

Sophomores Ease Engle's Worries at Guard Slot

By SANDY PADWE

Joe Blasenstein and Dave Robinson may still lack polish, but if they repeat their opening game performances this weekend against Missouri, Rip Engle won't have to worry so much about his graduation-depleted guard spots.

The two sophomores put on quite a show against Boston University in the opener, especially on defense.

Blasenstein accounted for five solo tackles while Robinson twice threw B.U. ballcarriers for huge losses and was in on plenty of other tackles.

It was Blasenstein who saved Penn State's 20-0 shutout on one of the most spectacular plays of the game in the third quarter.

BU had the ball on its own 25 when Terrier fullback Charley Meadows broke loose and headed downfield for what looked like a certain touchdown.

Blasenstein came from nowhere and overtook Meadows on the Lion 17 with a last-second tackle.

"Don't credit me," modest Joe said, "Al Gursky actually slowed him down."

Blasenstein's performance earned him a shot at the first unit left guard spot where he has been working out for the last week.

"They don't come any tougher than Joe. He's a great competitor," Engle said. "As for Robby," the Ripper continued, "he could be a great one some day."

Everyone knows that one performance doesn't make a ballplayer and line coach Jim O'Hara is the first to admit it, but he foresees a rosy future for his young proteges.

"Both have the potential to develop into fine ballplayers," he said in the steaming Penn State dressing room after practice yesterday.

"They made a lot of mistakes against B.U. but they were mostly due to inexperience. We should be able to tell a lot more after this weekend," he added.

Blasenstein played his high school ball at West Philadelphia while Robinson came to Penn State via Moorestown, N.J., where he was ranked as one of the top high school gridgers in the state two years ago.



JOE BLASENSTEIN

... pleasant surprise

Blasenstein isn't extremely big (5-11, 187) but desire makes up for what he lacks in physical stature.

Robinson, on the other hand is a bruiser (6-3, 215). He's a versatile athlete and played end on the freshman team last year and then worked at tackle during spring drills.

He also played for the freshman basketball team a year ago and will seek a varsity berth this winter.

Add the improvement of Blasenstein and Robinson to the solid all-around performances usually turned in by Dick Wilson and Bill Popp and you can understand why Engle is breathing easier over the guard positions.

And when Wayne Berfield gets back in shape after an early-season knee injury, the outlook should be even brighter.

Tigers Win; Orangemen Crush B.U.

Four of Penn State's grid opponents, including national champ Syracuse and homecoming foe Missouri, won last weekend while four other opponents lost and Pitt played to a 7-7 tie with Michigan State.

Syracuse opened its 1960 campaign by rolling over Boston University, 35-7. A week earlier Penn State opened its season with a 20-0 win over the Terriers.

While the Orange were grabbing most of the headlines, Missouri kept rolling along with its second victory of the young season, a 28-7 win over Oklahoma State.

The Tigers will seek win number three at Beaver Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Traditional rival Pitt staved off several Michigan State rallies to salvage a 7-7 tie in a nationally televised game marred by a brawl in the last quarter.

In other games involving future Lion opponents, Illinois notched its first Big Ten win by defeating Indiana, 17-6; West Virginia, lost its second straight game, 15-0, to Virginia Tech.

Maryland was stunned by Texas, 34-0; Holy Cross was edged by Ivy League favorite Harvard, 13-6; and Army rallied to down Boston College, 20-7.

Penn State 20th

Mississippi Edges Syracuse For Top Spot in Grid Poll

By The Associated Press

Mississippi clung to a narrow margin over Syracuse today in their tight two-team battle for the No. 1 position in the Associated Press' weekly college football poll. Penn State was 20th.

Washington continued as the only other serious bidder for first place although the two perennial pace-setters grabbed off 42 of the 48 top votes of the special panel representing all sections of the country.

Mississippi, which smashed Kentucky Saturday night, 21-6, for its second victory, was named best on 22 of the ballots and Syracuse, the defending national champion, on 20. Washington, in third place, received five votes and the other one went to Northwestern.

Syracuse opened the new season with a casual 35-7 triumph over Boston University — the team's 12th straight and the 18th in a row for regular season play. Washington crushed Idaho 41-12.

Illinois, 17-6 victor over Indiana, held fourth place but below that position the weekly standings underwent a lively shakeup, featured by the rise of three Big Ten teams—Northwestern, Iowa and Ohio State.

Kansas, which whipped Kan-

sas State 41-0 as a prelude to its televised battle with Syracuse this week, rose from 11th to fifth. Then followed, in order, Northwestern, Clemson, Iowa, Ohio State and Georgia Tech.

The top teams with first place votes and season records in parentheses, points based on a 10-0-8-7, etc., order:

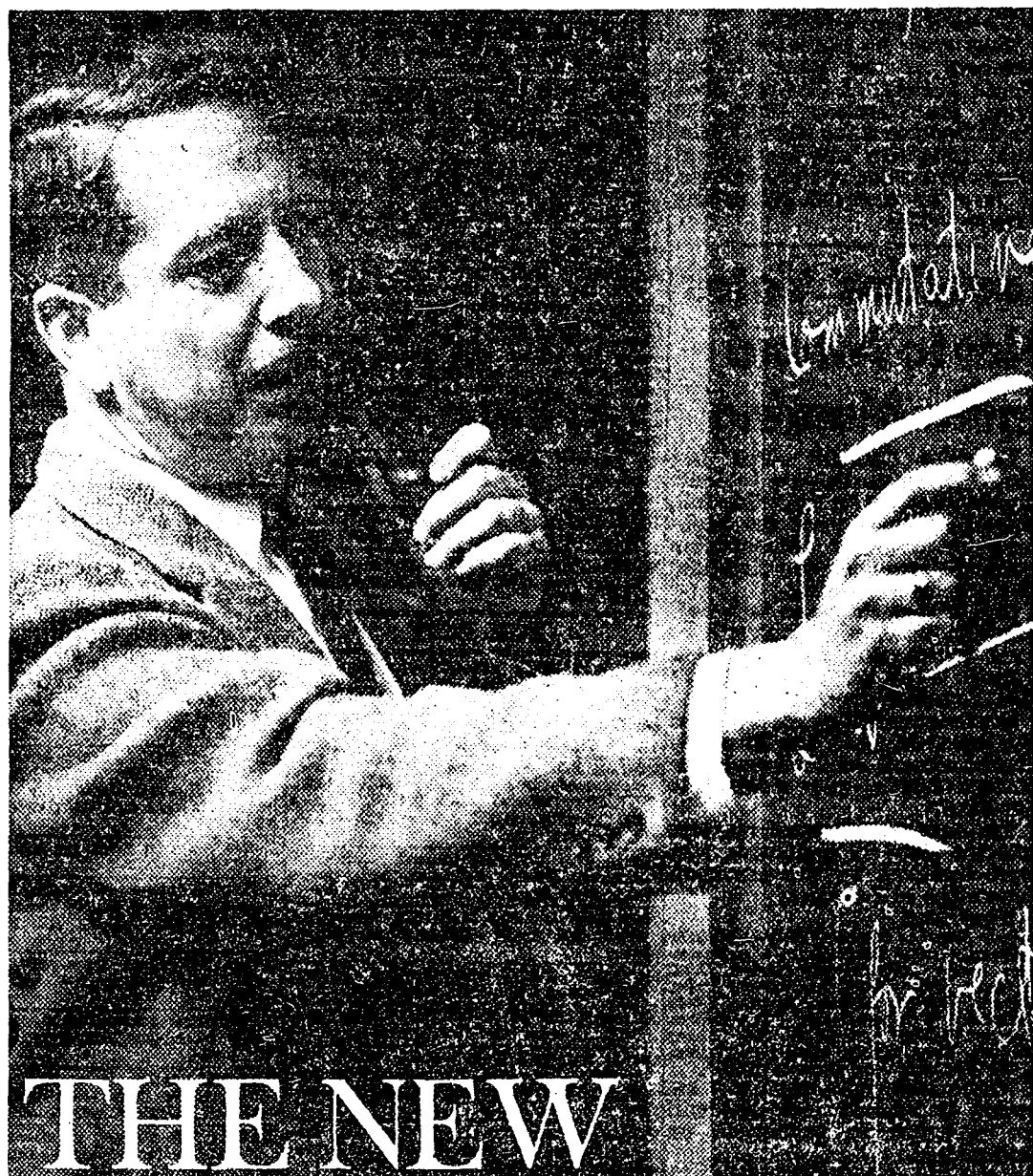
1. Mississippi 22 (2-0) 426
2. Syracuse 20 (1-0) 414
3. Washington 5 (2-0) 352
4. Illinois (1-0) 235
5. Kansas (2-0) 202
6. Northwestern 1 (1-0) 184
7. Clemson (1-0) 137
8. Iowa (1-0) 87
9. Ohio State (1-0) 61
10. Georgia Tech (2-0) 59
11. Tennessee (1-0) 56
12. Notre Dame (1-0) 48
13. Texas (1-1) 48
14. Arkansas (2-0) 25
15. Alabama (1-0-1) 32
16. UCLA (1-0-1) 20
17. Navy (1-0) 24
18. Minnesota (1-0) 27
19. Missouri (2-0) 21
20. Penn State (1-0) 24

Collegian Sports Staff

A meeting for all candidates for the Collegian sports staff will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Collegian city room, basement of Carnegie.

Seek Third Straight

Penn State will seek its third straight Homecoming victory in Saturday's game against Missouri. Vanderbilt was the last team to score a Homecoming triumph over the Lions, winning 32-20 in 1957.



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