

Halftime



A New Look In a New Era

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The completion of Beaver Stadium last year ushered in a new era of football at Penn State, an era that will produce bigger crowds, tougher schedules and better teams than ever before.

This year should be a case in point.

Advance ticket sales at Rec Hall should surpass all previous records. One glance at the schedule shows that it is one of the toughest in history. And it's no secret that football forecasters all over the country think highly of Rip Engle's 1961 gridiron edition.

Yes, football at Mt. Nittany will have a new look this year, but unless you are an oldtimer around these parts you won't notice the difference.

There is nothing unusual about enthusiasm or winning seasons at State. The Lions always manage to put on a good show for the customers. In fact, State hasn't had a losing season since 1938 and has appeared in three bowl games in the last decade and a half.

The show should be just as good if not better this year but the difference lies in the crowds (larger), the stakes (higher), and the quality of play (better).

The reason for the change boils down to a matter of rising costs. Like anything else these days, big time football hurts the pocketbook like it never did before.

It hurts so much that some schools like Denver and Marquette have dropped football altogether. Other schools have slipped down to a lower bracket of competition.

State, like many other large schools, decided to fight the rising costs by building a larger stadium, scheduling only top-flight competition, and hoping that the alumni would be in a charitable mood. From the looks of this year's team, they were.

ONE SIGNIFICANT RESULT of football's rising costs is that the word "breather" is fast becoming an obsolete term in football phraseology.

Just for the record, a "breather" usually refers to a game between a big time collegiate power and a small school. These games are (or were) scheduled either as the season opener (so the coach could get a better look at new players or formations without risking a loss) or in the middle of the season (so the players could get a respite from the rugged competition that all major teams see week in and week out).

In the past four years Penn State has played Furman, Virginia Military Institute, Marquette, Colgate and William and Mary, but an examination of Lion schedules through 1965 won't reveal any of those names.

With the possible exception of West Virginia, a traditional rival undergoing a rebuilding program, Rip Engle's gridders will face rough and ready competition every Saturday this fall.

IOWA, OHIO STATE AND PENN STATE, in that order—that's the consensus of America's football forecasters for the top three teams in the nation.

The Lions edged into the top three on the basis of consistently high ratings.

In six preseason polls including Look, Saturday Evening Post and Playboy, Penn State was picked to finish third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth and fourteenth in the nation.

Iowa was picked first three times and second once and Ohio State was picked lower than fourth only once.

According to the "experts" the Top Twenty at the end of the season should look something like this:

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| 1. Iowa | 11. Mississippi |
| 2. Ohio State | 12. Michigan State |
| 3. Penn State | 13. Arkansas |
| 4. Rice | 14. N.C. State |
| 5. Syracuse and Kansas (tie) | 15. Notre Dame and Baylor (tie) |
| 7. UCLA | 17. Auburn |
| 8. Texas | 18. Michigan |
| 9. Alabama | 19. Army |
| 10. LSU | 20. Minnesota |

Pre-season pollsters didn't neglect the All-Americans, either. The most frequently mentioned names in seven pre-season polls were:

Ends: Bill Miller, Miami; Gary Collins, Maryland; Bob Mitinger, Penn State and Tom Hutchinson, Kentucky.

Guards: Joe Romig, Colorado; Jim Skaggs, Washington; Billy Neighbors, Georgia Tech and Nick Buoniconti, Notre Dame.

Tackles: Merlin Olsen, Utah State; Jon Schopf, Michigan; Bill White, Oklahoma and John Brown, Syracuse.

Centers: Alex Kroll, Rutgers and Ronnie Hull, UCLA.

Quarterbacks: Roman Gabriel, North Carolina State and John Hadl, Kansas.

Halfbacks: Ernie Davis, Syracuse; Larry Ferguson, Iowa; Lance Alworth, Arkansas and Glenn Glass, Tennessee.

Fullbacks: Ronnie Bull, Baylor and Bob Ferguson, Ohio State. Mitinger was named on three All-American teams and two All-East squads.

Roger Kochman was picked on Red Grange's All-America team and got one All-East nomination. Galen Hall, Don Jonas, Jim Smith and Dave Robinson were named on various All-East teams.

It looks like Baylor has the best backfield in the nation, with Texas and Kansas close behind. Ron Stanley will be back at quarterback for the Bears with Tom Minter (9.7 for the 100) and Ron Goodwin at halfbacks. The incomparable Ronnie Bull is at fullback.

Texas has Mike Cotten at quarterback, Jim Saxon and Jack

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Barber Handcuffs Maris; Bests Ford With 4-Hitter

BALTIMORE (AP) — Roger Maris failed to hit safely last night in the first game of a twilight-night doubleheader, won by Baltimore's Steve Barber, 1-0, with a 4-hitter against the pennant-bound New York Yankees.

Maris, who has 58 home runs, hasn't hit an official homer in the Orioles' park all season.

Maris has only two more games to match or beat Babe Ruth's record of 60 set in 1927, according to the ruling of Commissioner Ford Frick. Frick ruled the Ruth record could be tied or broken only in 154 team decisions. Last night's first game was the Yanks' 152nd decision of the year.

Maris was on base only once in the rain-threatened game — when he walked in the first inning. He fouled out to first baseman Jim

Gentile on the first pitch in the first before he was lifted.

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers presented Don Mossi with a four-run lead in the first inning yesterday and the hard-luck southpaw bedeviled the Los Angeles Angels with a four-hitter for a 6-2 victory.

It was the 15th triumph for Mossi, who had been given only one run by his teammates in 24 innings of pitching covering his previous four starts.

The Angels used six pitchers, the loss going to starter Ken McBride. McBride gave up the Ti-

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Catcher Ed Bailey singled in the winning run in the ninth inning yesterday as San Francisco out-bombed Milwaukee, 11-10, in a homer derby that saw the Giants thwart Warren Spahn's bid for victory No. 20.

Eight homers flew out of Candlestick Park — four by each team — before Bailey connected with the bases loaded and one out.

The four San Francisco homers, including a grand slam by Willie Mays, sent Spahn to the showers in the fourth inning trailing, 7-2. Orlando Cepeda, Jimmy Davenport and Bailey all had hit for the circuit.

For Return Bout Clause Fuller Puts Up \$1 Million

BOSTON (AP) — Wealthy Peter Fuller, manager of heavyweight Tom McNeeley, yesterday put up a million dollars as guarantee on a return bout if McNeeley unthrones Floyd Patterson as heavyweight champion next Nov. 13.

McNeeley's manager deposited the money in the National Shawmut Bank as a guarantee that McNeeley will agree to give Patterson a crack at the title "not sooner than 120 days nor later than July 1, 1962."

That clause was contained in a contract for the heavyweight title bout, which is now on file with the Massachusetts Boxing Commission.

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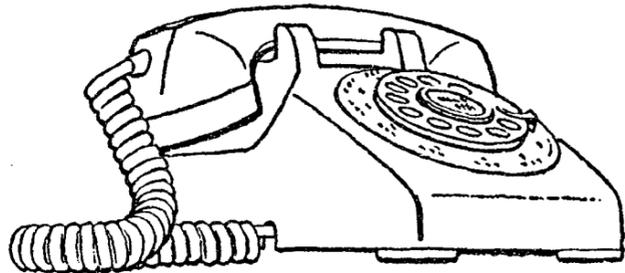
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