

Off and On

The Dream Lives On

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The glamour and glory of a major league baseball team is an inviting dream for many a young man. It is also inviting to many an old man.

The road to the major leagues is a long, hard path with a variety of hamburger stands and second-rate hotels along the way to make the trip interesting.

Young fuzzy-cheeked bonus babies play beside veterans like Luke Easter in baseball's lower classifications. Many players spend the better part of their youth and middle age striving toward the same goal—a big league career and, of course, a big league paycheck. In proportion to the hopeful, not many make the grade.

THIS SUMMER three former Penn State players continued their quests for the big time. Pitcher Ed Kikla pitched in the Georgia-Florida League, Ed Drapcho did his hurling for Indianapolis in the American Association and big Cal Emery played first base for the Rochester Red Wings in the International League, the oldest minor league still in existence.

Emery looked very tired when I met him outside the small, cramped quarters of the visitors' dressing room at aged Ponce de Leon baseball park in Atlanta.

He was just ending a 30-day stay on the disabled list and was anxious to rejoin his Rochester teammates in their battle to stay out of the International League basement.

I had gone to the game to see Emery, a former pitcher and first baseman for Penn State, play first base for Rochester. But Emery is either one of the most brittle or unlucky people alive.

He had been hit in the hand with a pitched ball that broke a couple of bones and put the amiable guy on the sidelines again. It was the third straight year that Emery had been injured.

IN 1961 he broke his thumb while playing for Chattanooga of the Southern Association and the year before that it was a leg injury.

Still Emery is hopeful of eventually reaching the major leagues.

"I just can't get through a whole year without an injury," he said in the dank darkness of the littered hallway. "I haven't had a full season in three years."

"Where do you go from here?" someone asked.

"I don't know. The Phillies still own me. Maybe if I can do pretty well the rest of this year, I can get a shot next spring."

The dream of making the major leagues and leaving the wearisome travel of a minor league career seemed almost out of reach standing there in that old hallway.

The next night, the former Penn Stater came off the inactive list and hit a long home run as Rochester beat the home forces. The dream lived on.



CAL EMERY

Liske, Kochman Combine For Two Touchdown Passes

(Continued from page one) plays before punting back to the Falcons.

Again the Air Force started a charge down the field, but an Isaacson fumble stalled the drive on the Falcon 45 as the first quarter ended.

STATE STALLED again at the start of the second stanza and Chuck Raisig booted the ball to Air Force halfback John Stampfl.

Stampfl wiggled his way 24 yards to the Lion 34-yard stripe and it took the Falcons just eight plays to score from there, the TD coming on an eight-yard jaunt by Isaacson.

The Lions held on for the rest of the half, but Air Force was clearly the superior team.

The Falcons had ten first half first downs to six for the Nittanies and outgained the home forces 158 yards to 123.

The Lions didn't look much better for the greater part of the third quarter. They flubbed two drives before Air Force halfback Wilson Parma quick-kicked 66 yards to the Lions' 10.

FROM THERE the Nittanies regained some semblance of the team they were against Navy, driving 90 yards in 15 plays for the clinching touchdown.

With Liske and Don Caum alternating at quarterback and quarterback coach Joe Paterno calling the plays from the sidelines, the Lions ground out a first down on the Air Force five-yard line.

The Falcon defense stiffened momentarily at that point, but Liske fired a pass to Kochman on a fourth down play from the three and the Rocket danced over.

The Nittanies were clearly the superior team in the fourth quarter, fashioning an 81-yard touchdown drive on Liske's passes to Kochman.

KOCHMAN SCORED the touchdown with a driving shoe-top grab of a Liske bullet from 15 yards out. Powell missed the extra point, but the Nittanies didn't need it.

Engle was understandably displeased with his team's performance in the first half, but lauded the Lions on their second half comeback.

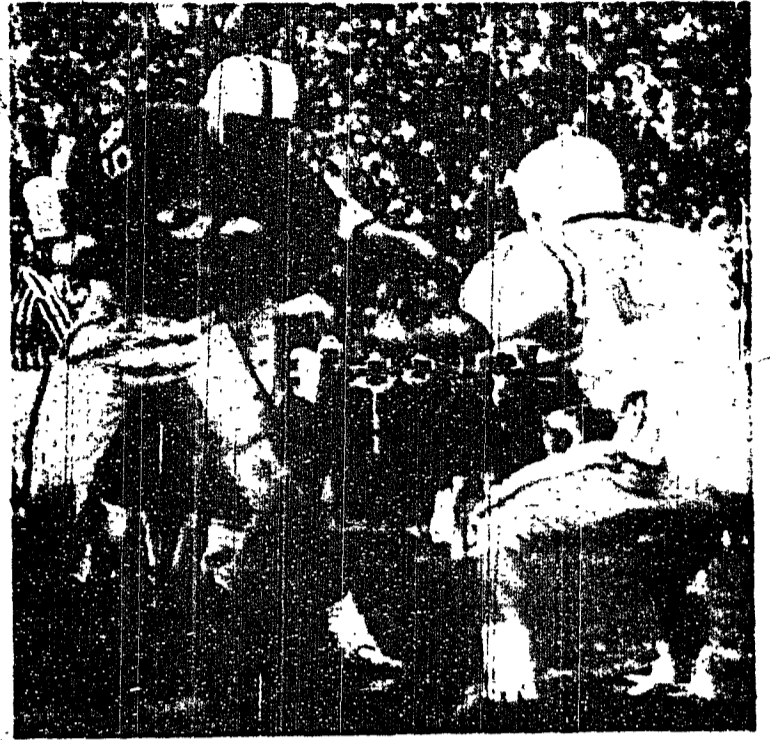
The veteran Nittany coach had particular praise for Dave Robinson, who did an outstanding second half job on defense, and Kochman.

Kochman led all the rushers in the game with 14 carries for 63 yards and paced the pass receivers with four catches for 47 yards and, of course, the two second half touchdowns.

"Kochman played a great game," Engle said in the Lion dressing room. "He was simply outstanding."

Air Force coach Martin agreed with Engle's praise of Kochman, calling him "a big, strong runner who is awfully hard to cope with."

MARTIN ALSO had some nice



—Collegian Photo by Tom Browne

LION RIGHT END Dave Robinson dodges Air Force halfback Darryl Bloodworth and gains 16 yards after taking a pass from quarterback Pete Liske on the Lions' first offensive play Saturday. Robinson was a standout on both offense and defense as the Nittanies topped the Falcons, 20-8.

things to say about Robinson, calling the big end's tackle of Isaacson the possible turning point of the game.

The play came in the fourth period with Air Force in control of the ball on the State 21-yard line. On first down, Robinson leaped over a flabbergasted Falcon blocker and threw Isaacson for a four-yard loss. The Lions held and then started their final touchdown drive.

Three Lions — captain Joe Galardi, halfback Al Gursky and kicking specialist Charlie Ricevuto — sat out the Air Force game, but should be ready to go against Rice this week in Houston, Texas.

The three ailing Lions were joined on the injury list by Kochman and second string center Ralph Baker.

Kochman banged up his knee and may sit out a couple days of practice. Baker sprained his ankle on the second play of the game.

Army Football Tickets

Excellent tickets are still available for the Penn State football game at Army Oct. 13. Tickets can be purchased at the Rec Hall ticket office, room 240.

RUSHING PENN STATE

Player	Att.	Yds.
Kochman	14	63
Powell	10	52
Torrie	9	10
Urbanik	7	17
Liske	2	17
Caum	2	14
Stueckrath	2	12
Potter	2	9
Hayes	2	8
Hershey	2	1
Contee	1	-1
Bedick	1	-1

AIR FORCE

Player	Att.	Yds.
Isaacson	1	16
Arshinkoff	1	29
Tollstant	1	27
Murray	1	25
Bachus	1	20
Bloodworth	1	16
Thom	1	10
Anidor	1	3
Hess	1	2
Czaronta	1	-2
Loeber	1	-1

PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TDe
Liske	11	9	0	104	2
Caum	3	1	1	17	0
Caum	1	1	0	9	0
Isaacson	7	4	0	40	0
Bachus	2	0	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.
Kochman	4	47
Robinson	3	10
Powell	2	21
Hoyes	1	17
Potter	1	9
Bloodworth	1	16
Czaronta	1	10

THE SUMMARY

	P.S.	A.F.
First downs	21	13
Yards rushing	223	173
Yards passing	134	40
Passes completed	11 of 18	4 of 9
Passes had intercepted	1	0
Punts	4	7
Punting Average	44	43
Fumbles lost	1	2
Yards penalized	15	20

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