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'62 Schedule Toughest Ever

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Not too many years ago it was common practice, when writing a pre-season forecast on the Penn State football team, to note that the Lions played a relatively easy schedule.

The charge was true. For years the Nittanians played the likes of Virginia Military Institute, Furman and Boston University.

Those were the good old days when the Lions had a weak-fish opponent to fatten up their record.

This year State will be shooting for its 24th straight winning season, but the Lions will have to beat some mighty tough teams if they are to make it a double dozen.

The 1961 football schedule was widely heralded as State's toughest slate ever. That honor now belongs to the 1962 schedule.

Two new opponents, Air Force and Rice, fill the second and third spots on the Lion schedule. Last year those places were occupied by Miami and the aforementioned Boston University.

The elimination of Boston University from the schedule leaves Holy Cross as the only consistently inferior team on the 1962 menu.

No fewer than five of State's

1962 opponents — Navy, Army, Syracuse, Maryland and West Virginia—have received glowing pre-season notices and national mention.

Perhaps Army doesn't belong on that list, but there are those who believe that Paul Dietzel's Ipana smile assures the 'Cadets of a successful season. It just ain't true, brother.

A successful season for Army means beating Navy, a feat that the West Pointers have found fairly difficult in recent years.

And, gloom on the Hudson or not, Navy should be the second best team in the East this year.

West Virginia hasn't received a great deal of pre-season recognition on the national level, but the Mountaineers are generally conceded to be the team to beat in the Southern Conference and

usually manage to give the Lions fits.

Let's take a look at the schedule and how the Lion opponents shape up this year.

NAVY (H) Sept. 22—The Middies had a 7-3 record last year in a season that coach Wayne Hardin labeled a rebuilding year. The Middies have 25 returning lettermen and may provide the Lions' toughest test of the year. Many observers feel that the survivor of this game will be able to claim the Lambert Trophy come December. An indication of Navy's strength can be noted in the battle for the quarterback position where junior Bruce Abel has apparently ousted last year's starter Ron Klemick and at fullback where sophomore Bill Donnelly is running ahead of such veterans as Nick Markoff, Dick Merritt, and Bob Orlosky. Tackle Ron Testa and guard Vern Von Sydow lead a capable Middle line.

AIR FORCE (H) Sept. 29—The Falcons have a new stadium this year and this is supposed to be of some psychological value to them. A few more football players would be of more value. Ben Martin's team stumbled to a 3-7 record in 1961 and may not do too much better this year. The Fal-

cons retain most of their '61 squad, but lack of depth will definitely hurt them in this era of three-platoon football. Terry Isaacson, an excellent halfback, is playing quarterback and will be the man to watch. A good runner and adequate passer, Isaacson is also a fine leader.

RICE (A) Oct. 6—The Owls aren't too highly regarded in the tough Southwest Conference this year, but could be dangerous in the warm clime of Houston. The Lions showed a definite aversion to warm weather at Miami last season, losing 25-8. Coach Jess Neely consistently fields a representative team and the Owls should have a rugged running game. Sophomore fullback Russell Wayt may be the Owls top rusher. Neely has two capable quarterbacks in Randy Kerbow and Billy Cox. Gene Raesz is an outstanding end, but the rest of the line lacks depth.

ARMY (A) Oct. 13—Paul Dietzel's arrival at Army signals a tremendous improvement in the caliber of football played at the Point, but not this year. Dietzel has brought three-platoon football with him from LSU, but unfortunately he didn't bring the players who made the system work in Bayou country. Army does have some good players in guard Chet Kempinski, end John Ellerson, halfback Ken Waldrop, quarterbacks Dick Eckert and Joe Blackgrove and fullback Ray Paske. In addition, the Cadets always seem to play over their heads when in front of their screaming cohorts in Michie Stadium.

SYRACUSE (H) Oct. 20—The Penn State-Syracuse rivalry is one of the most hotly-contested affairs in college football. The game is annually one of the high spots of the season and this year promises to be the same. There have been rumors from Piety Hill that Ben Schwartzwalder is molding a powerhouse from the 22 lettermen and sophomore fullback Jim Nance. Nance joins halfbacks Bill Schoonover and Don King and quarterback Bob Lelli in the Syracuse starting backfield. End is the strongest position on the team with John Mackey and Walt Sweeney returning. Mackey set a Syracuse record last year with 15 catches for 321 yards. Dave Meggyesy returns to guard after a season at tackle. The Orange have at least two lettered players at each line position with the exception of center.

CALIFORNIA (A) Oct. 27—Cal coach Marv Levy hasn't fared too well since taking the reins at Berkeley. His teams have won just three games in his two years there. This year might be a little different. Cal isn't ready to dominate the Big Five, but a group of talented sophomores could

make Levy's job a lot pleasanter this season. Sophomore quarterback Craig Morton, a 6-3 passing wizard, leads the list of talented newcomers. Morton must contend with returning quarterbacks Randy Gold and team captain Larry Balliet. Veteran Rudy Carvajal returns to help stabilize the youngsters in the backfield. Roger Stull, John Erby, Lauren Bock, Tom Burke and Dave Favro are all back in the line.

MARYLAND (H) Nov. 3—The Terps upset the Lions last year, 21-17, after jumping off to an early 21-0 lead on the strength of Dick Shiner's passing, Gary Collins' receiving and some shoddy State pass defense. Shiner returns, but Collins is gone and things should be different this year. The Lions thoroughly outplayed Maryland for the bulk of last year's game and will be anxious to avenge the defeat. It won't be an easy job, but it should be accomplished. Halfbacks Tom Brown, Murnis Banner and Ernie Arizzi give the Terps backfield strength. Roger Shoals and Dave Crossan anchor the line.

WEST VIRGINIA (H) Nov. 10—The Mounties return eight of their 11 starters and may be the dark horse team in the fight for Eastern honors. The Mountaineers lost star quarterback Fred Colvard, who dropped out of school, but Tom Woodeschick, Jim Moss and Glenn Holton return to give West Virginia backfield power. The line should be big and fast. Gene Corum's team should sweep to the Southern Conference title.

HOLY CROSS (A) Nov. 17—Dr. Eddie Anderson goes into the 36th year of his college coaching career with a backfield that may rank with the best in the East. Quarterback Pat McCarthy is an excellent passer. McCarthy has been named to the Penn State All-Opponent team for two straight seasons. He is joined in the backfield by Tom "The Blur" Hennessey and Al Snyder at halfbacks and Hank Cutting at fullback. The line is not of major college caliber though and that should prove to be the Crusaders' downfall.

PITTSBURGH (A) Nov. 24—The Panthers would like nothing better than a win over Penn State, particularly after the Lions humiliated them 47-26 enroute to the Gator Bowl last fall. Sophomore quarterback Fred Mazurek is being counted on to lead the Panther revival. Pitt also has the best fullback in the East in Rick Leeson. Tackle Gary Kaltenbach, guard Tom Brown and halfback Paul Martha are also expected to shine. All in all, the Panthers should be much improved over the dismal 3-7 1961 season.

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