

# Engle's Gridders Prepare For 'Fired-Up' Cal Effort

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26 —The Penn State football team, comfortably quartered in the Sheraton Palace Hotel after a nine-hour plane ride from chilly Pennsylvania, may have trouble sleeping tonight.

Chances are that Rip Engle's worthies may have their slumber disturbed by guttural growls from a bunch of angry Golden Bears.

The University of California's football team wasn't really expected to set the world on fire this year, but the Bears' present 1-4 record is a distinct disappointment to coach Marv Levy.

**THE SITUATION** has reached such depths of frustration over on Cal's lovely Berkeley campus that Levy and his aides are expected to pull out all stops in search of a win Saturday.

California boasted an undefeated freshman team last year, and many of the yearlings from that team were counted on to shine this season. It just hasn't happened.

Only one sophomore — guard Dennis Abreu — has managed to break into the Bear's starting line-up. The rest of the first unit is made up of nine lettermen and one transfer student.

In addition to the failure of the sophomore crop to bloom as expected, several key injuries have limited California's offensive effectiveness.

**BEFORE THE** season began, the quarterback post was considered up for grabs between two-year starter Randy Gold and sophomore Craig Morton.

Knee injuries felled both the Bear signal-callers and now the quarterbacking chores fall on the shoulders of team captain Larry Balliett, formerly a defensive specialist.

Balliett has improved every game, but the Bears still miss the brilliant signal-calling Gold and Morton could have provided.

**HALFBACK** Alan Nelson and Rudy Carvajal and fullback Tom Lutes fall in behind Balliett in the California backfield.

Nelson is the leading rusher on

## Chargers Not For Sale

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Baron Hilton, owner of the American Football League's San Diego Chargers, said yesterday the club was not for sale and that it would remain here.

He said, in the interview with the San Diego Union, that he wanted to deny reports published elsewhere that the club was going to be moved and that he wanted out.



JOHN ERBY  
... anchors Cal line

the Bear roster and is second to end Bill Turner in the pass-receiving department.

The Bears have an all-letterman line with the exception of transfer student Ron Calegari at one of the tackle posts. A bruising 220-pounder, Calegari transferred from little Santa Rosa Junior College.

The line shapes up with Turner and Ron Vaughan at the end



RUDY CARVAJAL  
... barreling Bear

posts, Calegari and Jim Anderson (220) as the tackles, John Erby and Abreu at guard and Roger Stull at center.

Penn State scout J. T. White compared the California offense to the Multiple-T run by the Lions.

"They look a lot like us," White noted. "They mix up their running and passing. All in all, they have a good varied offense."

# Musial Voted NL Comeback Award; Accepts Honor With Usual Modesty

ST. LOUIS (AP) — "It kind of surprised me," Stan Musial said yesterday after being named comeback player of the year in the National League.

The St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, who hit over .300 for the first time in four seasons this year, said, "I thought Crandall or Roebuck would get it. They made a better comeback than me."

**MUSIAL REFERRED** to Del Crandall of the Milwaukee Braves, who was put in the No. 2 spot in the annual Associated Press poll, and Ed Roebuck of Los Angeles, who came in third.

The 108 baseball writers taking part in the poll gave Musial 31 votes, Crandall 23 and Roebuck 15.

"I had a fairly good year," Musial said, "whereas those fellows really did come back."

Roebuck helped the Dodgers almost win the pennant and Crandall, who didn't know if he'd be

able to play, had a pretty good year."

Roebuck, who spent much of 1961 on the disabled list with a bad arm, came back last season and finished the year with a 10-2 record.

**AND SPEAKING** of next year, Musial, who will be 42 Nov. 21, said he plans to start getting ready for next year within a couple of weeks.

"I'll be working out at the St. Louis University gym, and I'll keep on watching my weight," the 180-pound star said.

He attributed his good year — he finished with a .330 average, 143 hits, 19 home runs and 82 runs batted in—to his pre-season conditioning program.



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# Former State Track Star Returns as Navy Coach

By JOE GRATA

A former Lion track standout and a 1950 graduate of Penn State—Jim Gehrdes—returns to Mt. Nittany tomorrow. But as far as State's cross-country squad is concerned, Gehrdes needs no introduction.

Why? Gehrdes now coaches the U.S. Naval Academy cross-country squad. And add the fact that both State and the Midshipmen, who tangle on the University golf course at 1 p.m. tomorrow, boast undefeated records this season.

Gehrdes, a native of Altoona, was an outstanding hurdler for the Lion thinclads in the late '40's and once gained All-America status. Now in his 11th season as boss of the Navy harriers, Gehrdes also represented the United States in numerous track meets around the world.

**THE PERSONS** the Nittany harriers are most concerned about, however, are the Midshipmen runners. And State has good reason to be concerned because Gehrdes' contingent stands as the strongest threat to upset the powerful Lions, seeking to post a perfect season's slate and recapture the IC4A crown they won in 1960.

Navy's contingent is headed by a cast of five lettermen, including captain Joel Heine, a rangy 6-2, 175 pound senior from Malverne, N.Y.

**THE OTHER** four lettermen are Ernie Detrick (Minnesota), Jim Howard (Virginia), Pat Nolan (Kentucky) and Max Ricketts (Massachusetts).

For the past decade, Navy cross-country teams have been mediocre. But this year has been a pleasant exception.

The Middies started the season

with an 18-44 victory over Maryland and followed their initial win by tallying a perfect 15-46 score over Pittsburgh.

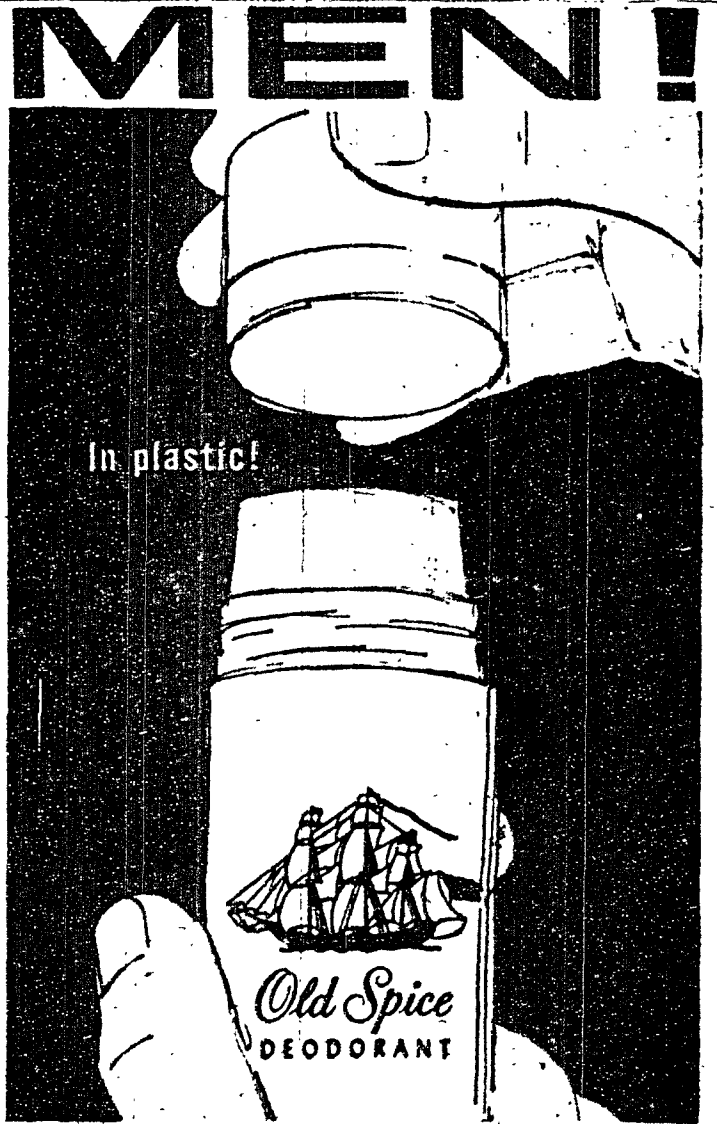
Last week coach Gehrdes' runners competed in a triangular meet with New York University and St. John's. Navy downed both teams by scores of 17-42 and 19-40.

**LAST YEAR**, when the Nittanians recorded a 4-1 dual-meet slate, State runners trounced Navy, 20-39. The Middies ended 1961 with a 3-5 mark.

The five seasoned lettermen, a number of promising newcomers from an undefeated Plebe squad and Navy's perfect record thus far lend authority to Gehrdes' pre-season prediction that "this team could be a tough one to beat."

"If these men (sophomores Forrest Horton and Bob Sermier) can learn the difference between three and five miles quickly enough," Gehrdes prognosticated, "they could make the season very interesting."

Just how interesting this season will turn out for Navy's harriers may be discovered tomorrow in the "battle of the unbeaten."



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