

Lions Battle Maryland Today

Bowl Scouts to Watch Make-or-Break Contest

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Penn State and Maryland will battle for a national ranking and possible bowl consideration before a sellout homecoming crowd of 35,000 at Byrd Field today at 2 p.m.

The game looms as a make-or-break contest for both teams. State and Maryland each sport 4-2 records and have been mentioned as possible choices for the Liberty and Gator Bowls.

Scouts from both post-season extravaganzas will be in the stands and according to Hal Freeman, publicity director for the Liberty Bowl, the loser today will be eliminated from further consideration for the Philadelphia game.

The Lions started slow this year, breaking even in their first four games before scoring convincing victories over Syracuse and California the past two weeks.

Maryland, on the other hand, has lost two out of its last three games after opening the season with three straight wins.

Against their only common foe, State shut out a crippled Syracuse team, 14-0, and Maryland edged the Orange when they were at full strength, 22-21.

The Lions have yet to lose to Maryland in seven outings. State defeated the Terrapins 28-9 at Beaver Stadium last year.

But since Tommy Nugent took over in 1959 he has been building a football powerhouse at College Park that should rival Jim Tatum's grid titans of the early 1950's. And although Nugent feels his team is still a year or two away, he admits Maryland has its best personnel in almost 10 years.

"We don't have what we want at every position yet," Nugent said, "but we're improving."

"It's always a pleasure to play a team like Penn State," he said, "because eventually we're going to have a real powerhouse here—and the more we play against the real good teams the faster we'll learn."

The last statement was uttered without any trace of a smile.

Nugent has a super star in end Gary Collins, two top-rated quarterbacks in Dick Novak and Dick Shiner, and an armada of fleet halfbacks.

Except for back Dennis Condie, one of Maryland's top break away threats, the Terrapins are in excellent shape.

State has been plagued with minor injuries in practice the past week and Rip Engle is worried that with almost a half-dozen of his gridders operating at fifty per cent efficiency, Maryland's passing attack will be even more effective.

Three Lion guards—Harrison Rosdahl, Bob Hart, and Dick Wilson, are hampered by knee injuries—but all are expected to see action.

Another knee casualty, tackle Gerry Farkas, also is expected to see limited action.

Engle is still in the dark about the status of end Dave Robinson. Robinson had his first contact work this week since being sidelined with a shoulder separation against Navy. Team physician Alfred H. Griess hasn't determined whether Robinson will be ready for today's game.

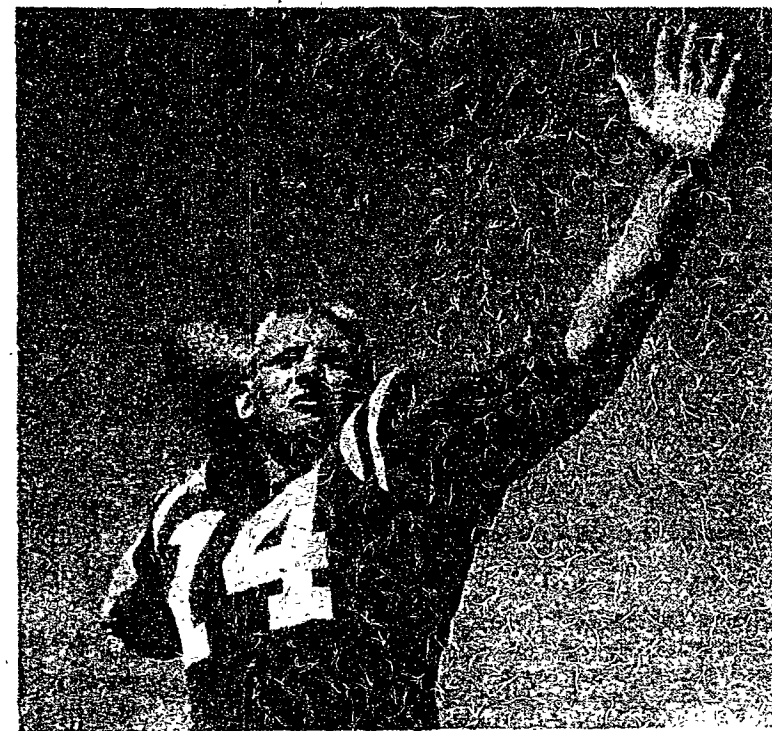
Reddie Unit halfback Gary Wydman will definitely miss the contest due to a bruised chest.

Engle is expected to start Galen Hall at quarterback, Roger Kochman and Junior Powell at Halfback and Dave Hayes at fullback.

Bob Mitinger and Jim Schwab will be at end, Charlie Sieminski and Jim Smith at tackle, Joe Blasenstein and probably Rosdahl at guard and Jay Huffman at center.




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Line Coach Sever Toretti scouted Maryland in a win over Air Force and in losses to North Carolina and South Carolina.

RECORD: Maryland defeated SMU 14-6, Clemson 24-21, Syracuse 22-21, and Air Force 21-0. The Terrapins have been beaten by North Carolina 14-8, and South Carolina 20-10.

COACH: Tommy Nugent is in his third year at Maryland, and in that short time he has put the Terrapins back in the limelight as one of the nation's top teams. Nugent's first head coaching job was at Virginia Military Academy. In four years there, 1949-1952, he compiled a 19-18-2 mark. He moved to Florida State in 1953 and during his six-year stay the Seminoles were 34-27-1. His record at Maryland midway through his third year is 15-11.

OFFENSE: Maryland is a spectacular team with emphasis placed on offense. They've shown just about every offensive set in the book, and we must be prepared to stop a multiple attack with flankers, ends over, spreads, screens, draws, unbalanced lines and men in motion; in short, just about everything but the single wing. Maryland's passing attack will give our defensive secondary its toughest workout since the Miami (George Mira) and Army (Dick Eckert) games. I look for them to throw upwards of 20 passes. And don't overlook their running game. In the upset over Syracuse, Maryland moved the ball the length of the field on the ground. At the end of the game they were on the Syracuse six yard line.



Sever Toretti

BACKS: Maryland has two fine quarterbacks in Dick Novak and Dick Shiner. Novak is the more dangerous of the two, especially on the rollout, but Shiner may have the edge on the drop-back pass. The entire Maryland backfield has excellent speed. By far, they're the fastest team on our schedule so far this year. In Dennis Condie and Ernie Arizzi, their left halfbacks, they have two breakaway threats.

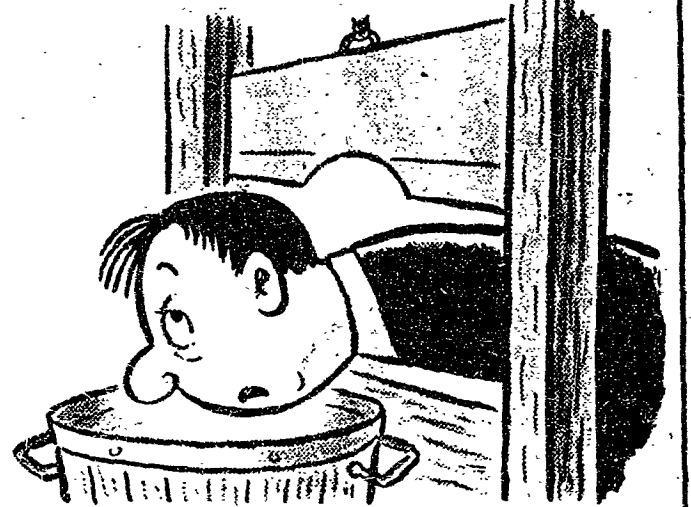
Right halfbacks (flanker backs) Tom Brown and Jim Davidson are excellent receivers and very dangerous once they get in the open.

LINE: I think everybody realizes that Gary Collins is a great football player. He's everything they say about him and it will take a tremendous effort to contain him. He's big, clever, has good hands, and runs perfect patterns. Dick Barlund, the tight end, has been a big surprise this year. Barlund was a tackle last year, but he's turned into a fine blocker and pass receiver. Their tackles are big and agile and they have a fine center in Bob Hacker, who made our all-opponent team last year.

EVALUATION: With all due credit to a fine effort by South Carolina last week, I'm certain Maryland was looking ahead to us. In fact, Maryland has been talking about nothing but Penn State every time I've scouted them.

And everytime I saw one of these coaches last year he would tell me how Maryland was looking forward to playing Penn State. They say that we gave them a lesson in football last year when we beat them 28-9, and they're looking forward to returning the compliment. Nugent has his best team in three years at Maryland—in order to stay in the game we'll have to play up to our potential.

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