hoak has been running at his old left halfback post in place of Kochman.

Hoak was a regular there until Kochman ran wild against West Virginia Dick Pae, who plays both right and left half, will move into the second unit left half slot.

Pae was going great until the Illinois game when he suffered a slight concussion. He missed the West Virginia game and didn't play much against Syracuse.

But he showed his old form in the Holy Cross tilt and will probably see plenty of action Saturday.

Pae has the third highest rushing average on the squad. He's carried 35 times for 161 yards and a 4.6 average. Kochman has gained 167 yards in 15 carries for an 11.1 average.

Hoak is high on the list too, with 218 yards gained in 64 carries, an average of 3.4 yards per carry.

The rest of the Lion squad is healthy for Saturday's all-important tilt with the Panther which has Penn State coach Rip Engle plenty worried.

"Beset with some key injuries, such as those to Norton Seaman



DICK PAE

... versatile halfback

and Jim Cunningham, John Michelosen has turned in one of the better coaching jobs of the season," Engle said.

"People should remember," Engle said, "that two of Pitt's four losses, to Southern Cal and Syracuse, came at the hands of teams ranked in the nation's top ten all season long, and another was to a fine TCU team which

only last week knocked Texas from the unbeaten."

The Lions wore gloves again in their workout last night as freezing weather continued to hamper drills.

The Nittanies will work out on Beaver Field today and tomorrow and will make the trip to Pitt by bus after Friday's practice.

—SANDY PADWE

# Werner Sees Rise Of U.S. Distancemen

By DICK GOLDBERG

The United States may be on the long road back to supremacy in the distance runs, according to Penn State cross country coach Chick Werner.

"Never before have the times in the IC4A championships been so low," Werner said. Seventeen men broke the 25-minute mark. The average, up to this date, was about five.

"This indicates," Werner added, "that the runners in the U.S. are becoming more adept at the distance game."

For the past 25 years, the United States has lagged further and further behind European nations in producing distance runners. Such stars as Finland's Paavo Nurmi and Czechoslovakia's Emil Zaptopek have dominated the sport.

The only American to break the monopoly in the past years has been Penn State's Horace Ashenfelter who won the 3000-meter steeplechase in the 1952 Olympics.

Even the top runners who have competed for American colleges have been so-called "foreign imports." Examples are Ron Delany of Ireland, who ran for Villanova and Jim Bailey of Australia, who ran for Oregon.

However, Werner does not think that the use of foreign imports will have a bad effect. "Forddy Kennedy of Michigan State, who is of Canadian descent, has been setting the pace in cross country for the last three years. In order to catch up to Kennedy, American runners had to increase their pace and decrease their time," the Lion mentor said.

He also cited other runners — Jon Macy of Houston and, in the future, Penn State's own Gerry Norman as foreign runners who will cause American runners to sharpen their talents.

As an example, Werner points out the performance of the Lion's Dick Engelbrink in the IC4A's. Engelbrink finished in third place with a time of 24:12. This was approximately one minute better

than any time he has previously recorded.

"Englebrink was pushing to keep up with Kennedy, who captured first place in 23:50.8, and thus was spurred to his best time," the Lion coach stated.

Thus, Werner feels that if the present trend in American distance running is maintained, it won't be too long before the U.S. can again challenge the USSR and other European countries for distance run domination.

## Allison Given Rookie Honors

BOSTON (AP) — Bob Allison, the Washington Senators' big, muscular center fielder, yesterday was named the American League rookie of the year for 1959.

It was the second year in a row that Washington's center fielder had been chosen for the honor by the Baseball Writers Assn. of America, and Allison forced the 1958 winner, Albie Pearson, out of his position.

Pearson was traded to Baltimore this season after the 6-foot-3 210-pound Allison had secured the center field job.

Allison, a former fullback for the University of Kansas, easily outdistanced Cleveland's Jim Perry and Russ Snyder of Kansas City in the balloting by a 24-man committee of the baseball writers. He polled 18 votes, Perry had 5 and Snyder 1.

Allison, 25, is now playing in the Cuban Winter League.

"It's terrific," he said in Havana. "It's something I always dreamed of if I got a chance in the majors. I'm really thrilled."

## AP Picks Nittanies, Wildcats, Trojans

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Form charts are the same at the start or the end of the season—always unreliable—so here are the week's considered football picks.

Wisconsin 25 Minnesota 7: The Badgers from Wisconsin had a late start, but they finish like gangbusters.

Tennessee 14 Kentucky 7: Remember when the Wildcats used to upset some of Tennessee's greatest teams? Not this time.

Harvard 13 Yale 10: Ravenel is a name associated with riverboat gamblers, and Ivy League upsets.

Northwestern 20 Illinois 7: The Wildcats make up for two costly losses.

Southern California 25 UCLA 7: The Trojans have learned football is a rough game—they just don't step on your face, they pivot.

Oklahoma 33 Iowa State 7: Coach Bud Wilkinson adds some salve to one of his worst years.

Louisiana State 18 Tulane 14: Another game steeped in tradition and unpredictable, but we like LSU at home.

Penn State 19 Pittsburgh 14: Richie Lucas outshines Ivan Tomic in a bitterly fought game.

Iowa 23 Notre Dame 18: The Fighting Irish are still a bit young to play such grown-ups.

Southern Methodist 14 Baylor 0: Still stringing along with the Mustangs.

The others:

### FRIDAY

College of Pacific 13 San Jose State 7; Michigan State 20 Miami (Fla.) 14.

### SATURDAY

EAST—Syracuse 43 Boston University 7; Dartmouth 14 Princeton 7; West Virginia 21 The

## Pitt Recalls How Lions Ruined Bid

The Pittsburgh Panthers will have an added incentive this Saturday to attempt a coup d'etat on any prospective bowl plans the Nittany Lions may have.

It was just one year ago that, with the relative positions of the teams reversed, the Lions played the role of spoiler and knocked the Panthers out of a possible sunny vacation in Jacksonville, Florida, site of the Gator Bowl.

Though Penn State is currently riding the crest of its best season in a decade, posting an 8-1 slate and fifth and seventh place rankings in the two major grid polls, previous records mean little in this traditional battle. And the results of last year's contest are still etched in the minds of the Pittsburghers.

Pitt holds a 32-22-3 edge in the series which dates back to 1893 but the Lions boast a 5-3-1 advantage since the inauguration (Continued on page ten)

Citadel 7; Rutgers 20 Columbia 0; Clemson 14 Wake Forest 0; Maryland 14 Virginia 0; Delaware 19 Bucknell 0.

MIDWEST — Ohio State 18 Michigan 14; Purdue 20 Indiana 0; Nebraska 21 Kansas State 8; Kansas 13 Missouri 7; Holy Cross 25 Marquette 7; Detroit 14 Villanova 0; Wichita 18 Dayton 14.

SOUTH—Alabama 28 Memphis State 7; Auburn 25 Mississippi Southern 14; Florida 14 Florida State 0; South Carolina 14 North Carolina State 0.

SOUTHWEST — Texas Christian 13 Rice 8; Arkansas 7 Texas Tech 9.

FAR WEST—Oregon 24 Oregon State 6; Stanford 14 California 7; Air Force 21 New Mexico 0; Arizona 18 Texas Western 6; Arizona State 20 Hardin-Simmons 12; Colorado State 7 Brigham Young 0; Idaho 22 Montana 8; Washington 25 Washington State 13; Utah 14 Utah State 0.

The Lion is waiting to get his mitt. On those fearless boys from dear old Pitt. "Stamp Out those Panthers!"

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