

Gator Bowl Special



BOB MITINGER
... makes "dream team"

—Collegian Photo by John Beauge

Coaches Select Mitinger To All-American Team

He was called everything from a "killer" to the greatest football player in the country, but Penn State's Bob Mitinger kept on playing football the way he best knew how—rough and mean.

And this week the 6-2, 215-pound senior end was rewarded for his rugged play by being named to the first team of the Football Coaches Association All-American squad for 1961.

"He's our finest end in a decade and one of the nation's really great defensive performers," Lion coach Rip Engle said upon learning of Mitinger's selection to the "dream team."

California coach Marv Levy was even higher in his praise after watching his team lose 33-16 to State. "Mitinger is the best football player in the United States," he told a luncheon club back in California.

Mitinger certainly did not earn the honor as an offensive standout. He caught only seven passes all year for 69 yards, giving him a career total of 14 for 229 yards and two touchdowns.

What did earn Mitinger the All-American rating though was his rock-like defensive play and top-flight blocking. Miami coach Andy Gustafson may or may not have meant it as a compliment but he hit the nail on the head when he said of Mitinger: "He was the meanest man on the field."

Gustafson made the remark after watching the Lion end ruin

Hurricane quarterback George Mira. Time and again in the first half of the State-Miami game Mitinger crashed into Mira with vicious tackles, which caused the sophomore star to miss most of the second half.

Miami fans didn't like the treatment Mitinger gave their "idol" and one newspaper account called Mitinger a "killer."

But that same paper pointed out that Mitinger was just doing his job and commented that he was the "finest end Miami had played against in a long time."

The Miami game was typical of the type of play Mitinger gave State fans this fall. He was virtually indestructible, playing more than 400 minutes and averaging 40 minutes per game.

"I think his tremendous second and third effort made him an All-American in anybody's book," Engle said of his star. "Certainly it did in mine. He's just great. He's mentally tough, physically tough and gives out with 101 per cent effort."

Mitinger was born and bred to the game of football. His father, Bob Sr., played guard for Jock Sutherland at Lafayette in the 1920's. An uncle, Charley Berry, was an All-American end at Lafayette in the same era and a brother, Joe, captained Yale in 1952.

Mitinger's counterpart at end on the "dream team" is Gary Collins, Maryland's great pass-catcher. Collins is called "the Terp's greatest all-around end in the school's history."

Against State, Collins caught

six passes for 80 yards, scored one TD and punted six times for an average of 46 yards. South Carolina's coach Warren Geise summed-up Collins' play by saying: "He has the innate ability to come up with the big play time after time in crucial situations."

Another Lion opponent was also named to the coaches' first team. Ernie Davis, Syracuse's record-breaking halfback, won the honor for the second consecutive year.

Davis climaxed a brilliant three-year career at Syracuse by breaking just about every rushing record in the school's history. "The Elmira Express" topped the halfbacks in the coaches' vote.

Roman Gabriel of North Carolina State was the coaches' selection at quarterback.

Bob Ferguson, the Ohio State steamroller, nailed down the fullback post. Ferguson, like Davis, was a repeat from last year. Ferguson averaged over five yards per carry while rambolling for 13 touchdowns this season.

The other halfback slot went to Texas' Jim Saxton. The speed demon is tabbed as one of the most exciting runners in Longhorn history.

In the line Billy Neighbors of Alabama and Bob Bell of Minnesota were selected at tackle. Joe Romig of Colorado and Roy Winston of LSU copped the guard posts while Alex Kroll of Rutgers won the center spot.

The All-American eleven will meet for the first time tomorrow on a nation-wide CBS telecast of the Ed Sullivan Show.

—by Dean Billick

Gator Bowl TV Lineups

PENN STATE

- starting team: (probable)
- LE 88 Jim Schwab
 - LT 77 Charlie Sieminski
 - LG 62 Joe Blasenstein
 - C 51 Jay Huffman
 - RG 60 Dick Wilson
 - RT 74 Jim Smith
 - RE 86 Bob Mitinger
 - QB 25 Galen Hall
 - LH 46 Roger Kochman
 - RH 40 Junior Powell
 - FB 32 Buddy Torris

GEORGIA TECH

- starting team: (probable)
- LE 88 Ted Davis
 - LT 73 Ed Griffin
 - LG 61 Harold Ericksen
 - C 52 Willie McGaughey
 - RG 60 Dave Watson
 - RT 70 Larry Stallings
 - RE 83 Bob Solomon
 - QB 12 Stan Gann
 - LH 22 Joe Auer
 - RH 30 Billy Williamson
 - FB 46 Mike McNames

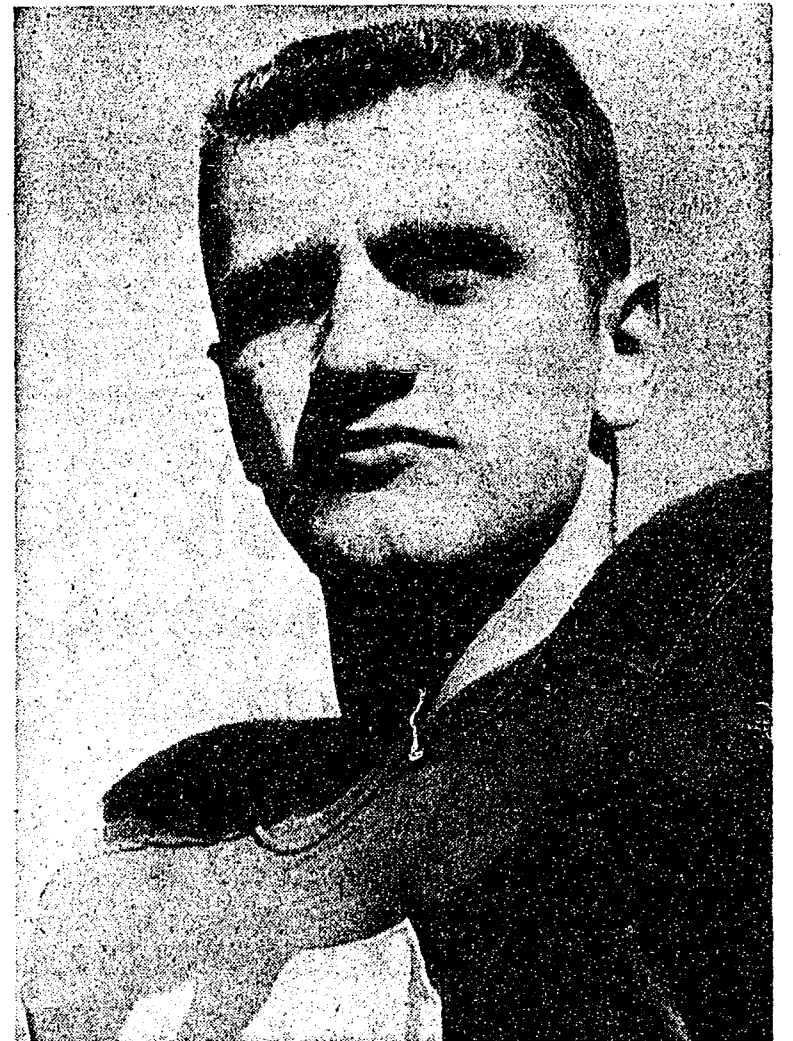
others:

- 10 HB Steve Popp
- 11 HB Gary Wydman
- 14 HB Don Jonas
- 15 HB Frank Sincek
- 17 HB Cris Weber
- 23 QB Don Caum
- 24 QB Pete Liske
- 26 QB Ron Coates
- 33 FB Bernie Sabol
- 34 FB Dave Hayes
- 36 FB Tom Urbanik
- 42 HB Bob Kline
- 43 HB Al Gursky
- 52 C Bill Saul
- 53 C Jim Williams
- 55 G Ted Gregor
- 57 C Carl Bendik
- 63 G Russ Schleiden
- 64 G Charles Ricevuto
- 65 G Charles Raisig
- 66 G Joe Galardi
- 67 G Harrison Rosdahl
- 68 E Ralph Baker
- 70 T Ron Tietjens
- 72 T Al Koontz
- 73 T Sandy Buchan
- 76 T Gerry Farkas
- 79 T Terry Monaghan
- 80 E Dave Robinson
- 81 E John Delegram
- 82 E Tom Paton
- 84 E Cliff Davis
- 85 E Dick Anderson
- 87 E Ted Malewicz
- 89 T John Deibert

others:

- 17 QB Dave Seilel
- 18 QB Billy Lothridge
- 21 HB Bob Sheridan
- 25 HB Tom Winingder
- 27 HB Don Toner
- 28 HB Zollie Sircy
- 29 HB Jimmy Barber
- 31 HB Doug Cooper
- 41 FB Ray Mendheim
- 45 FB Lee Reid
- 53 C Raymond Holt
- 54 C Ed Chancey
- 55 C Bobby Caldwell
- 57 G John Matlock
- 62 G George Swanson
- 63 G Rufus Guthrie
- 64 G Doane Thomas
- 66 T Mike Nicholl
- 67 G Mike Biddle
- 68 G Foy Benteley
- 71 T Vic Laxson
- 73 T Billy Paschal
- 75 T Dick Crum
- 77 T Bill Fairington
- 79 T Russ Foret
- 81 E Frank Sexton
- 82 E Jack Clark
- 84 E John Wright
- 86 E Ted Davis
- 87 E Al Lederle
- 88 E Billy Martin

13th Best in Nation—



ROGER KOCHMAN
... a cool 666

COMEBACK OF YEAR: Roger Kochman shoved 666 bruising yards of football field down his critics throats this year by proving that he wasn't a "one-game flash in the pan." After a sensational performance against Syracuse two years ago Kochman hurt his knee and sat out the 1960 season. After a slow start this year Kochman drew rave notices from friend and foe alike with his slashing, twisting style of running. He gained 666 yards to lead all Lion ground-gainers. He currently ranks 13th in the nation.

Mitinger Selected To All-East Team

Bob Mitinger, Penn State's rugged, hard-hitting end, crashed another all-star team yesterday. Mitinger was named to the AP's All-East first team and five other Penn Staters were named to the next two teams.

Quarterback Galen Hall, captain and tackle Jim Smith and center Jay Huffman were named to the second team. Halfback Roger Kochman and guard Joe Blasenstein were selected to the third squad.

Five other Penn Staters received honorable mention: end Jim Schwab, tackles Gerry Farkas and Charlie Sieminski, guard Dick Wilson and center Bill Saul.

See page 9 for the complete All-East squad.



GARY COLLINS
... the "living" end



BOBBY BELL
... Minnesota mauler