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You're Ahead With a Ford

By NORM BROWN

Assistant Sports Editor

With a 1-3-1 record and a team that

has only four men that weigh more than 220 pounds, the Mountaineers are hardly anything to write home about. Their only victory is a 24-13 triumph over William and Mary. In short, they've made as much improved the short they've made as much improved the short they were short they are the short into the short they are the short into the short they are the short they are the short they are the short into the short they are the short the short they are they are the short the short they are the short pression as a wet marshmallow stabbed into an Indian Rhinoceros.

But, don't let that fool you. It won't be exactly peaches and cream tomorrow as the Lions seek their eighth consecutive win against the Mountaineers. Their 6-foot 2-inch All-American halfback candidate Garrett Ford has been breaking through opposing defenses like a bulldozer run amuck.

opposing coaches into a head-scratching orbit. The junior halfback from Washington, D.C., has established himself as one of the top players in collegiate football top players in collegiate football.

Mountaineer coach Jim Carlen calls him "as good a running back as I've been associated with." And, there is little wonder. Ford has gained some 568 yards on the ground in 117 carries for a 4.9 average.

When you campare Ford to two other All-American halfbacks in the country, the statistics are amazing, UCLA's Mel Farr has gained 495 yards on the ground, while Syracuse's Floyd Little has gained only 394 yards rushing yards rushing.

It's true that when you choose between It's true that when you choose between the trio, it's like picking six eggs from one hand or half a dozen from the other. But, there's more to the story. Ford has gained more than half of West Virginia's rushing yardage with a light offensive line (average is about 210 pounds) that gets pushed around by opposing defenses like flys caught in the mainstream of Hurricane Inez.

The thoughts of Ford running behind an even fair blocking team like the Lions is enough to cause opposing coaches the frustration of a 98-yard kick-off return being selled heat being called back.

Lion coach Joe Paterno is equally aware of Ford's tantalizing talents. "Ford is a great back," Paterno said. "I think he's comparable to Fel Farr of UCLA and Clinton Jones of Michigan State. He may even be better."

If Ford's average of 113.6 yard per game is amazing, his statistics as a sopho-

West Virginia may not have the most just 27 yards short of breaking the all-time impressive football team in the nation. In fact, they're not even close.

With a 1-3-1 record and a team that whether the state of the nation for rushing. His contains the state of the nation for rushing. His 6,4 yards per carry were also something of recognition.

The West Virginia passing game has been below standard this season as sophomore quarterback Tom Digon has gotten into the habit of projecting his passes to one or two targets. In fact, the top pass catcher on the team is junior wingback Larry Shine, who has hauled in only 6 receptions.

The Mountaineers' opponents have, therefore, keyed on Ford. But, he has not been stopped.

Against Pittsburgh he rammed 153 yards on 23 tries. He broke through tacklers

The Nittany Lions move into tomorrow's game with a losing record and a thirst for the victory. In the last three years the Lions have used West Virginia as a whipping boy. Penn State won last year 44-6, the year before that 37-8, and 20-9 in 1983.

The Lions are out to win, and win they most assuredly will. But, if anyone will make the road to Lion victory any tougher than it has been in the last seven encounters, Ford will.

Ford wears no. 32 and has the smooth stride and mannerisms of his idol—the great Jim Brown. He even looks something like the brilliant ex-Cleveland fullback.

To look like Jim Brown, wear Jim Brown's old number, and have the stride and mannerisms of Jim Brown is great. But, to perform like the all-time, all-proline buster is something else.

Galaxie Garrett could make believers of us all.

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno said the Nittany Lions would break tradition a bit by canceling a practice session at Morgantown before taking on West Virginia towards.

In the past, he explained, the Lions have gone to Morgantown early Friday and worked out after arriving. But this year they are scheduled to leave late in the day after a practice session at Beaver Stadium.

He said there was no particular reason for the switch, except that it would permit more are just as impressive. Ford, whose 217 for the switch, except that it would permit the Mountaineer offensive line average, was more private session.



"Gàlaxie" Garrett Ford

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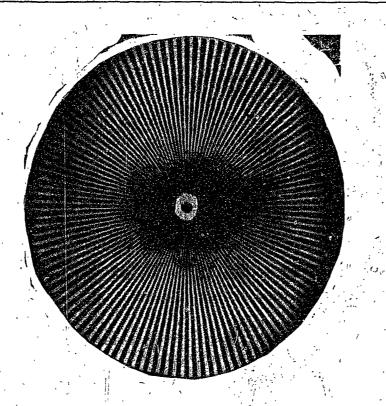
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AZ Ends Losing Streak Sharon, Pottsville Win

By HOWARD FLICKER

Collegian Sports Writer Alpha Zeta Fraternity broke one of the longest losing streaks in IM touch football history last night by beating Tau Epsilon Phi 15-0. It was AZ's first win in three years and the first time they scored more than two two points in a game during

that period.

Mike McCormick broke the ice first for AZ by kicking a 25-yard field goal. The other scores came on Tom Hartsock's pass of 10 yards to Bob People and a 15-yard pass to Dave Poorbaugh. AZ also outscored

Lea Avery

Connie Blevins

In dormitory play, Sharon beat Bethlehem, 13-0. Jim Harris threw a 20-yard touch-down pass to Tom Boosinger for Sharon's first score! Steve Brown added the extra point. On the ensuing kickoff, Sharon's Frank Rock pounced on a free ball in the end zone to cap the 13-0 victory.

After a referees' conference deprived Mike Egleston of a 48-yard field goal, Egleston came back later to kick one for 24 yards and give Pottsville a 3-0 win over Uniontown.

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