

Opponents' Outlook

Lion Grid Foes Kickoff Seasons

By KEN DENLINGER

Six of the nine remaining Nittany Lion opponents begin their respective schedules today and a good part of Rip Engle's strategy in games to come will hinge on the performances in these encounters.

SYRACUSE - OKLAHOMA — This first meeting of the two teams since the 1959 Orange Bowl, when the Sooners won by 21-9, promises to be a good one. The Orange have strength at end in All-American candidate John Mackey and Walt Sweeney (who started that ruckus in the Notre Dame game last year), but getting the ball to them may be a problem. Bob Lelli will probably do the pitching with Walt Sofsian in reserve.

A sophomore-dominated backfield will follow an experienced Sooner line led by guard Leon Cross and center Wayne Lee. Halfback Bill Van Burklee will probably dominate the Oklahoma offense.

AIR FORCE - COLORADO STATE — The Falcons open in their new 40,000 seat stadium against a CSU team that has lost 14 games in a row. Terry Isaacson will be the Falcons' top running threat with center Dave Sicks back to lead the blocking.

Colorado State will counter with a new wing-T formation, an



RANDY GOLD

... California quarterback



JOHN ELLERSON

... Army end



JOHN MACKEY

... Syracuse end

inexperienced backfield and a line to match.

ARMY-WAKE FOREST—Paul Dietzel brought a three platoon system and a winning reputation with him from LSU and puts both on the line against an undermanned Wake Forest squad. End John Ellerson is Army's best player and a good bet for All-East honors. The Black Knights

are four deep at quarterback and Dietzel may move either, Joe Blackgrove or Dick Eckert to half. Jim Beierschmitt is considered the best passer on the team.

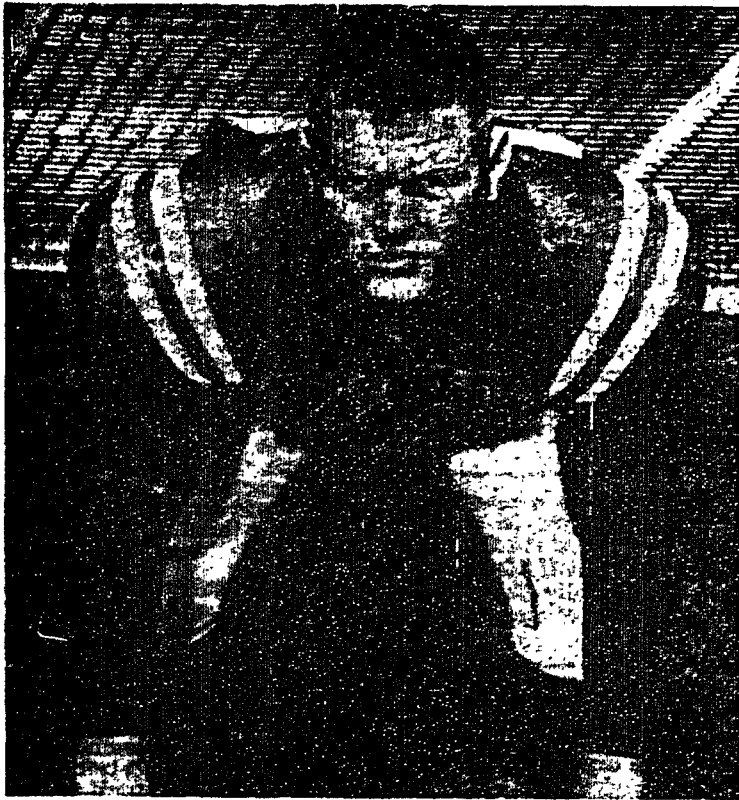
Only 14 lettermen returned from a Wake Forest team that compiled a 400 record last season. The line could make a difference against the Cadets as center Farrell Egge and 245-pound tackle Kent Martin hold forth. Martin has already been drafted by the pros.

MARYLAND-SMU—The Terps lost All-American end Gary Collins, who did everything but sell programs against the Lions last year, but his pitching partner Dick Shiner is back. It will probably be Shiner's pinpoint tosses against a predominately running attack by the Mustangs. Both teams are strong at tackle with the Terps' Roger Shoals knocking heads with the Mustangs' Raymond Schoenke. Jerry Rhome could have a good day for the Mustangs at quarterback and if he does the game might be close.

CALIFORNIA - MISSOURI — This should be one of the top

intersectional battles in the country. Both have lightning offenses and if there is an edge it could go Missouri's defense. Last year the Bears' Randy Gold was considered one of the best passers in the Big Five. This season sophomore chucker Craig Morton may outshine Gold. The Tigers can counter with an above average thrower of their own in Keith Weber, considered the best quarterback in Missouri history.

WEST VIRGINIA - VANDERBILT — The Mountaineers haven't been getting much national attention but there's rumor down at Morgantown that a top-flight team is in the making. This game will be a good indication of how strong coach Gene Corum's forces are, although Vanderbilt shouldn't prove such a stiff opponent. The Mounties will feature the plunges of fullback Gene Holten and the stellar guard play of Keith Melenzyer and Bob DeLorenzo. Vanderbilt will counter with 275-pound tackle Nick Spiak.



ROGER SHOALS

... Maryland tackle

Record Press Coverage Expected for Navy Clash

Over 250 sportswriters, broadcasters and photographers will be among the crowds converging on Beaver Stadium for today's Penn State vs. Navy game.

"Press coverage will definitely be the largest since the 1959 Syracuse game," University sports publicity director Jim Tarman said yesterday.

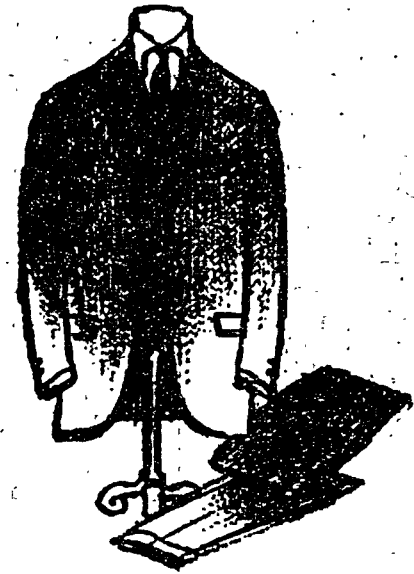
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