

Pitt Defense May Force Lions to Use Air Lanes

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a rarity and it leads to speculation that the cagey Lion coach may have something special planned for Pitt.

Engle's biggest worry tomorrow seems to be the problem of pass interceptions.

With Dick Hoak and Galen Hall guiding the Lion offense, it is possible that State will fill the air lanes because the Panther defense has stopped most ground attacks this year.

"We must guard against interceptions," Engle warns. "Pitt converted key interceptions into offensive weapons in its wins over Syracuse and Notre Dame.

"Pitt's only touchdown against Army came on an interception return," Engle added.

Hoak has really been a stand-out for the Lions the past three weeks and last Saturday at Holy Cross he had his best afternoon in a Penn State uniform.

The converted halfback gained 234 yards — 174 passing and 60 rushing. He'll run the Lions' second unit tomorrow and Hall, as usual, will handle the first.

In the backfield along with Hall will be halfbacks Jim Kerr and Don Jonas and fullback Sam Sobczak.

Captain Henry Oppermann will be at end along with Bob Mitinger, while Stew Barber and Jim Smith will start at tackle.

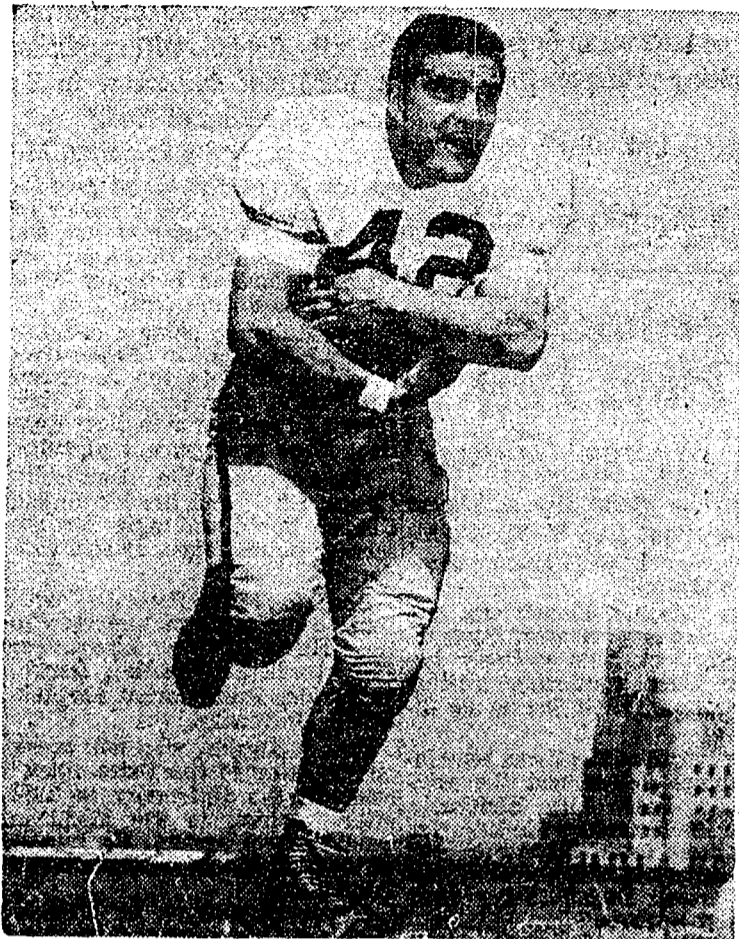
Joe Blasenstein and Bill Popo will be the guards and Jay Huffman is the center.

The second unit, which plays as much as the first, has Hoak at quarterback with Dick Pae and Al Gursky at halfback. Dave Hayes and Bud Torris split the fullback duties.

Up front, the ends are Dave Robinson and Dave Truitt.

Charlie Sieminski and Jerry Farkas will start at tackle with Wayne Berfield and Bob Hart at guard. Bill Saul, voted the top lineman in the Holy Cross game last week, is the center.

For Pitt, Ed Sharockman will call the signals, but his backfield will be a little different due to



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an injury to C-boy Bob Clemens. The junior halfback pulled some ligaments in his leg this week and he'll be out tomorrow. He is Pitt's top ground gainer.

Either John Yaccino or Ed Clark will take his place.

The other C-Boys — Fullback Jim Cunningham and halfback Fred Cox — are healthy and hope to take up the slack for their injured partner.

Last year the C-Boys ruined Penn State with some sensational offensive work including an 86-yard TD run by Cox and a 35-yard touchdown dash by Clemens.

All-American end candidate Mike Ditka will lead Pitt's battle-hardened line which has stopped

some of the top teams in the nation.

Ron Delfine will be Pitt's other end while Bob Budavich and Dick Mills are slated for tackle duty.

Regis Coustillac and All-East prospect Larry Vignali will be the guards and Andy Kuzneski at the pivot slot.

Pitt has won 33 times in this series which started in 1893. State has won 23 times and there have been three ties.

Gator Bowl officials may still wind up here tomorrow, but Pitt sports publicist Beano Cook says he hasn't heard from them.

Pitt's four wins have been over Miami, 17-6 West Virginia, 42-0 Syracuse, 10-0, and Notre Dame, 20-13.

They've lost to UCLA and Oklahoma and they've tied Michigan State, TCU and Army.

State has beaten Boston University, Army, West Virginia, Maryland and Holy Cross. The losses were to Missouri, Illinois and Syracuse.

Werner's Strategy Paid High Dividends

By BILL BARBER

Penn State's IC4A cross country championship came about not by accident, but by the crafty planning of Lion coach Chick Werner.

The veteran mentor has developed a team this year which many cross country experts feel is his best since he became head coach in 1933.

However, when the season started, nobody figured that Penn State would do so well.

"All we had to start with were three pretty good boys in Herm Weber, Gerry Norman and Steve Moorhead," Werner said the other night as he outlined the harriers' climb to success.

Aside from the "Big Three," as Weber, Moorhead and Norman became known after great performances in the first few meets of the season, the team lacked poise and experience.

Half the squad was composed of sophomores who had yet to run in a varsity meet.

Werner knew that despite the ability of Weber, Moorhead and Norman, the Lions would have trouble beating perennial cross-country powerhouses like Michigan State and Manhattan unless he came up with some other top runners.

So he decided to employ a bit of very unusual strategy. He instructed the "Big Three" to hold back both in meets and in practice just enough to encourage the Lion's secondary runners to try and keep up with them.

Each day runners like Howie Deardorff, Ernie Noll, Lionel Basset and Denny Johnson found that if they pushed themselves to the very limit they could almost keep pace with the leaders.

"Before the first meet with Cornell, we imposed on Weber, Moorhead and Norman that we didn't

want them running faster than our fifth man," Werner said.

"We were taking a chance that Cornell would break into the scoring but we were going to let things fall and develop a team instead of a group of individuals," he said.

The strategy paid off for the Lions when they came home in a five-way tie for first to rout the Big Red, 15-47, and it's been paying off ever since.

The harriers breezed undefeated through six dual meets and then captured the IC4A team championship last week.

"The total value of this type of running has been that the under-studies to the three top runners had a lot of composure rub off on them," Werner said. "This improved them greatly.

"But it looks as if our team balance may have developed at the expense of our three individual stars," he said. "For this personal sacrifice, Weber, Moorhead, and Norman deserve a lot of credit."

Werner said he would have to alter his strategy for Monday's NCAA tourney at East Lansing, Mich.

"Our endeavor for the NCAA meet will be to have everyone running as individuals to break up this thing of holding back to encourage a teammate.

"We have to shake this thing off before the NCAA as the runners out there are going to be very, very tough," he added.

American League Delays Fate of New LA Franchise

NEW YORK (AP) — The American League, undecided over what action to take involving the new Los Angeles franchise, recessed until Tuesday after deliberating almost eight hours yesterday.

"We have a number of applicants for the Los Angeles franchise," said AL President Joe Cronin. "We will consider all of them in the meanwhile.

"We met with Commissioner Ford Frick and had an agreeable

meeting. Del Webb, co-owner of the New York Yankees and a representative of the American League, is on his way now to Los Angeles to discuss the situation with Walter O'Malley.

"We told the commissioner we would be glad to sit down with O'Malley (Los Angeles Dodgers' owner) to talk over matters pertaining to an American League club playing in the Los Angeles Coliseum."



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