

At Syracuse, Oct. 20

Syracuse: Ben's last has potential



Running back Phil Raleigh

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It's a rarity when a football coach manages to stick around until retirement age, especially if he's been in one place for a quarter of a century.

But that's the story at Syracuse, where Ben Schwartzwalder enters his twenty fifth and final season at the helm of the Orangemen. He's had a national championship, four Lambert Trophies, and seven bowl games in his tenure, but what kind of going-away present his team will give him remains to be seen.

There are some problems to overcome if it is to be a winning season and not an encore to last year's five and six mark, his first losing log since 1950, but there are some problems to overcome. Last year, his team gave up more points than ever before (229) while only scoring 141.

Schwartzwalder is encouraged though. "The kids came back with a real good attitude. We hope they can put it together and make a good football team. But we don't have much depth so we can't afford any injuries," he observed.

Coach Ben played a game of musical quarterbacks after senior Bob Woodruff failed to move the ball club. He's got the same situation this time around, but the prospects look a little brighter.

Two sophomores, Bob Mitch and Jim Donoghue, have entered a real dogfight for the signal calling job along with holdovers Rob Sutton and Dave King.

"All four of them are looking good, but we've got to see more of them under fire in the scrimmages," the veteran coach analyzed. "We don't have to make a decision until the day of the first game, so

we still have time." Right now though, it looks like the 6-4, 200-pound Mitch has the edge.

The running back spots are wide open as well after the graduation of Marty Januskiewicz and Roger Praetorius, the fifth and sixth leading rushers in school history.

Steve Webster has the fullback position pretty well nailed down after showing flashes of brilliance last year.

Tailback is up for grabs from among juniors Mike Bright and Phil Raleigh, and seniors Bob Barlette and Ron Cage. Tim Williams will be the wingback.

Up front, two All-American candidates are counted on highly — center Mike McNeely and guard Dave Lapham, a co-captain. Tight ends Brian Hambleton and Bob Petchel block well and are good receivers.

On defense, the Orange lost only one starting lineman, but he's a good one, All-America tackle Joe Ehrmann, now playing with the Baltimore Colts. But co-captain Steve Joslin returns after sitting out last season with an ankle injury. He should team with middle guard Ed Zamaitis to give a strong pass rush.

The Orange lost starting linebackers Len Masci, Chuck Boniti, and Dave King, but the best of them all returns, junior Ray Preston. He has a veteran secondary behind him, headed by double-letterman Gary Sweat and Ken Sawyer.

The kicking game will once again be handled by junior Berni Ruoff, who was twice named to the All-East weekly team last season.

The potential is there for Schwartzwalder's last effort to be a winner, if lack of depth can be overcome by hustle and desire.



DT Melvin Dalrymple

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West Virginia: key positions vacated

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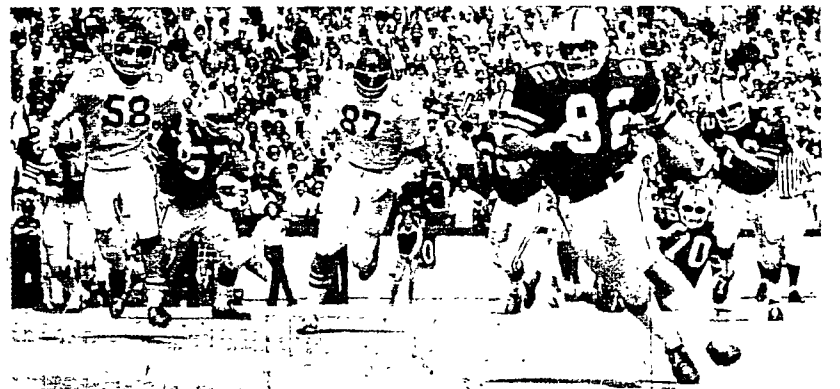
MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — If one would look at the number of lettermen and starters returning for the West Virginia Mountaineers, a winning season would probably be all he would expect, especially since the team will face its toughest schedule in history.

Only eight starters and 25 lettermen return from the 1972 team that went 8-3 and earned a Peach Bowl invitation.

But Coach Bobby Bowden sees things a little differently. "We will be playing with new faces and inexperience, but potential is

there," he said. "I think the story in a nutshell is how long will it take us to mature."

Some of the key players that have graduated are Bernie Galiffa, last year's quarterback who broke several school passing records; Kerry Marbury, a superb running back who decided to forego his last year for pro ball in Canada; Gerald Schultze and Bill Samuelson, three-year standouts on the offensive line; middle-linebacker Billy Joe Mantooh, who recently was released by the Philadelphia Eagles; and the entire defensive secondary of David Morris, Doug Charley, Tom Geishauer and Rick Weiskircher.



Tight end Dave Jagdmann

Leading returnees include Danny Buggs, a wide receiver who has made several pre-season All-America teams, linebacker Tom Zakowski, an All-East candidate, offensive linemen Walt Bragg and Dan Larcamp, and defensive linemen Jeff Merrow and John Adams.

Senior Ade Dillon and sophomore Chuck Fiorante are battling for the quarterback spot. Dillon had a better spring and will be No. 1 going into the fall.

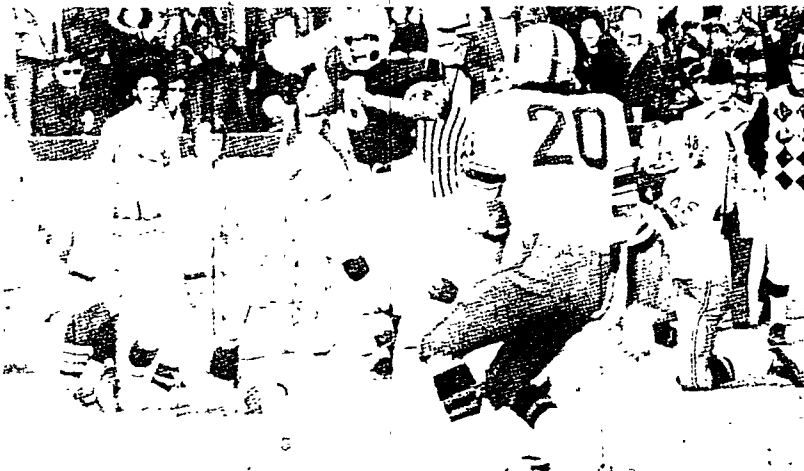
The runners are skilled, but inexperienced, with tailbacks Artie Owens, Dwayne Woods and Ron Lee along with fullbacks Mike Nelson, Mike Hubbard, Heywood Smith and Dave Cain.

Last season, the Mountaineers rolled over their first three opponents, before falling to Stanford, 41-35. Later WVU was ambushed

at Temple, 39-36 and fell to Penn State in a hard-fought game, 28-19. Wins followed over Pitt, VMI and Syracuse before a crushing 49-13 loss to North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl.

The likely strengths this season appear to be in the offensive line, the receivers, the defensive line and the linebackers. The weaknesses will be an inexperienced quarterback and an untried offensive and defensive backfield.

"Although we lost 14 starters from last year's team, we could be as strong in 1973 contingent on the play of our sophs plus steady quarterbacking," Bowden summarizes. "I don't want to consider this a rebuilding year. I want to pick up where we left off after the Syracuse game last season."



Flanker Danny Buggs