

Nobody Laughs at Maryland's Tricky 'I' Formation Anymore

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No one is laughing at Tommy Nugent's "I" formation now—they've seen it work wonders for Maryland the last three weeks.

Nugent's "I" looks simple at first glance but when Penn State scout Frank Patrick goes over the details it's easy to understand why Maryland's young Terrapins are such a deceptive group.

"Nugent originated the formation back in the latter 1940's at V.M.I.," Patrick said, "it's main feature is deception."

Patrick explained that instead of lining up in the standard I-formation, the Terps line their backs up directly behind the quarterback.

"The right half is behind the quarterback, and the left half and fullback follow him," Patrick said yesterday as he diagramed the tricky formation on a blackboard in the Jack Hulme training room.

"The quarterback has to cover a lot more ground in this formation," the former Chicago Cardinal star said, "and they've got two good boys in Betty (Dale) and Novak (Dick)."

After a slow start which saw Maryland lose three of its first four, Betty and Novak have opened up the Terp offense and the result has been three straight



DALE BETTY

wins over Clemson, Wake Forest and South Carolina.

Betty, a 170-pound senior from Butler, Pa., has been extremely impressive.

He is one of the nation's top passers with 51 completions in 79 attempts good for 526 yards and three touchdowns.

Novak also has completed more than 50 per cent of his passes (16-31).

"Maryland throws as much as they run," Patrick said. "When they run from the 'I' the fullback carries more than half the time."

"They have a good fullback in this kid Collins (Rex), and the

other one Drass (Pat) is pretty good too."

Maryland's starting halfbacks Saturday in the Beaver Stadium finale will probably be Everett Cloud and Tom Brown, but Patrick says "they don't carry very often."

"The thing that impresses me most about Maryland is their hustle and aggressiveness," Patrick continued. "They're a good team to watch."

"They don't stick to the 'I' all the time. They use all the formations but basically they'll run from the 'I' and the 'I' flanker."

The Terps, one of the big surprises in college football this fall, have one of the "youngest" teams in major college ranks.

They have six seniors and only two will be in the starting lineup against the Lions Saturday when the Terps shoot for their fourth straight win.

"We really have our hands full this week," Nugent said, "we'll be going against one of the country's best teams in Penn State."

GRID NOTES—Maryland has a traveling squad of 39 and 14 are Pennsylvanians . . . The Terps opened with a 31-8 win over West Virginia and then they lost their next three to Texas (34-0), Duke (20-7) and North Carolina State (13-10) . . . Since then they've pulled two big upsets over Clemson (19-17) and Wake Forest (14-13) . . . Last week they beat South Carolina (15-0) . . . Saturday's game will be the first between the two schools since 1944 . . . Six games have been played in the series and the Lions have won them all.

Berks Moves Into Playoffs

The air arm of Jim Ramage moved Berks into the independent football playoffs last night.

Ramage threw two touchdown passes to lead his teammates to a 14-6 win over Luzerne.

Berks first TD came when Ramage completed a 5-yard pass to Tom Shaeffer.

In the second half, he hit Lew Wheeler with a 15-yarder for the second Berks touchdown.

Luzerne's only score came when Dave Razer hit Ken Rhoads from the Berks 20.

Jordan Hall also entered the playoffs with a 6-0 win over Cottonwood.

Jordan's score came late in the

first half when Jack Kummer intercepted a Cottonwood pass and ran 20 yards for the touchdown.

In other games, Dauphin downed Lehigh 7-0, when Vern Dale caught a 25-yard pass from Don Wilson. Mike Formicone kicked the extra point.

Navy beat Nittany 26, 1-0, in overtime; Cambria took Philadelphia, 6-0; Watts stopped Nittany 31, 6-0; Lackawanna downed Montgomery, 3-0; Delaware took Centre, 1-0; and Erie beat Schuylkill, 9-0.

—Fred Mautino, Syracuse University's All-American end from Reading, Pa., convinces a new one every week. Said Pitt left halfback Bob Clemens, a sturdy 197-pounder himself: "When Mautino hit me it was like an electric shock."

Frick Fines Aaron \$1000

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NEW YORK (AP) — Minnesota, Navy, Missouri and Army. That is the recommended four-team parlay for the big battles involving the college football giants this weekend.

Last week Pitt's upset of Syracuse helped buoy our average to 39-12 for .763.

Minnesota 10, Iowa 8: The Gophers are lean and hungry from years of want.

Navy 14, Duke 7: Poise and team spirit should carry the Midshipmen past this formidable hurdle.

Penn State 19, Maryland 14: The Nittany Lions are on the move again.

Missouri 20, Colorado 7: Old Missouri remains unbeaten.

Army 17, Syracuse 14: Tom Blanda's field goal to hand Syracuse.

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