

Corum's Black Suit Tells Story of Lion-Mountie Tilt

By JIM KARL

West Virginia's Gene Corum didn't act like a coach whose team was in the process of being slaughtered for the sixth time this season as he stood on the sidelines and watched Penn State methodically crush his Mountaineers, 34-13, Saturday.

As the game progressed the black suit that Corum wore seemed more and more appropriate. Time and again his young sophomores committed mistakes to give the Lions more scoring opportunities than they could handle.

But Corum never lost his patience or his composure. He never raised his voice.

After Penn State scored its fifth touchdown to make the score 34-0, the Mountie coach walked slowly over to the bench where one of his third string halfbacks was sitting with his head drooping.

"Move over, son," he said as the player looked at him apologetically. "might as well sit down and take it easy."

Later in the locker room, Corum admitted that he isn't a "fire and brimstone" coach. "You can't be," he said, "not when you have players like these fellows. It takes patience — lots of patience, and sometimes it's hard. But right now these boys need friends."

"I admire the way they (the team) have stuck with it. We have a tough schedule and these kids have been through a lot. At a time like this I think the boys would be in bad shape if they couldn't feel that the coaches were behind them."

Corum has taken over the task of rebuilding the fallen dynasty of Art "Pappy" Lewis, who resigned last spring after producing

some standout Mountaineer teams during his 10-year tenure in the hill country.

The Mountie coach, who didn't even have a full coaching staff in spring practice, has been playing sophomores and hoping for the best. But the best hasn't been too good so far.

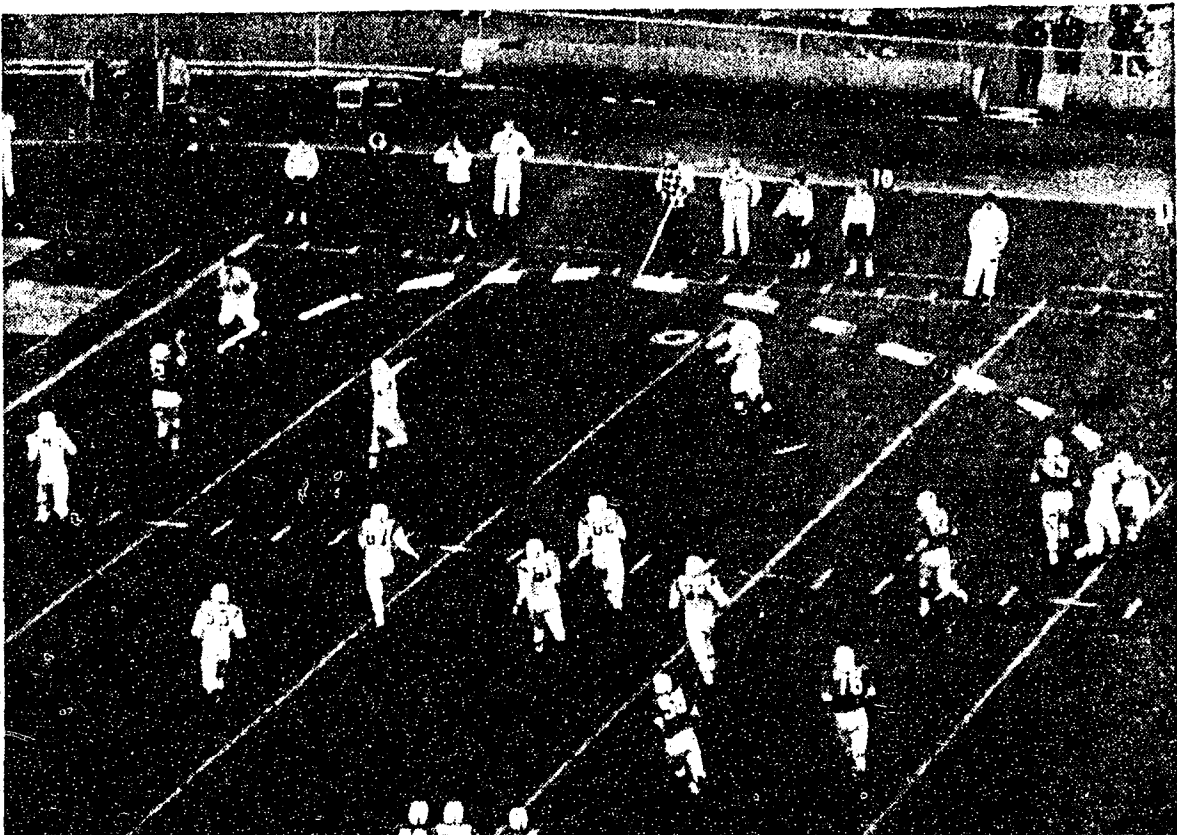
West Virginia has been shut out by VPI (15-0), Illinois (33-0), Pitt (42-0), and Syracuse (45-0). The two touchdowns they scored Saturday were only their third and fourth of the year.

Although Pitt and Syracuse both ran up higher scores against West Virginia, Corum didn't underestimate Penn State.

"Penn State is, in my opinion, one of the most underrated teams in the nation," he said. "I think they have exceptional balance, depth, and good morale. Your two quarterbacks have a lot of finesse, polish and poise, and I think Hoak (Dick) is an exceptional runner."

"I think that Pitt, Syracuse and Penn State are just about equal in most respects. I certainly wouldn't want to rate one team over the others."

Asked if he thought he found a new starting quarterback in sophomore Larry Tracewell, who led the Mounties to two touchdowns in the last quarter, Corum replied, "he's only a sophomore and has a lot of potential. But he'll do some things he shouldn't do."



COUSIN TO COUSIN—Lion quarterback Dick Hoak (falling) flips pass to his cousin Buddy Torris in the third quarter of Saturday's Penn State-West Virginia game at Beaver Stadium. Torris went into the end zone for the score as the Lions won, 34-13.

—Collegian Photo by John Beauge

Dark to Pilot San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Alvin Dark, former field captain of the Giants, yesterday was named the new San Francisco baseball manager and given a two year contract.

The 37-year-old National League veteran, with no previous managerial experience, succeeds Tom Sheehan who took over from fired Bill Rigney last June 18.

To get Dark, who finished the 1960 season with Milwaukee, the Giants traded utility infielder Andre Rodgers to the Braves.

Dark played for the Giants from 1950 to 1955, and was the spark-plug shortstop of the championship clubs of 1951 and 1954.

His selection was announced yesterday by Vice President Charles Feeney.

To Dark goes the job of rejuvenating a club that finished fifth last season after many tabbed it the pennant winner in the pre-season forecasts. The Giants were second when Rigney was fired but wound up 16 games off the Pittsburgh Pirates' pace.

Salary terms for the two-year contract were not discussed. Asked whether managing a

team had been a long-time desire, Dark replied that most ball players have the desire to manage as soon as they start playing. "I have always wanted to stay in baseball in some capacity," he said.

Dark will meet with President Horace Stoneham of the Giants at the major league conferences in December. Most of his consultations with the Giant front office, prior to next season, will be by telephone. Dark said he has many speaking engagements lined up and feels he is committed to keep them.

Both Stoneham and Sheehan sent cabled congratulations to Dark and welcomed him back to the Giant fold. They are in Japan where the Giants are playing a series of exhibition games.

Dark was asked if he thought the Giants had too many Negro players and replied: "I don't see how you can separate players. I hear on TV every day that if a

man has ability he should be given the opportunity to express his ability."

In answering the question, the new manager declared: "Some people might think that because I'm from the South I'm prejudiced. But I have played with many Negroes and I never thought I'd treat a colored fellow unfairly."

Asked if the thought of handling a major league club as his first managerial job was frightening, Dark replied, "Not at all."

Dark, from Lake Charles, La., starred in football at Louisiana State University before signing a bonus contract with the Boston Braves in 1946.

McCormick, Baumann Win 1960 ERA Championships

NEW YORK (AP) — Young Mike McCormick of the San Francisco Giants and Frank Baumann of the Chicago White Sox won the major League earned run championships in 1960, final averages revealed yesterday. Both pitchers are left-handed.

McCormick led the National League with a 2.70 ERA, and Baumann topped the American with 2.68, according to figures compiled by the Associated Press.

Each is a former bonus boy. Baumann received a reported \$90,000 from the Boston Red Sox in 1952. He was traded to the White Sox last November for first baseman Ron Jackson. McCormick received an estimated \$50,000 from the Giants in 1956.

His triumph made it three consecutive ERA crowns for Giant pitchers. Stu Miller was the NL leader in 1958 and Sam Jones in 1959.

McCormick finished the past season with 15 victories and 12 losses. He gave up 76 earned runs in 253 innings and pitched four shutouts—three against the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 1959, the Pasadena, Calif., native had a 12-16 record and a 3.98 ERA.

Baumann's 1960 won-lost record was 13-6. He is the first White Sox pitcher to win the earned run title since Billy Pierce in 1955.

Jim Bunning of Detroit was the American League runner-up with

a 2.79 mark. He yielded 78 earned runs in 252 innings while winning 11 games and losing 14.

Whitey Ford of New York, the ERA champion in 1956 and 1958, was third with 3.02 followed by Art Ditmar of the Yankees and Hector Brown of Baltimore, 3.06 each.

Ernie Broglio, a 21-game winner for the St. Louis Cardinals, was second in the National League. He gave up 69 earned runs in 226 innings for a 2.75 earned run mark. Broglio had three shutouts.

Don Drysdale of the Dodgers was third at 2.84. The big right-hander pitched five shutouts and led the majors in strikeouts with 246. Bob Friend of the pennant-winning Pittsburgh Pirates and Stan Williams of Los Angeles tied for fourth with 3.00.

Pitt Still Hopeful of Bid

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Athletic Director Frank Carver of the University of Pittsburgh said yesterday the Pitt football team still could get into a bowl game despite its mediocre 3-2-2 record.

"There are seven major bowl games," Carver said at a luncheon. "That means 14 top teams will have to be invited. If we win our next three games, who knows but that they may ask us to play in one of the post-season games."

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