

Florida-Miami Encounter To Decide Lion Opponent

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All eyes will be on the football game between Florida and Miami (Fla.) this Saturday night because a Florida win would pit the Gators against Penn State in the 1962 Gator Bowl.

If Florida could lose to the Hurricane however, the bid would probably go to Duke, the champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Duke would bring plenty of rooters to the game," Joe Livingston, Gator Bowl public relations director, said yesterday, "but we are committed to Florida should it win Saturday night."

Oregon State, featuring All-American quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Terry Baker, was also being considered. But the West Coast school accepted an invitation yesterday to meet Villanova in Philadelphia's Liberty Bowl Dec. 15.

MIAMI WAS also under consideration until its 29-7 setback at the hands of Northwestern 10 days ago.

Duke and Florida met earlier this year with the Blue Devils of coach Bill Murray coming out on top, 28-21. Against a common opponent, Georgia Tech, the Gators lost (17-0) and Duke fell (20-9).

Florida takes a 6-3 record into its Saturday night battle with Miami. The Gators have lost to LSU, 28-0, in addition to their defeats by Duke and Georgia Tech.



WALT RAPPOLD and MARK LEGGETT

Duke touchdown tandem

Duke wrapped up its season last week, finishing with an 8-2 record. The Blue Devils lost to top-ranked Southern California, 14-7, in addition to their defeat at the hands of Georgia Tech. Duke edged North Carolina, 16-14, in its season finale Saturday.

FLORIDA BOASTS the best depth in the Southeastern Conference, with 29 lettermen from 1961 and an outstanding crop of sophomores.

The return to eligibility of Dick Skelly, their best runner, has paced the Gators to their 6-3 mark.

Skelly and quarterback Larry Libertore give the Gators a dangerous ground game. Libertore is an expert on the run-pass option play.

Libertore, a 138-pound ball-handling magician, also throws the ball well to Skelly, halfback Lindy Infante and end Russ Brown.

Skelly has been the Gators' big ground-gainer this year. A standout as a sophomore in 1960, he missed the '61 season entirely when put on probation for playing with the school's mascot—an alligator.

Jack Katz, a 220-pound transfer guard, and sophomore tackle Dennis Murphy are standouts in the line.

DUKE ROMPED to its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship with a veteran team featuring 27 lettermen from the 1961 squad.

Alternating quarterbacks Walt Rappold and Gil Garner give the Blue Devils a potent passing punch. Both are excellent runners as well.

Halfbacks Mark Leggett, Billy Futrell and Jay Wilkinson are the main Blue Devil ball-carriers.

Wilkinson is the son of Oklahoma head coach Bud Wilkinson and is considered the Blue Devils' best breakaway threat.

The line is led by 205-pound tackle Art Gregory and 215-pound guard Jean Berry.

Egli Plans to Start 3 Sophs in Opener

By JIM BUKATA

Three sophomores will be in the starting lineup Saturday evening when Penn State opens its 1962-63 basketball season against Maryland at spacious Cole Field House. Game time is 8 p.m.

Head coach John Egli said yesterday that he will use Bob Weiss, Terry Hoover and Ron Avillion along with junior

Bob Donato and senior co-captain Earl Hoffman against the Terps.

The three earned the starting berths over letterwinners Chuck Marin, Ulo Kart and Bob Hutchinson.

Donato will replace co-captain John Mitchell. Mitchell sustained a severe knee sprain a week ago and will not make the trip.

"WE'LL MISS Mitchell in the lineup," Egli said. "However, I know the sophomores will get the job done. I'm very optimistic about our chances this season."

The Lions posted a 12-11 mark last year and beat the Terps 71-65 in the opener.

Missing from the squad that beat Maryland will be Gene Harris and Wayne Lundy. The two contributed 34 of the points the Lions scored.

Maryland will start a veteran lineup against the Lions.

They will be led by their All-American candidate Jerry Greenspan, a 6-6 senior. Greenspan averaged 15.2 points a game last year and was a second team Atlantic Coast Conference choice.

Joining Greenspan at the other forward will be Connie Carpenter, a 6-4 senior letterwinner.

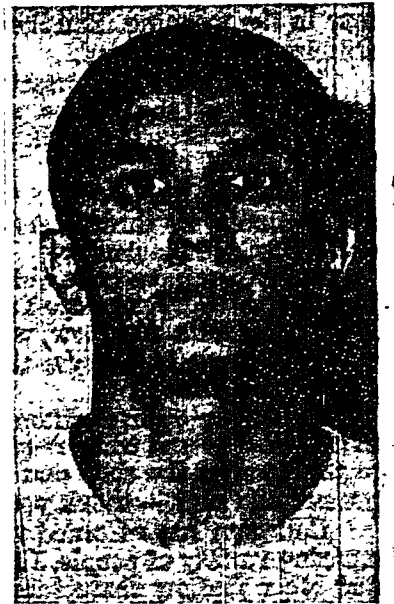
Joe Barton, a 6-7 junior from Beaverdale will jump center for the Terps. Maryland coach Bud Millikan rates him the most improved man on the squad.

The big worry of the Maryland coach is the lack of a good backcourt man.

Bob Eicher, a 6-2 senior, averaged only 1.5 points a game last year.

THE OTHER starting spot will go to Sam McWilliams, a 6-1 sophomore who Millikan calls "the best guard to enroll at Maryland since Gene Shue left."

The Lions, already beset by injuries, something that plagued them last year, will be out to do



BOB DONATO

something no other State team has been able to do—beat Maryland away from home.

And it will take a lot of doing because the Terps are vastly improved and rated the "darkhorse" of the A.C.C.

However, Egli is optimistic about bringing home a win.

"They could be the toughest team we meet on our schedule," he said. "However, I know the boys can win it if they have a good night and give it all they have."

Also making the trip to Maryland will be Hutchinson, Kart, Marin, Tom Malinchak, Dan Carr, Craig Jones and John Ludwig.

During the holiday vacation, the Lions will play Lehigh, Colgate, Syracuse and Pitt. They will also participate in the Alpine Tournament in Charleston, W.Va.

Fleischer Blasts Ring Officials

ALABAMA, N.Y. (AP) — Nat Fleischer, who has been observing boxing just about as long as any man, told a legislative committee yesterday incompetent officials were a main cause of mishaps in the ring.

"We have plenty of them in the state of New York and elsewhere," the 75-year-old editor-publisher of Ring Magazine told the Joint Legislative Committee on Professional Boxing.

He was the major witness at the final session of a two-day public hearing here.

The committee, created after the ring death of Benny Paret last March in Madison Square

Garden, is charged with determining whether professional boxing should be continued in New York State and, if so, whether additional safeguards should be required.

Assemblyman Hayward H. Plumadore, the chairman, said the committee would report its findings late next month and probably make recommendations to the legislature in January.

Fleischer told the committee it would be a mistake for New York to outlaw professional boxing. It would only drive the sport underground, he said, and New Yorkers would watch fights televised from other states. The result would be a loss of tax revenue, he said.



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