

Mitinger, Robinson Head Engle's 'Problem' Corps

By JIM KARL

Rip Engle says he has a "problem" at end.

The "problem" isn't Bob Mitinger and Dave Robinson.

Added up, Mitinger and Robinson equal 430 pounds, 12 feet, 5 inches—and potentially the toughest pair of ends in college football.

The "problem" is that aside from Mitinger and Robinson, last year's graduation losses make Penn State's terminal ranks look like shredded wheat.

Despite this fact, most college coaches would give five full scholarships to relieve Rip of his troubles.

Mitinger, a 6-2, 210-pounder from Greensburg, Pa., has spent most of his time the past two autumns breaking up plays in the opposition's backfield.

Robinson, a 6-3, 220-pound sophomore from Moorestown, N.J., was switched from guard to end last year and caught two passes for 55 yards in his first game against Holy Cross.

Although Robinson has only three varsity games under his belt at the terminal post, he spent his entire freshman season hauling down passes for frosh Coach Earl Bruce.

"It doesn't make any difference to me where I play," Robinson said. "It's all the same—hit, hit, hit."

"They're both willing and eager," Engle said. "They do everything asked of them."

Engle's "problem" is caused by the loss of Henry Oppermann, John Bozick, Dave Truitt, and Dave Alexander, four lettermen who accounted for 21 pass receptions, 253 yards and 30 points last season.

Varsity holdovers Jim Schwab and Cliff Davis are the top contenders to play behind Mitinger and Robinson.

But Davis has been handi-



BOB MITINGER

... capped by injuries this spring and Schwab is participating in track.

Dick Anderson, a 6-3, 200-pounder from E. Patterson, N.J., is getting a close look but Engle said the field is "still wide open."

Dick Lezinski, another promising prospect, broke his leg in a physical education class earlier this month and will sit out the 1961 season.

On the brighter side of things, Engle is pleased with the play of Roger Kochman, the sophomore flash who sat out last

year with a knee injury. "Roger's doing almost everything better now than when he was a sophomore," Engle said.

"We're very encouraged with his attitude and his toughness, but he has a long way to go before he regains the speed he showed two years ago."

The gridders are scheduled for two more days of practice this week and four next week before topping off spring drills with the annual Blue-White game May 6.

Schedule Makers Pose Problem for Thinclads

The schedule makers must have turned their backs on Penn State when they revised the format for this year's Penn Relays in Philadelphia Friday and Saturday.

Under the new schedule the distance medley and the four mile relay — two of State's strongest events — will be run only 65 minutes apart Friday.

Last year the distance medley was held Friday and the four-mile relay Saturday.

Lion Coach Chick Werner can field a solid team in both events with Gerry Norman, Steve Moorhead, Howie Deardorff and either Mike Miller or Herm Weber in the four-mile relay and Norman (mile), Moorhead (three-quarters), Deardorff (880), and either Bob Brown or George Metzgar (440) in the distance medley.

But with only a little over an hour between races, it's doubtful that Norman, Moorhead and Deardorff will be at their best in the second event.

Werner hasn't decided what he will do yet, but he may make an all-out bid for the distance medley. The Lions won that event in 10:05.3 at the Quantico Relays April 14 without the help

of Norman, their top distance runner.

The Lion sophomore was sidelined with a spike wound but he returned to action against Navy Saturday and won the two mile in 9:14.8.

Abilene Christian, Michigan and Yale are the other main contenders in the distance medley.

Michigan swept both the four-mile relay and the distance medley last year behind the distance running of Ergas Leps. Leps will anchor the Spartan four-mile relay and lead off in the distance medley again this year.

Abilene Christian was clocked in 9:51.5 in the distance medley at the Texas Relays this year.

East, West Will Train For A-A Bowl in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Both the East and West teams for the American Football Coaches Association All-America Bowl will train at the University of Buffalo, Jack Guthrie, president of the bowl association, announced yesterday.

The squads will gather June 14 in preparation for the June 24 game in Buffalo's War Memorial Stadium.

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Johnson's TKO Over Clay Erases Bitter Memories

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — What a difference a day — or two fights — can make in the lives of a fighter and his manager.

Manager Pat Olivieri spoke thus yesterday as acclaim and acknowledgement was heaped on him and Harold Johnson following Johnson's successful defense of his light heavyweight title.

Olivieri has been Johnson's manager since the Philadelphian was reinstated from a suspension that followed the "doped orange" fight with Julio Mederos six years ago.

In that time, said Olivieri, fights were few (14) and far between against insignificant opponents and for small purses. "And not many people stopped you on the street to find out how things were going," said Olivieri.

Two fights — when Johnson won the National Boxing Association version of the title in January and his two-round TKO of Von Clay Monday night at the Arena have changed all that.

"Things are different now," said Olivieri. "Harold was impressive and now promoters like Teddy Brenner (New York matchmaker) are interested in us. And everyone is our friend."

Olivieri said that he still wasn't too interested in a tentative match offered by Brenner against Giulio Rinaldi June 10 in Madi-

son Square Garden. Archie Moore, who is recognized as division champion in Europe, New York and Massachusetts, is slated for the Rinaldi fight but Brenner feels he may not be able to pare down to 175 pounds, the division limit.

Olivieri reiterated that he probably would take the fight only if Johnson is recognized as champion "because he's unquestionably the best."

In the "doped orange fight," Johnson was unable to answer the bell for round four. He claimed he had been made ill by an orange he ate just before entering the ring. When Johnson returned from his suspension, no one was particularly interested in him.

Olivieri, who runs a restaurant, put a lot of money into Johnson, waiting for the big break that came only this year when Johnson got the NBA title bout with Jesse Bowdry.

NCAA Champs

Nine Penn Staters have won NCAA track championships. The most recent was Horace Ashenfelter who won the two-mile run in 1949.



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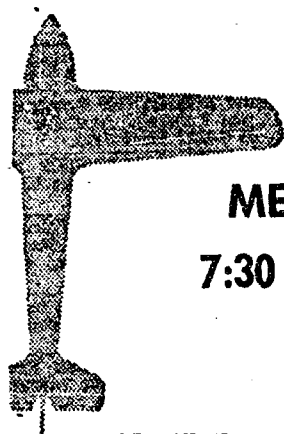
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