

# Torris Injured In Spring Drills

By DEAN BILLICK

Penn State opened its spring football drills yesterday and coach Rip Engle wasn't exactly smiling at the close of the first session.

Nearly 100 candidates reported to Engle and his staff, but before the day was over injuries had reduced the number by three. The most serious of these was to last fall's starting fullback Buddy Torris, who suffered a sprained knee.

TORRIS SLIPPED and fell while running backwards in a drill and pulled a ligament in his left knee. He had to be helped from the field.

Lion team physician Dr. Alfred H. Griess called the injury a "slight sprain," but added that he would have to wait two or three days to determine if the injury was very serious.

Freshman John Ibex also suf-

fered a slight knee sprain and sophomore Joel Reed broke his right index finger.

State was scheduled to open spring drills Saturday, but a steady rain forced Engle to cancel the practice. Engle plans to hold drills every afternoon with the exception of Wednesdays and Sundays.

THE LIONS will wind up the practice session with the annual Blue-White game April 28. A full scale scrimmage is scheduled each Saturday on the golf course fields.

"The first day went very slow," Engle commented at the close of the drills. "We've got to find some football players and we've got a long, long way to go."

Gone from last year's eastern and Gator Bowl champs are eight members of the first two teams.

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# Gifford To End Retirement

NEW YORK (AP) — Frank Gifford, 31, six times an all-pro half-back, will return to action for the New York Giants next season, ending a one-year retirement.

The former Southern California star announced yesterday that he is giving up radio broadcasting work in the East to concentrate on his comeback.

"I hope to play as long as I can," he said. "I'll be working hard between now and July 15, when training camp opens, to get back into top shape."

"We'll see then how much is left. I think there's quite a bit."

The announcement brought smiles from Giant Coach Allie Sherman, whose team won the Eastern Conference title last year.

but was beaten by the Green Bay Packers 37-0 in the playoff.

Gifford played in seven pro bowl games in his career, and was the league's most valuable player in 1956, when the Giants won the title.

He is the all-time Giants' leader in scoring (370 points), touchdowns (59), and rushing (3,674 yards). He also holds the Giants' single game record for pass receptions, 11, made in 1957.

## Orange Drills Postponed

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The start of the 20-day spring football practice at Syracuse University yesterday was postponed to later in the week. The gridiron lay buried under 4 inches of snow.



COACHING ON CRUTCHES—Because of a pulled Achilles' tendon, Rip Engle must do his spring football coaching with the aid of crutches. The Lion coach has had his foot in a cast since he injured it several weeks ago playing paddleball.

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- (2) It would cause undue alarm and destroy your desire to continue your voyage in this ship.
- (3) It demonstrates a lack of faith in our Captain.
- (4) The apparent security which "life" boats offer will make our Navigator reckless.
- (5) These proposals will distract our attention from more important things, i.e., building unsinkable ships. They may even lead our builders to false economies and the building of ships that are actually unsafe.
- (6) In the event of being struck by an iceberg (we will never strike first) the "life" boats will certainly sink along with the ship.
- (7) If they do not sink, you will only be saved for a worse fate, inevitable death on the open sea.
- (8) If you should be washed ashore on a desert island, you will be unaccustomed to the hostile environment and will surely die of exposure.
- (9) If you should be rescued by a passing vessel, you would spend a life of remorse mourning over your lost loved ones.
- (10) The panic engendered by a collision with an iceberg would destroy all vestiges of civilized human behavior. We shudder at the vision of one man shooting another for the possession of a "life" boat.
- (11) Such a catastrophe is too horrible to contemplate. Anyone who does contemplate is obviously advocating it.

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