

Pitt Hopes To Solve Passing Problems

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Coach John Michelosen looked forward yesterday to elimination of the passing problems plaguing Pitt's Panthers, and in the process, an end to the team's three-game losing streak against UCLA tomorrow.

In its first four games, Pitt has been extremely weak on

both pass offense and pass defense. Panther passers have completed 21 passes in 55 attempts for 229 yards and no touchdowns while opponents have thrown 32 good passes in 68 tries for 556 yards and six touchdowns.

Michelosen is relying heavily on junior Jim Traficant to change the offensive passing picture.

"I believe he can do the job," Michelosen said. "He's been throwing pretty well in practice. Until now, we just haven't had the good passes. I think the leg Traficant injured before the season is okay.

"He didn't run when he had the opportunity against West Virginia, and I talked to him about it. But you can't tell what he's going to do in a game until he does it. Injuries wind up in the mind more than anywhere else."

As for pass defense, Michelosen said:

"One of our major problems arises when one man tries to bolster another man in the secondary and leaves a receiver open. Our rush on the passer also has fallen down. We're in there and have a chance to get the quarterback, but we let him get away.

"We've worked on it, but it's sometimes hard to eliminate those lapses. That's a mental thing with an individual. You never can tell when the lapses will crop up."

UCLA (2-2) hasn't passed too much this season, but Michelosen expects to see more throwing tomorrow.

"Mike Haffner, their sophomore tailback, is just coming into his own," Michelosen said. "He had a real big game last week against Vanderbilt. With him in the game, we expect them to throw a lot more."

Frosh Booters Defeat Lock Haven Varsity, 3-1

Penn State's frosh soccer team opened its season on a successful note yesterday, downing Lock Haven's varsity 3-1, at Lock Haven.

Big George Berzkalns, a towering center-forward from Philadelphia, booted two goals for the victorious Lions. Allen Jacobson, a speedy wing from Chester, added the third State score.

The game was deadlocked 1-1 at the half, but the Lion frosh added single tallies in the third and fourth periods to clinch the contest.

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Harriers Put Win Streak On Line

By DAVE LEONARD
The Penn State cross country team has won eight dual meets in a row, but tomorrow coach Chick Werner's bubble could burst when the Lions take on a powerful Michigan State squad at East Lansing.

Gerry Norman, Werner's top runner, probably won't run against the Spartans because of a leg injury.

"Norman is going to make

Kaline Honored

NEW YORK (AP)—Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers, who increased his batting average 46 points while rebounding from his poorest American League season, was named the circuit's comeback player-of-the-year for 1961 yesterday.

the trip with the team, but I don't think he will compete," Werner said. "If our team was in perfect physical shape we would have a chance against Michigan State, but with Norman out things look very bleak."

Year after year, the Spartans come up with great cross country teams, and this one is no exception.

"Last year, their freshman team was constantly beating their varsity, so you can imagine what kind of team they have," Werner said.

The Spartans have three lettermen returning this year including Jerry Young, the defending Big Ten champion.

In addition to his Big Ten victory, Young finished third in the IC4A's, and fourth in the NCAA's last year.

The other two returnees are Roger Humbarger (31st in the NCAA's) and Don Castle (66th).

Norman, Mike Miller, Howie Deardorff, Steve Moorhead, Joe Nichols, Lionell Bassett, Ernie Noll, and Ted Inswailer will make the trip. If Norman doesn't run, Inswailer will take his place.

Michelosen has been heartened somewhat by the display of hustle in practice this week. "The players have been running harder and have had a lot of zip and ginger. It's been nice to see. They're feeling up to playing a good game, I hope. I would think they want to show everyone they're not as bad as they looked against West Virginia."

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