

Eckert Destined to Join Army Quarterback Greats

By JIM KARL

Army has had some great quarterbacks in its recent football history, but three in particular—Arnold Tucker, Arnold Galiffa and Joe Caldwell—stand out above the rest.

Nobody is saying that Dick Eckert, the junior signal-caller who will direct the Black Knights against Penn State Saturday, should be included at present in that elite threesome.

But if Eckert keeps performing as he has the past three Saturdays, it won't be long before that exclusive trio becomes an exclusive quartet.

"Eckert is the heart of their football team," Lion quarterback coach Joe Paterno said. "If he goes, Army goes."

Eckert is the fifth-ranking passer in the nation to date and runs the option as if he invented it.

He has completed 31 of 53 passes for a .585 average and 290 yards so far this year and is Army's third leading ground gainer with 78 yards in 31 carries.

As a sophomore last year Eckert understudied Tom Blanda, but he still managed to complete 14 of 41 passes for 177 yards and three touchdowns. He gained 127 yards on 40 rushes and scored the winning touchdown in the upset over Syracuse.

Eckert was an outstanding athlete at Carlisle High School, where he won nine letters and captained the football, basketball and baseball teams.

He and Don Caum, State's sophomore signal-caller, are considered to be two of the finest backs ever to play in the Harrisburg area.

Eckert and Caum, who quarterbacked Central Dauphin High School, played against each other twice, with Central Dauphin winning both games, 14-0 in 1957 and 20-7 a year later.

Caum raced 75 yards on a punt return and hit Skip Finkleston, of Penn State intramural fame, with a 14-yard TD pass to account for both scores in the 1957 victory.

Eckert got Carlisle's only touchdown on an eight-yard run in the second game and had an 81-yard kickoff return called back because of a penalty.

Although Eckert has done most of Army's quarterbacking in the victories over Richmond and Boston University and the loss to Michigan last week, coach Dale Hall has another field general, Joe Blackgrove, who is considered almost as dangerous as Eckert.

"Blackgrove isn't quite as sharp a passer as Eckert," Paterno said, "but he's a better runner. In fact,



DICK ECKERT
... directs Army attack

Army considers him their best back."

The speedy 170-pound junior was a defensive halfback last year but he ran so well in spring practice that Hall converted him to quarterback.

Army uses the lonely end offense and State line coach Tor Torretti, who scouted the Cadets in their last two games, calls the Black Hawks "primarily a passing team."

But Army has also used the quarterback option often this year, and it's easy to understand why with runners like Eckert and Blackgrove on hand.

Last Minute TD Pass Gives Theta Chi Win Over Triangle

By MAL KLUGMAN

A 15-yard desperation pass in the last 30 seconds from John Barie to Walter Bilger gave Theta Chi a 4-3 first down victory over Triangle in IM grid play on the golf course fields last night.

Trailing 7-0 throughout the game, the touchdown and conversion by John Weldner knotted the score at 7-7 and enabled Theta Chi to win on first downs.

In other fraternity contests, Kappa Delta Rho edged Phi Kappa Sigma, 3-0; Omega Psi Phi shutout Phi Kappa Tau, 7-0; Delta Tau Delta whipped Sigma Alpha Mu, 13-0; Beta Theta Pi squeaked by Sigma Tau Gamma, 2-0; and Alpha Tau Omega defeated Chi Phi on first downs.

A 30-yard field goal by Bill Johnston enabled KDR to defeat Phi Kappa Sigma, 3-0.

A Ken Carroll to Watson Brown pass gave Omega Psi Phi a 7-0 victory over Phi Kappa Tau. Carroll threw a 75-yard pass to Brown that was good for a touchdown and the same duo clicked on a pass for the extra point.

Lawson Whiting tapped Dave Gross in Sigma Tau Gamma's endzone for a safety to give Beta their 2-0 victory.

In North Halls action Centre defeated Montgomery, 7-0; Lackawanna stopped Cambria, 6-0; and Bucks whipped Blair on first

downs.

Jerry Minnich threw to Harry Street for a 20-yard TD and John Vogel added the extra point to give Centre their win.

A 10-yard pass from Tom Bell to Red Phillips gave Lackawanna its margin of victory over Cambria, 6-0.

In games played on the three new IM fields next to Beaver Stadium, Nittany 26 topped Redifer, 19-6; Nittany 25 whipped NROTC, 7-4; Mercer beat Butler, 21-0; Nittany 38 stomped Nittany 28, 19-0; Nittany 27 nipped Nittany 33, 7-6; McKean stopped Somerset, 21-0; Nittany 41 tripped Nittany 35, 6-0; Nittany 42 defeated Nittany 39, 5-3 on first downs, and Lawrence edged Venago, 1-0 on first downs.

Lions Nip Army in Opener

The Penn State-Army rivalry started in 1899, when Earl Hewitt's 65-yard punt return gave the Nittany Lions a 6-0 triumph. It was their only win in the series until they broke the ice in 1959 and repeated last year. Army holds the upper hand in the series, though, 6-3, with two games having ended in ties.

MEETING
All sophomores, juniors and seniors majoring in ENGLISH are invited to attend a meeting Friday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m., in 10 Sparks. Purpose: to recruit volunteers for an experiment in teaching the art of writing.
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Referees are needed for Tuesday and Thursday evening IM football games. Dutch Sykes, IM director, has announced. All interested persons should report to 202 Rec Hall as soon as possible.

Bowling Entries

Intramural Director Dutch Sykes announced that all entries for bowling, both fraternity and independent, must be turned in to the IM office in Rec Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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