

# Missouri Finds Answer To Quarterback Problem

The big news from Columbia, Mo., last weekend wasn't the score of the Missouri-SMU game (20-0), it was the emergence of Ron Taylor as Missouri's number one quarterback.

The Tigers, Penn State's next opponent Oct. 1, were expected to beat Southern Methodist, but finding an answer to the quarterback problem made Dan Devine's weekend all the merrier.

Just two weeks ago, the young Missouri coach described his Bengals as "a team that will go as far as its young quarterbacks will take it." His reasoning was simple.

Phil Snowden, Missouri's starting signal caller for the past two seasons, and his substitute, Bob Haas, had graduated leaving Devine with Taylor, a third stringer in '59 and two sophs.

Taylor only threw five passes against SMU Saturday but he completed four. One of his completions, to half-back Mel West, set up the first touchdown.

Overall, Missouri's statistics in the SMU win were quite impressive.

The defense held the Mustangs to a paltry 39 yards on the ground while Missouri's Taylor-directed offense rolled up 209 yards rushing.

Taylor's four completions were good for 38 yards, not a great



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figure, but he connected when the Tigers seemed to need it most.

Devine has high hopes that the 178-pound junior can show as much poise this weekend when Missouri takes on Oklahoma State at Columbia in a Big Eight Conference test.

Oklahoma State held powerful Arkansas to one touchdown last weekend but the Razorbacks won, 9-0.

Last year State opened its season with a 19-8 win over Missouri thanks to Richie Lucas who completed 10 of 11 passes for 148 yards.

The Collegiate football season swings into high gear this weekend and all of Penn State's opponents will be busy.

In addition to the Missouri-Oklahoma State game, Army will play Boston College at West Point, Illinois opens against Indiana at Champaign, and national champ Syracuse goes against Boston University at Archbold Stadium in Syracuse.

Pitt will be on national television with Michigan State and West Virginia travels to Richmond, Va., to play VPI.

Holy Cross opens in Boston with Harvard while Maryland will be at Texas for a meeting with the Longhorns.

# Werner's Proteges Just Fail In Bids for Olympic Berths

By JIM KARL

Two men that Penn State track coach Chick Werner would have enjoyed watching at the 1960 Olympics never quite made it.

Ex-Lion captain Ed Moran (1958) apparently had a berth sewed up going into the last 100 yards of the finals in the Olympic trial 1500-meter run.

But a strategic mistake by Moran and a clutch sprint by Pete Close of Quantico snatched the Rome trip away from the State grad student.

A week earlier in the national A.A.U. meet, Bob Brown pulled up with a bad leg. Up to then he had been rated as one of the top contenders to gain an Olympic berth.

The Lion captain won both preliminary heats in the 100 that day, topping such polished performers as Roscoe Cook, Willie White and Paul Drayton.

He defeated Olympian Frank Budd in one heat of the 220 and was just nosed by Charlie Tidwell of Kansas in the other.

Then in the final heat of the 100 he stopped running after 15 yards with a pulled leg muscle.

"I withdrew him from the 200 because I figured he'd be ready for the Olympic trials the next week," Werner said.

But the leg didn't respond to treatment and Brown's dream ended abruptly.

In Moran's race, eight of the 14 runners had bettered the Olympic qualifying standard of 3:45, but none wanted to set a fast pace.

With two laps to go Dyrrol Burleson of Oregon sprinted up on the outside, taking teammates Jim Grelle and George Larson with him. Moran was right behind.

Burleson turned on the steam down the backstretch as Larson faded and Moran moved up.

Kicking off the turn, Burleson had little trouble pulling away from Grelle. He won by three



BOBBY BROWN

yards in 3:46.9.

Meanwhile, Moran was in trouble: He was fading rapidly, and a pack of pursuers, eager to capture third place moved up.

Close, who ran for St. Johns as a civilian, got there first and won the judge's nod for third as Moran fell at the tape. Both finished with 3:49.

Werner said that if Moran had been content to stick in third place and not challenge the leaders, he might have made the Olympic team.

Werner attended the Olympics strictly as a spectator this year. But his many years of experience in track and field have taught him that not all the excitement goes on in the winner's circle.

He said that everybody noticed the standout performances such as the 1600-meter relay, the sprints of Wilma Rudolph, and the swimming of Cris Von Saltza.

But he cautioned not to forget

the scenes behind the scenes, where the tears were numerous and the triumphs few.

"I saw something that was very heart-breaking and it went almost completely unnoticed," the Lion mentor said yesterday. "A girl from England, on her last try in the javelin trials got off a tremendous throw.

"The javelin definitely went past the flag marking the Olympic record and it might have been a world record. She was well back of the foul line," he said.

But in her exuberance over the throw, Werner said that she took one step backward and then began running down the field to retrieve her javelin.

As soon as she crossed the wooden board that extends across the front of the 17-ft. foul line the official threw down the red flag.

Werner explained that she had committed a technical foul by not first stepping backward and departing from the rear of the zone.

Werner said the most spectacular performance that he witnessed was the 1600 relay. "The time was unbelievable," he said.

In that race the U.S. team set a new world record (3:02.2) but just managed to outdistance a tough German quartet.

The Lion mentor said that the 1500-meter run and the 400-meter run produced results that may herald a new era in track.

Otis Davis, a comparative unknown, set a world record in the 400-meters and Herb Elliott lowered the world mark in the 1500-meters to 3:35.6, which is equal to a 3:53 mile.

# Brown Calls Pirate Boss 'Most Underrated Manager'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — General Manager Joe L. Brown of the Pittsburgh Pirates said yesterday his field manager, Danny Murtaugh, "is the most underrated manager in the major leagues."

"Sure, he's a fine fellow but a lot of people have overlooked his greatness as a manager," Brown said in a talk before an overflow luncheon of the Gus Fan Club.

Brown said there are many factors which has put the team in the driver's seat in the National League pennant race.

"The Pirates have team spirit, desire, aggressiveness and intelligence," Brown said. "These things are instilled by the manager. The biggest single factor in our success is Danny Murtaugh."

Murtaugh, who spoke briefly, spent most of his time fielding questions—and praising shortstop Dick Schofield.

Schofield has been filling in for Dick Groat, now recuperating from a wrist fracture.

Since Schofield entered the lineup he has hiked his batting average from .200 to .329.

Schofield has sparkled in the field and Murtaugh said this was no surprise "because Schofield is one of the best glove men in the league."

"What has surprised us is his hitting," Murtaugh added. "Believe me, when a fellow steps in to take the place of a fellow like Dick Groat he's under real pressure."

# Gridiron Notes

Trainer Chuck Medlar says there is a good chance that most of Penn State's injured players will be ready for the Missouri game next Saturday. . . . End Bob Mitinger, tackle Terry Monaghan, and guard Wayne Berfield, who all missed the opener, have resumed light drills. . . . However, end John Bozick is still a question mark. . . . Halfback Eddie Caye, State's leading ground gainer in the opener against BU, tested his weak ankle yesterday. He sprained it in practice Tuesday but the Lion medical department says he should be fine in a few days. . . . The Navy-Villanova game will be broadcast on the Penn State radio network this weekend while the Lions are enjoying an open date. . . . Gene Kelly, the voice of the Lions, picked the Navy game because of the great number of Pennsylvania players on both teams. . . . Syracuse, Mississippi, and Illinois have been chosen as the three outstanding football teams in the nation by a Newsweek magazine poll of 125 college coaches. . . . The coaches picked Texas for fifth and Pitt for eighth. . . . Both clubs were beaten last weekend. . . . Nebraska edged Texas, 14-13 and U.C.L.A. nipped Pitt, 8-7 in the last 33 seconds. . . . Syracuse will send an all veteran starting team against Boston U Saturday afternoon. . . . Six of the starters are back from last year's national championship team and the other five starters all earned letters. . . .

# Pitt Star to Miss Saturday's Game

PITTSBURGH (AP) — One of the first string guards of the University of Pittsburgh football team will be unable to play in Saturday's home opener against Michigan State, and the other may also be out of action.

The Panthers' physician, Dr. W. K. Smith, said Larry Vignali "definitely will be out of Saturday's game" with a severe shoulder bruise and slight shoulder separation.

The other guard, Regis Coustiliac, is still nursing a fractured thumb.

"There are a few bumps and bruises," said Coach Johnny Michelosen, "but we should be all right by Saturday except for Vignali and Coustiliac, and we still have hopes about the latter."

# Buc Pitcher Honored With Hickok Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Vernon Law, who pitched six victories for the Pittsburgh Pirates last month, was the August winner in the S. Rae Hickok professional athlete of the year award.

He bested Lew Burdette, Milwaukee pitcher of no-hit fame, by 10 points in the voting of the national sports panel. Law received 118 votes, Burdette 108.

# Bills Acquire Halfback

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills of the American Football League acquired former Chicago Bears' halfback Jack Johnson and released defensive tackle Chuck Rutkowski yesterday.

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