

Contact Makes Grid Game Enjoyable for Lion End

By SANDY PADWE

Penn State's Bob Mitinger is rapidly earning a reputation as one of the finest defensive ends in college football, but he can't figure out why.

"Heck, I just like to go in and hit people. That's what you're there for. If I didn't try to do the job as best I could, I'd quit," Mitinger said as a puzzled look crossed his face.

Aggressiveness is the only philosophy Mitinger has known since he began learning the game nearly 15 years ago in the "back yard" of his Greensburg, Pa. home.

"I live beside the football field back home," Mitinger said, "and I spent a lot of time running around there when I was small."

"I used to clean the field after the games on Friday night. They gave me a quarter for spearing pieces of paper on a long stick. My brother Joe (captain at Yale in 1952) played for the high school team so naturally I began to hang around."

For a youngster, Mitinger had



Bob Mitinger

some of the best tutors in the area. His father, Bob Sr., and his uncle, American League baseball umpire Charley Berry, played on the great Lafayette teams under Jock Sutherland in the early '20's.

"I started playing organized football in the midget leagues," Mitinger recalled before practice yesterday. "I was a halfback then. When I played freshman ball in high school I was a guard, but they switched me to end in my sophomore year."

Playing under former Penn State tailback Bob Williams, Mitinger made the WPIAL all-star team as a senior.

"When it came time to choosing a college, it was between Pitt, Vanderbilt, and Penn State," Mitinger said.

"I was really impressed by the campus here and I felt the coaches were the type I wanted to play for, so I chose State."

"Bobby's improved quite a

bit since his high school days," says freshman coach Earl Bruce, the man who recruited Mitinger.

"Right now I think he's a tremendous football player with lots more to come."

"He's got tremendous desire and determination and he goes at top speed all the time. I've never seen him take it easy."

"You can't take it easy," the 6-2, 210-pound firebrand snapped when queried on this point. "If you let down, you're as good as dead. I'm not kidding when I say it's pretty much a game of kill or be killed."

The way Mitinger's been going, it appears that he has no intentions of letting anyone get the better of him once a ball game starts.

He's been outstanding all year long on defense and number 86 is a familiar sight on the bottom of most pileups.

Lion coach Rip Engle summed up the Mitinger story in a few words when he told a group of writers that the junior star ranks with the best defensive ends in the country. "That includes the likes of Mike Ditka of Pitt, Fred Mautino of Syracuse and Danny LaRose of Missouri," Engle said.

Lions Favored; Pitt Rates Edge over Orangemen, 20-14

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't go hocking the family jewels but the best bet of the week—in our clouded football crystal ball—is Pittsburgh to upset national champion Syracuse.

Pitt is a slumbering giant which must awaken one of these days with a violent start. Syracuse, lacking the cohesion and desire of 1959, is ripe for plucking and Pitt should do it, 20-14.

Last week's score 41-13 for .758. Other specialties:

Navy 28 Notre Dame 14: Fighting Irish lose their fifth in a row.

Georgia Tech 15 Duke 13: Duke will be down a bit for an always tough Tech.

Penn State 28 West Virginia 6: The Lions bounce back after two straight losses.

Washington 13 Oregon 0: Scent of roses is like fire water in the nostrils of the Huskies.

Ohio State 19 Michigan State 15: We like the Buckeyes in big situations.

Mississippi 21 Louisiana State 12: Memories of last year's class-

ic battles make Ole Miss' 16 points look ridiculous.

Dartmouth 7 Yale 0: an upset in the Ivy League.

Baylor 20 Texas Christian 13: Bears continue their march toward the Cotton Bowl.

Rice 7 Texas Tech 0: Rugged Owls have yielded only one touchdown in the last four games.

Oregon State 20 California 7: Tarnish has dulled the glory of the once mighty Golden Bears.

Giants Win, 5-3

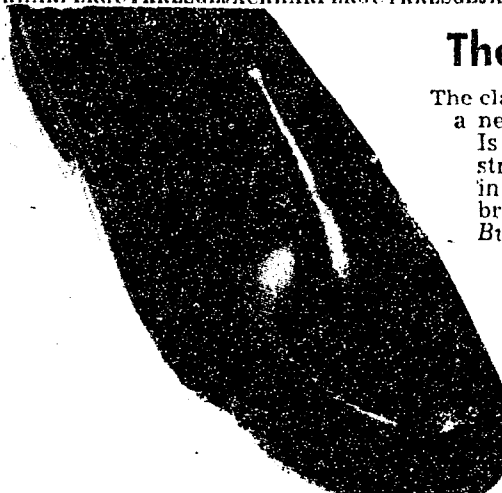
SAPPORO, Japan (AP) — The San Francisco Giants broke out of a batting slump with 17 hits, including a two-run homer by Willie McCovey, and defeated the Japan All-Stars 5-3 yesterday at Sapporo's city stadium in Hokkaido.

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Thomas D. McCloskey, bowl chairman, listed teams under consideration as Syracuse, Navy, Army, Pitt, Penn State, Iowa, Minnesota, Duke, Tennessee, Mississippi, Baylor and Rice.

Penn State, 2-3 this year, defeated Alabama, 7-0, in the Liberty Bowl inaugural last December.

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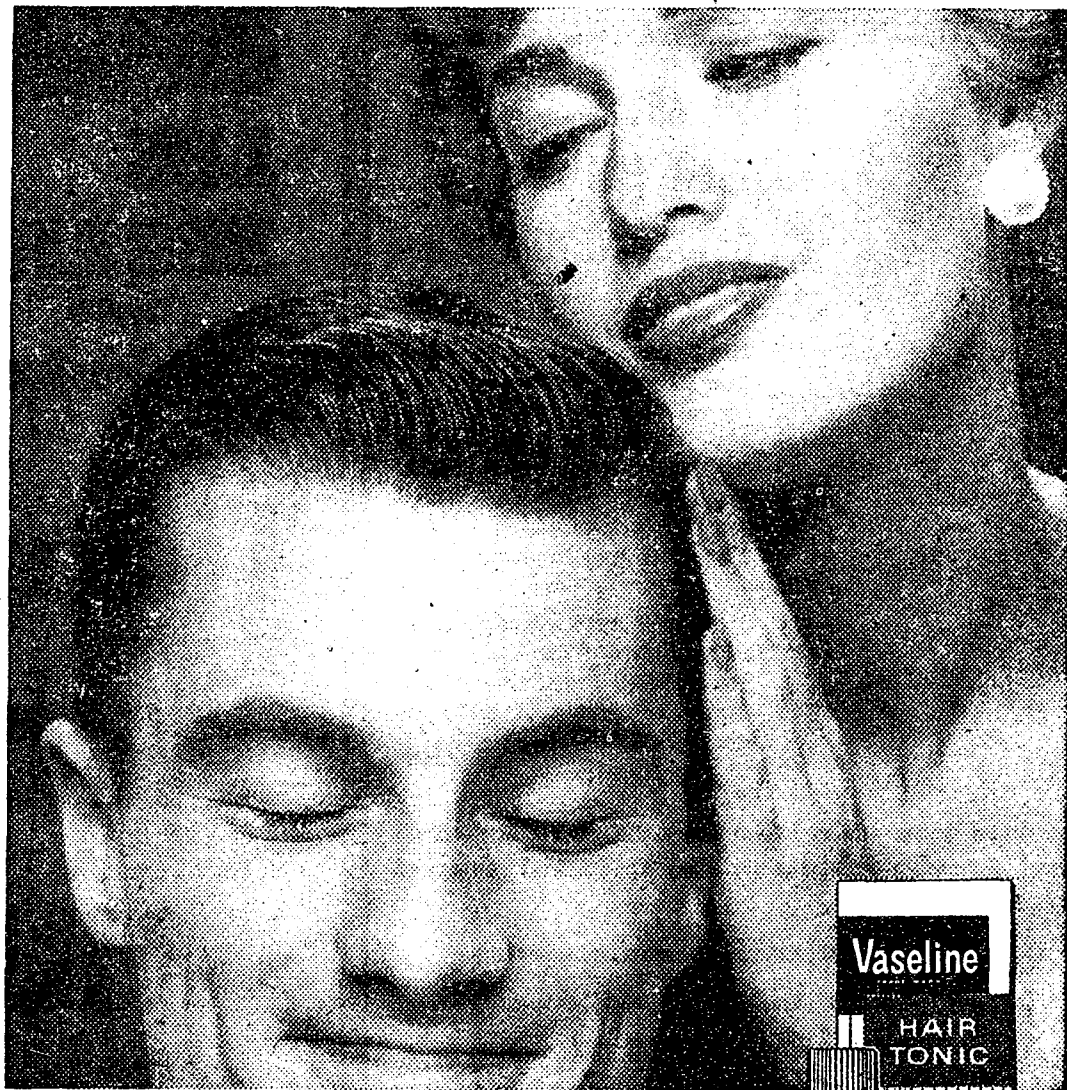
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