

'Giant Killer' Easterbrook Poses Threat to Nittanies

By SANDY PADWE
EN ROUTE TO CHAMPAIGN, Ill., With the Lions—Johnny Easterbrook of Illinois is one of the smallest quarterbacks in college football today, but his weekly "giant killer" tactics have earned him the respect of the whole Midwest.



JOHNNY EASTERBROOK
... Illini Quarterback

Tomorrow, he'll shoot for the respect of the East when Penn State and Illinois square off in an important intersectional battle at Champaign.

Easterbrook stands 5-8 and only weighs 156 pounds, but Penn State scout J. T. White labels him "one of the most dangerous quarterbacks we'll face this season."

"Easterbrook is very quick and he's one of the best I've seen on that outside belly series. He's a good little passer, too, and is a very dangerous runner," White said.

In four games this fall, Easterbrook has stuck mostly to the ground and he is the second leading rusher for Pete Elliott's Fighting Illini (2-2).

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"When you look at him, you would never know he's a football player," White said, "he's really

small. When I saw him out at Minnesota last week, he looked more like the manager with those horn-rimmed glasses he wears."

Easterbrook was mentioned on a few of the pre-season All-American teams, but Illini fullback Bill Brown was a near unanimous choice.

Brown, the Illinois captain, is regarded as an "old" school football player.

He is a powerful line plunger who gains equal respect from opponents with his hard-hitting defensive play.

Lion halfback Dick Pae can vouch for Brown's defensive ability. It was only a year ago that the Illini fullback sent little Richard to the sidelines with a concussion after the two met head-on during State's 20-9 win in Cleveland.

So far this year Brown is Illinois' top ground gainer with 191 yards in 43 carries, an average of 4.4 yards per carry.

In 1959 he rushed for 504 yards and was the main reason the Illini upset Northwestern and Wisconsin in their final two games.

He gained 116 yards against the Rose Bowl bound Badgers and scored the winning touchdown on the final play of the game.

Then against Northwestern he rambled for 164 yards including a 69-yard touchdown run.

The Illinois halfbacks will be Marshall Starks and Joe Krakowski.

Starks is a senior who has been in and out of the starting lineup since his sophomore year. He's a fine pass receiver and has caught 17 aeriels over the past two years.

Krakowski, another senior, has been hampered by injuries during his stay at Champaign. However, the Illini coaches feel he has all the skills needed to become a great halfback.

So far this season he hasn't let them down. He has picked up 109 yards in just 16 carries for an average of 6.8 yards per outing.

Backing up Krakowski and Starks are Ethan Blackaby and Norm Willis, a pair of speedsters.

Yankees Name Houk To Succeed Stengel

By JOE REICHLER
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Ralph Houk, a former third string catcher with only minor league managerial experience, yesterday was named pilot of the New York Yankees to succeed Casey Stengel.

Houk, a former Army major, said he would be his own boss and would brook no front office interference.

"I am no 'yes man,'" the new manager said. "I intend to run the club on the field and make all the decisions. I will decide which men will play and which won't."

This was in obvious reference to Stengel's charge that the Yankee front office had indicated it intended to have a say in the managerial operations of the team on the field in the future.

Houk signed for a reported \$35,000 a year, less than half the \$85,000 paid Stengel, and the contract—at his own request—was limited to a single year.

"If I don't do the job next year, I don't want to manage the following year," the 41-year-old one-time Army ranger told a press conference.

Announcement of Houk's elevation from that of coach of the Yankees, a post he held for three years at \$15,000 a year, to the most celebrated managerial spot in the majors came as no great surprise.

He had been eyed by the Yankee brass since Stengel signed a two-year contract at the start of the 1959 season with indications it would be his last.

Dan Topping, co-owner of the Yankees, announced the new field boss in the presence of General Manager George Weiss, Assistant General Manager Roy Hamey and Houk himself.

Stengel, who by his own description was fired last Tuesday because of his age 70, was not present.

Topping made no mention of other administrative changes in the Yankee organization, which are reported imminent.

Nittany Soccermen Face Tough Terps Tomorrow

By JIM KARL
Lion soccer coach Ken Hosterman sums up Maryland in one word — "tough" — and that may turn out to be the understatement of the year.

The Terrapins have won the Atlantic Coast soccer title for seven consecutive years and tomorrow at College Park they will be shooting for their third straight win over Penn State.

Maryland upended the Lions, 4-1, in 1958 and then last year they ran their unbeaten streak to 25 by winning, 4-0.

While Maryland was moving up the ladder to its position as a national power, the Lions were sliding down the other side.

State has skidded from its throne as National Champ in 1955 to a 2-7 record last year, the worst in Lion history.

Things haven't improved much this year and the outlook for the Maryland game isn't bright with a few key players nursing injuries.

Spunky right wing Glenn Ream is still bothered by a sprained ankle that he received when a Syracuse player hit him from behind in State's solo win of the year. The Lions have lost three.

"I'm not even taking Ream along," Hosterman said yesterday. "I know that he wants to play but I don't want him to go at half strength."

Another Lion, goalie Jim Gottschling, had some boils removed from his arm yesterday and it's not certain if he will make the trip.

Hosterman said that Tony Mattei could fill in behind starter Dave Grubbs if Gottschling's condition doesn't improve.

In another move, Hosterman announced that he would defi-

nitely switch Ken Link from his customary fullback position to center-forward in an effort to increase Penn State's scoring punch.

"Moving Link from fullback to center-forward is like moving a defensive tackle to offensive quarterback," Hosterman said. "Right now he's a little rough, and the position is still new to him."

But regardless of his inexperience, Hosterman feels that Link's aggressiveness will add some spark to the sluggish Lion offense.

In four games this season State has scored only six goals and three of those came in the Lions' win over Syracuse.

State has lost to West Chester, 5-0, Bucknell, 6-2, and Colgate, 5-1.

Hosterman will move Russ Naylor from his usual center-forward post to right wing in place of Ream. Captain Wayne Rodgers will move into Link's old fullback position.

Hosterman also is thinking of moving Jay Stormer from right halfback to left halfback and inserting Carlos Astiz in Stormer's old spot.

Syracuse University football coach Ben Schwartzwalder, a 1933 West Virginia grad, seeks his fifth win in six tries against his alma mater tomorrow, when Syracuse and West Virginia meet at Morgantown, W. Va.



Jay Stormer

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Frosh Footballers Clash With Army

Penn State's frosh footballers, sunk 22-7 by the Navy plebes last week, will try to get back in the win column against Army today at West Point.

Coach Earl Bruce's yearlings will be seeking their second win of the season. They edged West Virginia, 21-20, in the season's opener when quarterback Ron Coates connected late in the game with flanker Gary Wydman for a touchdown.

The Coates-Wydman combination has clicked for three TD's in two games. The two combined for another score in the Mountie game and tallied the only TD against Navy.

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