

Huffman, Saul Underrated

By JIM KARL

Players like Iowa's Bill Van Buren, Utah's Ed Pine, Rutgers' Alex Kroll and Alabama's Lee Roy Jordan have been getting all the attention when talk gets around to picking an All-American center this year.

But Penn State coach Rip Engle isn't one bit envious, for he has two performers of equal ability at that spot and he wouldn't trade either one of them for any other center in the United States.

While the Lions have had their ups and downs this year, Jay Huffman and Bill Saul, two seniors who have anchored State's line for three years now, have come up with consistently top-notch performances.

"I've never had two centers as good as Huffman and Saul on one team before," Engle said after practice yesterday. "In fact, I can't think of any one center I've coached that was better than either of them."

"Dan Radakovich and Steve Garban both played great ball for us, but I can't say that either was better than Huffman or Saul," he said.

Ironically, both Radakovich and Garban are working for the University. Radakovich, who was a defensive standout for Lion teams from 1954 through 1956, is an assistant freshman coach.

Garban captained State in 1958 and was named to several All-East teams. He was named assistant business manager to Ed Czekaj this fall.

Both Saul and Huffman played end in high school and for one year in college, but a shortage at center forced the switch when they were sophomores in 1959.

Huffman has anchored the first team line and Saul has been a Reddie Unit leader ever since.

"This is the third straight season they've been doing an excellent job and it's time they get a little recognition," Engle said.

Saul, a 6-4, 215-pounder, came to the Lions from Butler High School. "The only reason he isn't on the starting team is because Huffman's there," Engle said.

"And if we moved Saul up then Huffman would be the best second team center in college football. That's how equal they are in ability."

"Each is a natural leader and each pulls his respective team. Saul has taken over as the take-charge guy on our alternate unit." To illustrate Engle's point, the second team is being called "Saul's Unit" instead of the Reddie team by many of the players.

In 1959 Huffman capped a brilliant sophomore year by being named the Most Valuable Player



BILL SAUL JAY HUFFMAN

... Double trouble

in State's 7-0 Liberty Bowl win over Alabama.

This year the 205-pounder from Clarion, Pa., was named as a possible All-American by the Football Coaches Association.

Saul had one of his best days this year against Syracuse. The big linebacker was in on four straight tackles when the Orangemen threatened deep in Lion territory.

With fourth and goal to go on the one, Saul teamed with Al Gursky to stop Ernie Davis inches short of a touchdown and the Lions went on to win, 14-0.

Engle may have trouble plugging the gap next year with his two centers graduated. But he isn't worrying about that problem right now.

"We've got two tough games left this year," he said yesterday, "and I have enough to do thinking about them."

As one of Engle's aides said, "We'll have to look over our freshman end candidates before we start thinking about who will play center next year."

LSU Sniffs Roses

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Representatives of Louisiana State University have assured Commissioner Tom Hamilton of the Big Five that there would be no racial problem if LSU is invited to the Rose Bowl.

Hamilton said LSU is one of 15 teams still under consideration as a Rose Bowl opponent for the Big Five champ—either UCLA or Southern California. Both of those Los Angeles schools have Negro players.

None of the 10 schools on LSU's schedule has a Negro player.

Mets Name Meany

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Meany, veteran New York sports writer and author of numerous baseball books, was named director of public relations for the New York Mets of the National League by George Weiss, club president.

Louis Niss, former sports editor of the defunct Brooklyn Eagle, was named road secretary and also will handle publicity for the team which starts in the league next spring.

Gridiron Notes

Holy Cross, Penn State's opponent at Beaver Stadium Saturday, currently is ranked third in the nation in passing. The Crusaders have averaged 171.9 yards per game for their first seven games. Only Detroit (206) and Mississippi (172.8) have done better . . . Quarterback Pat McCarthy has been the Crusader's big gun, but he's had plenty of help from halfback Al Snyder and Tom Hennessey. McCarthy was named to State's all-opponent team as a sophomore last year . . . Except for fullback Dave Hayes, the Lions are in good physical shape for the game. Team physician Alfred H. Griess still isn't sure whether Hayes' sprained ankle will hold up Saturday . . . Dr. Griess said that Bill Saul will be ready for the Crusaders. Saul re-injured his knee against West Virginia Saturday . . . The Lions have dropped from sixth to seventh place among the national leaders in total offense. State is averaging 346.8

yards per game while Mississippi, who leads the pack, has averaged 424.4 yards per game . . . Don Jonas needs only two more field goals to tie Pete Mauthe's school record for most FG's kicked in one season. Mauthe kicked eight in 1912. Jonas has converted six out of nine attempts this year. He never kicked a field goal throughout his entire high school and college career before this year . . . Engle revealed that Dick Wilson's sparkling line play against West Virginia last weekend has earned him a starting berth in the State lineup . . . Wilson, a 210-pound guard, filled in for the injured Harrison Rosdahl in State's 20-6 win over West Virginia Saturday.

Hardin-Simmons Plans Gridiron De-Emphasis

TUSCON, Ariz. (AP) — Hardin-Simmons University, once a kingpin in Southwest football, plans to withdraw from major football competition, sports editor George McLeod of the Tuscon Daily Citizen said yesterday.

He said the Abilene, Tex., school is expected to announce its decision at the winter meeting of the Border Conference in El Paso, Tex., next month.

The Cowboys have lost 21 straight games.

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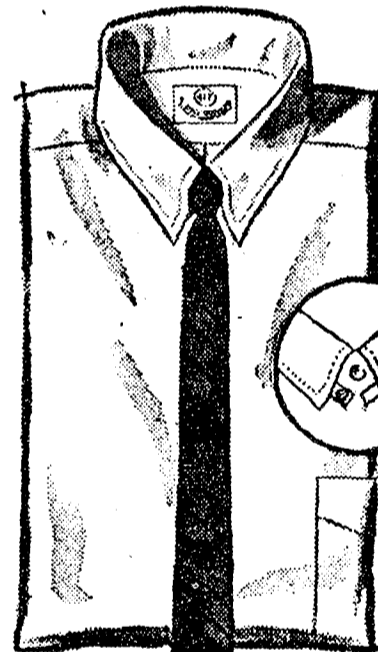
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Hoppmann Tops In Total Offense

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dave (Hoppy) Hoppmann, Iowa State tailback, is the new major college football leader in total offense and rushing, NCAA Service Bureau figures reveal.

The junior from Madison, Wis., has gained 1,530 yards — 871 by rushing. Hoppmann, with two more games to play, is nearly 300 yards ahead of his closest, still-active competitor, Chon Gallegos of San Jose State.

Jerry Gross of Detroit actually is runnerup to Hoppmann, but the fine little quarterback is out for the rest of the season with a broken ankle. Gallegos, with 1,246 yards to Gross' 1,250, has one more game to play.

Jim Pilot of New Mexico State is second to Hoppmann in rushing yardage with 845 followed by Pete Pedro of West Texas State with 796.

Gallegos still leads the passers with 107 completions in 175 attempts for 1,324 yards, 13 touchdowns and a completion percentage of .611.

IM Bowling Results

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Alpha Kappa L. 8 Delta Theta Sig. 6
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