

a lot on sports

First of Many For Ressler

By JOHN LOTT
Collegian Sports Editor

Tuesday's announcement of Glenn Ressler's selection to the Newspaper Enterprise Association All-America squad could be the first of many similar honors for the Lions' rugged middle guard.

Still to be announced are the dream squads chosen by the Associated Press, United Press International, Look Magazine (football writers), U.S. Football Coaches Association, Time Magazine, The Sporting News and the major TV networks.

Ressler's a good bet to make all but one or two, and one of the exceptions could be AP's. A lot of politicking goes into the wire service choices. One of the big issues concerns getting a "geographic balance" on the team—making sure each section of the country is equally represented.

Ressler Should Make Consensus All-America

But when all the votes are counted, look for Ressler to be State's first consensus All-America since Richie Lucas (1959) and first named to more than four squads since Dave Robinson in 1962.

Ressler, who, according to one Pittsburgh writer, "plays center like a Panzer Division," also is unique in that he stands a good chance of making All-America both on offense and defense. Many seemed surprised that NEA, which picked two platoons, tabbed Ressler for the offensive squad. He has gone both ways this year, but his primary spot has been defensive middle guard. His sparkling two-way ability has posed a problem for the Lion coaches, who finally decided the 6-2, 235-pounder from Dornis is more valuable putting the clamps on enemy backs.

Ohio State Game Clinched Ressler's Selection

Probably the clinching performance—the one that erased any doubts in the selectors' minds—came against Ohio State. When Ressler played like a one-man demolition crew. He made tackles all over the field, repeatedly steamrollered quarterback Don Uprverferth and bulldozed gaping holes in the Buckeyes' defensive lines. And it all happened on the weekend when ballots for All-America were just coming off the presses. Ressler's showing was as fresh as the ink on the ballots when the selectors were voting.

Ressler probably will have to buy a trophy case to shelve all his awards from his final collegiate football season, but it's a good bet he won't prize any higher than the game ball his teammates gave him after the stunning victory at Columbus. Although some All-America teams had been selected before that immortal Saturday, that was probably the one game that'll make him a consensus All-America.

Death of a Tradition

The following letter, under the letterhead: "The Pitt News, One of America's Great Student Newspapers," found its way to our Sackett Building office Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. John Thompson, Editor
The Daily Collegian
University Park, Pa.

Dear John:
Amazement and disappointment were my reactions to John Lott's refusal to play in the Blood Bowl—the annual game between the Pitt News Hawks and The Daily Collegian Cowards.

I was amazed because a game of such long standing would be called off for what I think are flimsy reasons. Certainly a daily paper has six healthy male students in its employ. I was amazed that John dismissed the game so casually. It is still talked about among graduates of both papers. I know former Collegian sports editor Lou Prato will find the situation appealing (sic).

I was disappointed because, frankly, I enjoy playing football, although I am anything but a good player. Nor is anyone on our staff. But we do like to play. This game is a lot of laughs. Although they never did before, the Cowards have certainly lived up to their nicknames.

I am happy to say the lack of athletic interest on the Collegian has not taken anything away from the high quality of the newspaper. If anything, it is better than ever.
Sincerely,
Bob Smizik

Sorry, Bob, for dealing such a crushing blow to your athletic ambitions. But as I have answered similar requests from West Virginia and Syracuse, so do I answer yours.

In the light of what happened a year ago, this year the Collegian sports staff is concentrating its efforts on reporting the news rather than making it.

Pitt Makes Rare Visit

By JOHN LOTT

Penn State finally got the Pitt people to make the rugged bus ride over Route 22 for the traditional football finale. And now the Lions are hoping to make the Panthers' trip a lot longer going than coming.

Tomorrow's game in Beaver Stadium marks the first time Pitt has played here since 1955. The Panthers were scheduled as the host this year too, but they had six home games on the slate while State had only four, so an agreement was made to make the switch.

(The Pitt people figured they wouldn't be able to sell enough six-game season tickets to fans used to paying five bucks less for a five-game package.)

For awhile it appeared little significance would become attached to this game, but in recent weeks that all has changed. State (5-4) needs this one to record a winning season (for the 26th straight year). Pitt needs it to break even (the Panthers are 3-4-2). Both have been on the rampage lately after battling inexperience and injuries in the early stages.

And then there's Old Ironsides.

That's the tag applied to the ugly chunk of steel annually awarded to



BILL HOWLEY

the winner of the Penn State-Pitt-West Virginia round robin. The trophy, believed the world's heaviest (150 lbs.), was initiated in 1951 by the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

Previous games in this long rivalry were staged in Pittsburgh because of inadequate seating facilities at University Park. However, this situation was remedied in 1960 when the

Nittany Lions moved to Beaver Stadium, which has a listed seating capacity of 46,284.

There'll be a few more than that on hand tomorrow. State's late-season surge and Pitt's outstanding performances the past two weeks have made the game a sellout. Biggest crowd ever to witness a State game was the 49,389 at the Army game last year. Tomorrow's attendance will probably top that, possibly going over the 50,000 mark. Standing room tickets still are available at \$2 apiece at the ticket office, Rec Hall.

Pitt's big gun, of course, is quarterback Fred Mazurek, who tomorrow will be zeroing in on the all-time Pitt total offense record. Mazurek lacks 228 yards to tie the record of 3,171 set by Warren Heller between 1930 and 1932.

Both teams worked out in the rain and mud yesterday afternoon. Pitt coach John Michelosen wasn't dismayed about practice conditions, however.

"We need some practice handling a wet ball," he said. "By the looks of things, we'll have need for it Saturday."

End Bill Howley and halfback Bill Bodle, hampered by injuries in recent weeks, both are expected to play full-time tomorrow.

Sports Shorts

Bills Reopen Doors To 'Bad Boy' Cookie

A quiet, almost subdued, Cookie Gilchrist worked out yesterday in the rain and mud with the fired-up Buffalo Bills about 16 hours after the controversial fullback was restored to the good graces of the AFL team.

Gilchrist was placed on waivers by Coach Lou Saban Tuesday for a series of incidents which provoked Saban and the Bill players. Saban relented Wednesday night and told Gilchrist he once again could play for Buffalo after three clubs had bid for the big back.

The turnabout came after Gilchrist apologized to the players and to Saban for his behavior.

The New York Yankees got some good news yesterday—telephone calls reporting that Mel Stottlemyre's ankle is okay.

Soon after the World Series, the 22-year-old rookie pitcher whose late season victories sparked the Yankee pennant drive, sprained his right ankle severely while hunting near his Mabton, Wash., home. The ankle was kept in a splint for several weeks.

A thunderstorm, backlash of a cold front moving into the north, washed out yesterday's opening round of the Cajun Classic golf tourney at Lafayette, La.

The heavy rains delayed for at least a day the start of the showdown battle between Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus for the 1964 PGA money championship.

Joe Black, the PGA tournament director, said a 38-hole round would be played Sunday, the final day of the

ourney, to make up for the delay.

The Boston Patriots and the Denver Broncos met in the first American Football League game, on Sept. 9, 1960. Denver won 13-10, but hasn't won here since.

Denver will have other incentives for whipping the Patriots when they meet tonight at Fenway Park. Boston drubbed Denver 38-10 in their first meeting this year, the result prompting Bronco owners to scrub Coach Jack Faulkner in favor of Mac Speedie.

Denver has improved considerably since the switch and the Broncos have come on strong in their last three games, the latest a 20-16 upset over the New York Jets last week.

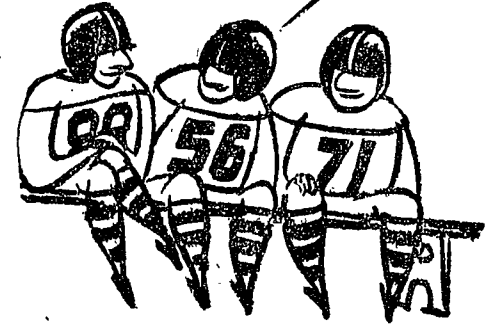
Denver's defense has been credited with much of the improvement, especially the efforts of defensive back Willie Brown, who set a team record with four pass interceptions against the Jets.

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