



JIM MOSS
... ready to ramble



JERRY YOST
... Mountaineer rifle

Hungry Mounties Feature Yost, Top Running Backs

By JOHN MORRIS
Sports Editor

West Virginia football coach Gene Corum will lead a very determined gang of Mountaineers out of the West Virginia mountains to face Penn State in Beaver Stadium tomorrow afternoon.

"Whichever side wins this game will probably finish with a great record," Corum said this week, "and it might as well be us."

The Mounties and Lions have identical 6-1 records thus far this season and bowl scouts are hovering in the picture for both teams.

Like so many other Penn State foes this season, the Mountaineers are blessed with a fine quarterback in Jerry Yost.

Yost, who has passed particularly well in the Mounties' last three games, has thrown nine touchdown passes already this year — a total exceeded only by Oregon State's Terry Baker, Northwestern's Tom Myers and Miami's George Mira.

BAKER AND MYERS have each tossed 12 touchdown passes and Mira has thrown 10.

Yost has almost clinched the Southern Conference total offense championship. His 954 yards is 125 more than the runnerup and 325 more than the third man, both of whom have played one more game than the West Virginia ace. Yost is 14th in total offense nationally.

As brilliant as he has been, Yost isn't the whole West Virginia offense. He has a bevy of talented backs he can call on to tote the ball.

"West Virginia had more good running backs than any team we



KEITH MELENZYER
... paces Mountie line

... faced last fall," Lion coach Rip Engle said, "and most of those fellows are back again this season. They're big and strong and run with power and speed."

Tom Woodeshick, Tom Yeater, Jim Moss and Eli Kosanovich give a highly talented quartet of halfbacks. Glenn Holton is a hard-running fullback.

Moss, who is a co-captain with guard Keith Melenzyer, has been hampered by injuries but may start this week. He was the Mounties' second most productive ground-gainer last season with 342 yards and a 5.3 average gain per carry.

KOSANOVICH and Woodeshick shared the right halfback duties last season, but Kosanovich has

been used mainly on defense this year.

Woodeshick was third among Mountie rushers in 1961 with 337 yards and a 5.0 average. A speed merchant, he and Moss are the Mounties' top breakaway threats.

Yeater, a stocky 202-pound sophomore, has laid claim to the first unit left halfback position while Moss has been hobbled and may be a hard man to dislodge from the starting lineup.

Fullback Holton was the Mounties' leading rusher last year, and is having another good season in 1962. The hard-running Holton is a fine pass receiver and probably the Mounties' best back on defense from his linebaker position.

HOLTON IS backed up by Steve Berzansky, who gained 96 yards against the Lions last season. Berzansky became the first fullback ever to lead the Mounties in pass receiving, grabbing ten passes for 116 yards in 1961.

Melenzyer, the Mountaineers' right guard, and left guard Bob DeLorenzo have been standouts on the West Virginia line this season. Melenzyer (203) led the team in tackling last season and DeLorenzo (221) was named to State's all-opponent team.

The Mounties have an all-lettered line with Ken Herock (225) and Gene Heeter (205) at the tackle posts. DeLorenzo and Melenzyer at guard and Pete Goimarac (221) at center.

Carney and Goimarac are juniors and the rest of the line is made up of seniors.

Linebacker John Skinner, who has been hampered by a bad ankle, is the only Mountie on the doubtful list for this week's game.

Soph Weiss Hailed As Possible 'Great'

By JIM BUKATA

(This is the fifth in a series on members of the 1962-63 Penn State basketball team. Next is Terry Hoover.)

Bob Weiss has yet to play his first collegiate game, but before he's through he might be the best guard to ever wear a Penn State uniform.

That's saying a lot, especially when the Lions have had guards like Elmer Gross, Wally Colender and Mark DuMars.

But Weiss has all the physical and natural abilities to become a great star.

According to his freshman coach Snowy Simpson, "Weiss can do it all."

Penn State fans didn't get a chance to see Weiss play as a freshman. He was academically ineligible.

However, at practice as a member of the IBM All Stars, a name coined for players ineligible, Weiss showed the ability to score when he wanted to.

HE DISPLAYED every shot imaginable, and more important, showed that he could make these shots.

What makes him an outstanding prospect, however, is the fact that he can play defense and rebound too.

His 6-3 frame gives him enough height to crash the boards even from his guard position and on defense he's a veritable "tiger."

Weiss came to Penn State from Athens High School in northeastern Pennsylvania. He virtually tore apart the league in which he played, twice being named the most valuable player. During his senior year, Weiss scored 52 points in one game and 46 in another.

He was steered to State by two former Lion basketball players, Dick Finley and Bill Gibson.

Finley is the principal at Athens and the former basketball coach and Gibson is head coach at Mansfield, a state school near Weiss' home town.

GIBSON TRIED to recruit Weiss, but said, "the boy was talking in terms of Cincinnati or Ohio State. He had the potential to be great so I let my friend Egli know about him."

Head coach John Egli already knew about Weiss and with the aid of these two men got Weiss to enroll at State.



BOB WEISS
... sensational sophomore

The Lion cage coach beams with pride when talking about his prized young sophomore.

"He's one of the finest ball-players I have ever seen for his size," says Egli. "He's a great shooter, a good ball handler and an outstanding defensive ball-player. He could become a great one before he's done."

However, Weiss is untested. He has never participated in a collegiate game of any type and this could be a drawback during the first few games.

Egli feels, though, that Weiss is mature enough to overcome the sophomoreitis that sometimes haunts players moving up to the varsity.

'Phantom' Fortie Passed Over By Utah State Football Coach

PROVO, Utah (AP) — It's a wonder that Eldon (The Phantom) Fortie, named Back of the Week by The Associated Press, ever played college football.

The 21-year-old tailback of Brigham Young University's 10-3 football team (three victories, five losses) is the nation's total offense and rushing leader, but at least one Utah school didn't want him.

Before he went to Brigham Young, Fortie was on the Utah State University campus for a try-out.

Utah State Coach John Ralston suggested that Fortie, then a mere 150 pounds, join the squad for a

game of water polo. When Fortie appeared in a swim suit, he looked somewhat meager compared to the beef on the rest of the team. And besides he wasn't much of a swimmer.

THE NEXT YEAR Ralston saw him perform and shook his head in disbelief. An aide turned and said: "That's okay John, he can't swim anyway."

Fortie, who leads BYU's modified single wing attack, has led the nation for six straight weeks in total offense for a total of 1,738 yards in eight games — 999 yards from rushing, 739 passing. He is third in scoring with 74 points

Freshman Booters Fall to Lock Haven

The freshman soccer team wound up its season on a losing note yesterday, falling to Lock Haven, 2-1.

The Lion Cubs had beaten Lock Haven by a 7-1 count in their season opener, but yesterday the Lions lost their scoring punch.

Playing without leading scorer Nizar Talib, Walt Weiland's frosh booters were able to score only one goal all afternoon.

State opened the scoring on Jim Caplan's second period goal, but Lock Haven tallied once in both the third and fourth periods to pull out the victory.

The loss left the Lions with a 1-3 record. They were also beaten by Navy (4-1) and Bucknell (5-0).

The Lions sorely missed Talib's scoring. Talib had scored five of the Lions' seven goals in their previous win over Lock Haven and tallied the Nittanies' only goal against Navy.

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