

Off and On

Engle and Hardin  
—Two Great Ones

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This afternoon's football game between Penn State and Navy, besides matching the two best teams in the East, provides an opportunity for all present to see two of college football's most respected coaches in action.

State's Rip Engle and Navy's Wayne Hardin match wits for the second time and the game is bound to be a crowd-pleaser.

Engle, the Silver Eagle of Penn State football, is beginning his 13th season as head coach of the Nittanians. He has never had a losing team since coming to these Pennsylvania hills from Brown University in 1950.

SEEKING HIS 78th Penn State coaching victory this afternoon, the Ripper has an 18-year career record of 105 victories, 54 defeats and eight ties.

His combined record at Brown and State gives him a winning percentage of better than .600 and ranks him 12th among the 20 most successful college coaches.

He has led the Lions to three straight post-season bowl victories—Liberty twice and Gator once—and has served as a coach in 13 post-season All-Star games.



WAYNE HARDIN



RIP ENGLE

Engle has been a member of the Blue coaching staff for seven Blue-Gray games, serving as head coach on three separate occasions.

He was head coach of the East in the 1957 East-West Shrine game after serving as assistant in 1955 and 1956. In 1959 and 1960 he was co-head coach of the National All-Stars in the Copper Bowl, and in June, 1961, he was the co-head coach of the East team for the All-America Bowl.

ENGLE COUNTS today's game as one of the toughest openers he has faced in his 13 years on Mount Nittany.

Navy is a definite threat to the Nittanians' habit of winning their opening game. In Engle's 12 years here, the Lions have won ten openers and dropped but two.

A persistent pessimist, Engle has nevertheless developed another contender for Eastern honors this year.

But if the Lions are going to lay claim to the Lambert Trophy again this December, a win today is almost a must.

ONE OF the youngest head coaches in the country at 35, Hardin has compiled an enviable record in his three years of coaching at Annapolis.

In 1959, his first year as the head mentor of the Middies, Navy had a 5-4-1 record, including a 43-12 victory over arch-rival Army.

The Middies leaped into national prominence in 1960 with a 9-2 mark, including a 14-7 defeat at the hands of Missouri in the Orange Bowl. A 17-12 win over Army made the season even more of a success.

Last year was supposed to be a rebuilding year at the Academy and the Middies' fine 7-3 season was a surprise.

He came to Navy in 1955 and served for four years as back-field coach before taking over the head coaching job from Eddie Erdalatz in 1959.

UNLIKE ENGLE, Hardin is not adverse to optimism. According to the odds, Navy will be the underdog this afternoon. But Hardin thinks his team will win and he's not afraid to say so.

Yesterday as he faced a semi-circle of writers at Beaver Stadium, the red-haired Navy mentor began sentences with statements like "After we beat Penn State tomorrow..." and "We think we're going to win."

But no amount of talk is going to beat the Penn State football team. Hardin violated one of the cardinal rules of coaching by expressing optimism. This evening his face may be as red as his hair.

Hardin Plans Air Attack;  
Kochman Ready to Rocket

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good at all this fall," Engle commented yesterday. "And we expect Navy to throw the ball."

NAVY SHOULD live up to the Ripper's expectations. The Middies were a passing team in 1961, throwing 26 passes in 54 offensive plays in the opener, and most of their air striking force returns.

Lean Ron Klemick will be on the firing line for the Middies with oft-injured Bruce Abel ready in reserve.

Navy may take to the air even more than anticipated. The Middies' running game looked strong on the pre-practice charts, but costly injuries to halfbacks John Sai and Bill Ulrich have thrown the offensive emphasis on the passing attack.

Sai started out the pre-season practice with mononucleosis and then injured his ankle in Wednesday's practice. He will play today if needed, but probably won't be available for full-time duty.

Ulrich, the hero of Navy's victory over Army last season, suffered torn knee ligaments and was sidelined for perhaps the entire season.

WHILE STATE will be confronted with an offensive unit, a defensive unit and a band of two-way operatives, Navy will be up against Engle's two-platoon system.

The State coach is a firm believer in the security of numbers, and if there is a weakness on this year's team it is lack of depth in the line.

Engle admits to a tremendous difference in talent between his first and alternate unit lines, but the main difference in the two forward walls is experience.

Engle will field an all-lettered first unit line that includes 250-pound tackle Chuck Sieminski and stellar end Dave Robinson, both bona fide All-American candidates.

Unheralded veteran Gerry Farkas is the Lions' other tackle and Dick Anderson holds down the other flanker spot. Harrison Rosdahl and Joe Blasenstein are the guards and team captain Joe Galardi will start at center. Rosdahl and Anderson are the only juniors on the front wall.

The Nittany backfield is equally talented—and the Lions have more runners than they can possibly use.

All-American halfback candidate Roger Kochman appears ready for a fine senior year and



BUDDY TORRIS

... Lion line-buster

his counterpart at right half, Junior Powell, has been the Lions' most impressive runner in pre-season drills.

As usual, Kochman has been hampered by assorted minor miseries (impacted wisdom teeth and pulled groin muscle), but the 6-1, 205-pound speedster should be ready to go when the whistle blows today.

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in applying for a position on the Daily Collegian sports staff Monday at 6 p.m. in the Daily Collegian office, basement of Sackett Building.

The quarterback situation, considered the biggest problem on the agenda just ten days ago, is now in the capable hands of Pete Liske.

Liske was used mainly on defense in 1961, but he has operated Engle's Multiple-T offense well this fall and may be one of the most pleasant Lion surprises of the season.

The Nittanians have an old-fashioned line-busting fullback in Buddy Torris. Overshadowed somewhat by the concern over Kochman's injuries and Liske's rapid development, Torris has clinched the starting fullback job in no uncertain fashion.

Hard-running Al Gursky and alternate fullback Dave Hayes give the Lions strong reserve strength. Sharp-shooting sophomore quarterback Ron Coates and right halfback Frank Hershey round out the alternate unit backfield.

The alternate unit, nicknamed the "Reddy unit," will go with inexperienced operatives at several key positions in the line, however.

Sophomores Bill Bowes and Bud Yost, both converted backs, are the ends and another sophomore, John Simko, is being counted on to fill a guard position. Converted fullback Bernie Sabol is the other guard.

Tackles Terry Monaghan and Ron Tietjens and center Ralph Baker round out the Reddy unit front wall.

THE SCHEDULES

PENN STATE		
Sept. 22	Navy	(H)
29	Air Force	(H)
Oct. 6	Rice	(A)
13	Army	(A)
20	Syracuse	(H)
27	California	(A)
Nov. 3	Maryland	(H)
10	West Virginia	(H)
17	Holy Cross	(A)
24	Pittsburgh	(A)
	*night game	
NAVY		
Sept. 22	Penn State	(A)
29	William & Mary	(H)
Oct. 6	Minnesota	(A)
13	Cornell	(H)
20	Boston College	(A)
27	Pittsburgh	(A)
Nov. 3	Notre Dame	(A)
10	Syracuse	(A)
17	Southern Cal	(A)
Dec. 1	Army	(A)

LAST GAME IN SERIES  
1961—Penn State 20, Navy 10

ALL-TIME STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Navy	14	10	2
Penn State	10	14	2

First Game: 1894  
1962 Game: 27th in Series

Probable Lineups

PENN STATE		NAVY	
85 Dick Anderson (215)	LE	88 Jim Campbell (205)	
77 Charles Sieminski (250)	LT	71 Ron Testa (220)	
62 Joe Blasenstein (200)	LG	62 Steve Hoy (207)	
64 Joe Galardi (205)	C	64 Walt Pierce (220)	
67 Harrison Rosdahl (225)	RG	61 Vern Von Sydow (207)	
76 Gerry Farkas (220)	RT	76 Larry Graham (210)	
63 Dave Robinson (220)	RE	61 Dave Sjaggerud (215)	
24 Pete Liske (185)	QB	16 Ron Klemick (184)	
48 Roger Kochman (205)	LHB	47 Steve Szabo (187)	
46 Hal Powell (185)	RHB	21 Jim Stewart (185)	
32 Buddy Torris (190)	FB	38 Pat Donnelly (200)	

STARTING LINE AVERAGES: Penn State—210, Navy—204.

STARTING BACKFIELD AVERAGES: Penn State—166, Navy—188.

CAPTAINS: Penn State—Galardi, Navy—Hoy.

OFFENSES: Penn State—Multiple-T, Navy—Flanker-T.

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: 40,000-42,000.