

Holy Cross' Improvement Traced to Soph Whizzes

By SANDY PADWE

A pair of fighting Irishmen named Pat McCarthy and Tom Hennessey are the main reasons why the Holy Cross Crusaders have captured the imagination of football fans throughout New England.

McCarthy, a quarterback who loves to gamble, and Hennessey, a fleet-footed halfback, typify the youth and drive of the whole Holy Cross team which plays Penn State at Worcester, Mass., tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.

Both are sophomores but they handle themselves like three-year lettermen when Saturday afternoon rolls around.

Scouting reports say that McCarthy makes the rollout option a puzzle for any defense.

The Haverhill, Mass., star also has a flair for the unexpected and often takes wild risks which have a funny habit of working for him.

"McCarthy is smart and he likes to carry a lot. He has the size and quickness for it," Lion scout J. T. White said.

The 6-1, 195-pounder also is a gifted passer, and he has completed 31 of 85 passes for 497 yards and three touchdowns.

Hennessey's greatest asset is his speed which makes him a breakaway threat at all times.

He is Holy Cross' leading ground gainer with 286 yards in 51 carries, an average of 5.8 yards a carry.

"Tom is really something when he comes breaking out of a gang of tacklers," says Crusader coach Eddie Anderson, a former All-American under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. He's going to get better when he gets some more experience."

Hennessey and McCarthy have plenty of support in the backfield in halfbacks Johnny Allen and Dick Skinner and fullbacks Kevin Malone and Gerry Wheeler.

Allen, one of the few seniors on a team dominated by sophomores and juniors, is a hard runner with good speed. He has been alternating with Dick Skinner, another senior who was Holy Cross' top ground gainer a year ago.

Malone, who will probably start at fullback, played halfback last year but was switched because he is a power runner.

Wheeler, only 5-8, 185 is one of the Crusaders top defensive backs.

Holy Cross will be out to preserve a four game win streak tomorrow and hopes are high around Worcester for an upset.

The Crusaders started out just as the experts predicted with three straight losses to Harvard, Boston University and Syracuse.



Tom Hennessey
Holy Cross halfback

But since then they've bounced back to beat Dartmouth, Columbia, Marquette and Dayton.

Grid Notes—Penn State's Stew Barber is one of nine tackles being considered for All-American honors by the American Football Coaches Association . . . Penn State coach Rip Engle is the president of the group . . . Last year, Lion quarterback Richie Lucas made the coaches' All-American team . . . Crusader coach Dr. Eddie Anderson captained the 1921 Notre

Dame team and won All-American honors at end . . . He's been in the coaching business for 35 years . . . Seventeen of those years have been spent at Holy Cross . . . He was coach of the year in 1939 at Iowa and the late Nile Kinnick of that Iowa team was named player of the year . . . Penn State will fly to Worcester from Black Moshannon airport at 9:30 this morning . . . The Lions will be quartered at the Hotel Bancroft and they'll fly home after the game . . .

Top X-Country Stars To Battle in IC4A's

By BILL BARBER

Historic Van Cortlandt Park will be the scene of action Monday when some of the nation's top distance runners vie for individual and team titles in the 52nd running of the IC4A cross country championships in New York.

Among the top individuals battling for front-running positions this year will be Penn State's Gerry Norman, Steve Moorhead, and captain Herm Weber.

Individually, Norman rates as the team standout on the basis of six straight wins this season but the other members of the "Big Three" also had excellent records.

Weber tied Norman five times this year while Moorhead tied the Bristol, England, native four times.

Michigan State, which came closer to beating the Lions than any other team this season, will bring three of the top distance runners in the nation to the IC4A's.

Billy Reynolds heads the list of Michigan State entries. Last year Reynolds finished sixth in the Eastern classic.

Jerry Young and Clay Ward have been pressing Reynolds for the Spartans' top spot all season and two weeks ago they beat the Michigan State captain in time trials.

Army, rated a top favorite along with Penn State to oust Michigan State as IC4A champion, will also enter a star-studded roster.

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SAE Upset In First Round Of IM Playoffs

By DENNIS GRUBB

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, runner-up in the 1959 IM football tournament, was knocked out of the running for this year's crown when Chi Phi turned in a 6-0 win last night in the opening round of the championship playoffs.

Quarterback Ron Woods and company managed to hold a hard-hitting SAE team throughout the game and at half time Chi Phi led 2-0 on first downs.

The winning touchdown came midway in the second half when Bill Bevan intercepted an SAE pass on the Chi Phi 30-yard line and ran it back to the SAE 15. Woods then passed to Greg DuVall in the endzone for the TD.

Phi Delta Theta topped Phi Kappa Sigma 7-0 in another quarter final game.

Strong defensive units of both teams stopped many scoring at- (Continued on page seven)



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