

Nittany Lions, Army Equal Harriers Will Face Big Red's Machooka

By DAVE LEONARD

Penn State's cross country team extended a two season victory skein to seven straight by beating Pitt Saturday, but everything could come crashing down tomorrow when the harriers entertain a strong Cornell squad on the golf course.

"This is probably the best Cornell squad in the past ten years," Lion coach Chick Werner said yesterday.

The Big Red possess one of the top distance men in the country in Steve Machooka.

"Machooka is one of the best distance runners I have seen," Werner said. "If he cracks out first three men tomorrow, Cornell could win the meet because they have some good boys backing him up."

Machooka, only a sophomore, proved he was the best frosh runner in the East last year by running away with the IC4A freshman title. The Cornell freshman team finished third in that event, which is another cause for Werner to worry. In the same meet, the Lions finished ninth.

Although State won in a convincing (17-12) fashion over the Panthers, Werner said that his runners will have to work to improve their pacing.

"I said before the Pitt meet that I was going to be an easy one, and it was," Werner said. "We won the meet, but we made a

lot of mistakes in doing so. Our pacing was all wrong, and we've been spending this week correcting those errors."

Against Pitt the mistakes didn't mean much, but if there is a repetition against Cornell it—could prove fatal.

Werner said he was very happy over Colin Grant's record breaking victory in the freshman meet Saturday against Pitt. "Grant broke a record which has been held by some of the top runners in the country over the years and this certainly was a fine accomplishment," Werner said.

Due to the football game, the times of both the freshman and varsity meets have been switched from 1 p.m. to 11 a.m.



AL RUSHATZ

... scored 10 touchdowns last year

and butter man ever since.

He led the team in rushing and touchdowns last year with 648 yards and 10 scores. Only three Black Knight fullbacks, including the immortal Doc Blanchard, picked up more yardage along the ground in one season.

Rushatz has been just as successful as a wrestler. He won the Eastern 177-pound crown in 1959 and just missed repeating last year.

Backing up Rushatz at fullback is George Pappas, another excellent runner who broke away for

a 29-yard jaunt against State last year.

Together Rushatz and Pappas make Army a constant threat on the ground, even though the Cadets have been labeled a passing team this year.

First team quarterback Dick Eckert is the fifth leading passer in the nation percentage-wise and is second among all signal-callers in total completions.

Last week when Michigan ganged up to stop Rushatz up the middle, Eckert completed 22 of 23 passes for 164 yards.

Joe Blackgrove was slated to back up Eckert at quarterback but the sleek 165-pounder was switched to halfback just yesterday by coach Dale Hall.

Army had trouble running outside against Michigan and Hall hopes that with Blackgrove's speed he may be able to turn State's ends a few times and open up the middle for Rushatz.

Even as a quarterback Blackgrove was considered Army's best running back.

With quarterback Galen Hall a doubtful starter for State Pete Liske will probably see action with the Lions' starting unit and Don Caum will direct the Reddies.

Hall is still hindered by a bruised shoulder he received in the loss to Miami, and unless he is pressed coach Rip Engle will probably save him for Syracuse next week.

Bob Hart, the Lions injured right guard, is working out with the Reddie Unit and will probably be able to play against Syracuse also.

Dave Robinson is still out with a shoulder separation and it's doubtful whether he'll see any action for at least three more weeks.

So far Penn State's shaky pass defense and Army's reportedly rugged passing attack have been the focal points of much speculation by local arm chair quarterbacks.

But when the going gets rough in tomorrow's Beaver Stadium contest between the two eastern powers, look for State's Dave Hayes and Army's Al Rushatz—the opposing fullbacks—to be carrying the ball.

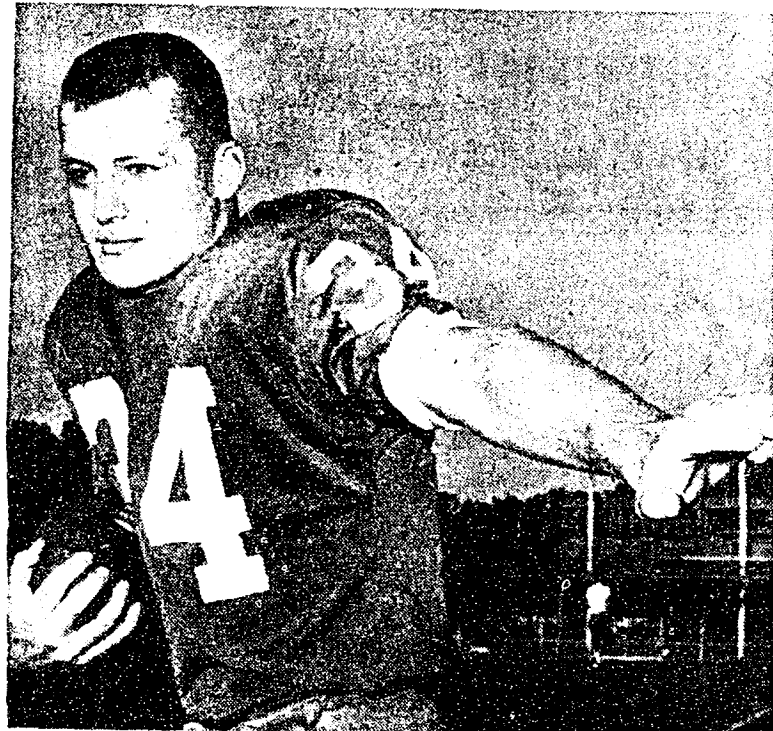
Both are blue chip players who get that extra yard when it counts the most.

In three games this year Hayes is State's leading ground gainer with 158 yards in 32 carries for a 4.9 average. He has yet to be stopped for a loss.

Rushatz, who is headed for his second straight season as Army's top line-smasher, has quite a success story behind him.

The 196-pound fullback came to West Point with a reputation as an outstanding wrestler. He wasn't slated to see much action on the football field as a sophomore in 1959 but got a break when Jim Eielson and Don Bonko, seasoned performers, were injured.

Rushatz took over the starting slot and has been Army's bread



DAVE HAYES

... leading Lion ground gainer

Poll Decides Integration

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—A campus opinion poll on integration of athletics at the University of Texas will be taken at the student government elections Oct. 25.

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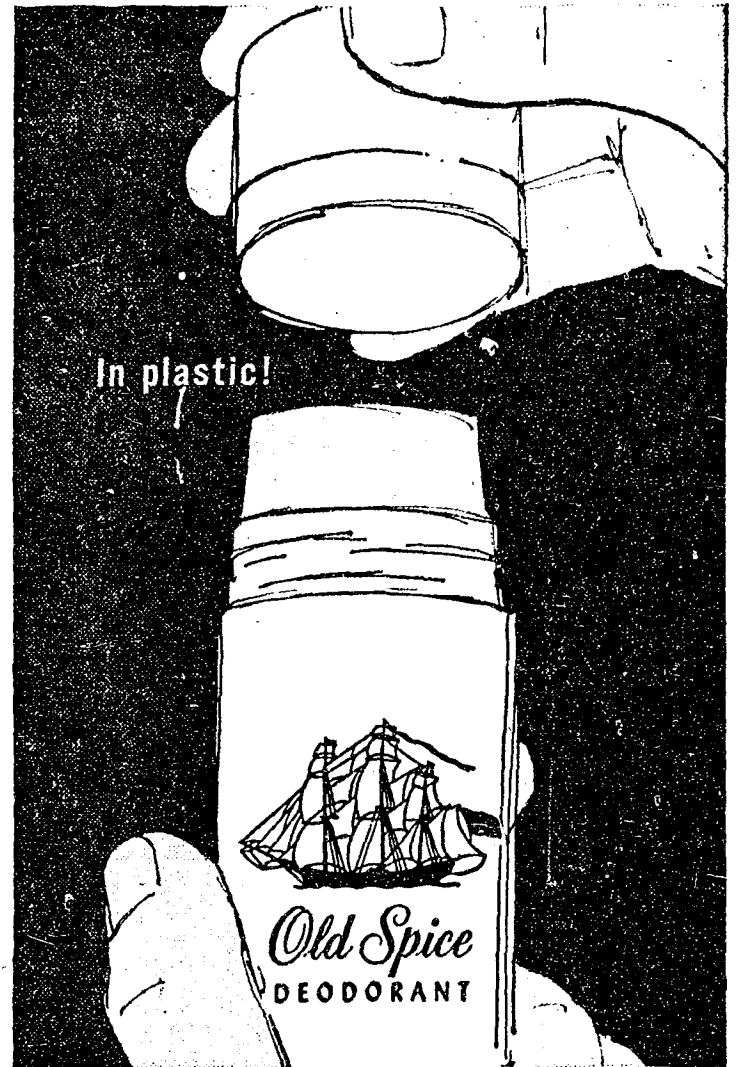
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