



Lint picking by the Cardinals and the Lions

Both Penn State coach Joe Paterno and Stanford coach Jack Christiansen are doing some last minute lint picking in final preparation for tomorrow's game.

The contest, which kicks off the '73 season for both clubs, will be televised nationally and the Lions are favored by the Associated Press to win the contest and protect their top ten spot.

"With the new free substitution ruling," Christiansen said, "we're reviewing assignments and we're trying to improve our kicking game by always having the best people on the field."

Paterno has the Lion offense pretty well set except at the flanker-slotback position where Jimmy Scott and Chuck Herd are waging a close battle.

"That will be settled before the game," Paterno said Wednesday.

As expected, Tom Shuman (6-1,189) will

call the signals in the offensive huddle for Penn State.

"I'm sure Tommy will be our quarterback," Paterno admitted. "He's been very sharp in practice the last two days and has had a fine preseason. I'm sure he'll do a good job for us."

The Cardinals have been adding some finishing touches to their offense as Christiansen put his men through the final series of two-a-day workouts Tuesday.

"Both parts of the passing game, both offense and defense are looking fine," Christiansen said, "and today we went live against the Penn State offense and defense."

"We're just about ready to break things up now since the conditioning part of our program is almost finished."

Paterno indicated Bob Nagle (6-1,192) will start at fullback but also said Tom

Donchez (6-2, 210) will see plenty of action this Fall.

"Bob Nagle will be our starter at fullback," Paterno said, "although Donchez will play a lot of football for us. Bob isn't the biggest fullback we've ever had but we won 10 games with him last year and he gives everything he has on every play."

The rest of the offensive starting lineup includes John Cappelletti (6-1, 206) at tailback, Dan Natale (6-3, 220) at tight end, Charlie Getty (6-4, 260) at right tackle, either John Nessel (6-5, 247) or Ron Etter (6-3, 214) at right guard, center Jack Baiorunos (6-3, 225), Mark Markovich (6-5, 240) at left guard, Phil LaParta (6-3, 246) at left tackle and Gary Haryman (6-2, 200) at split end.

Defensively, Randy Crowder (6-2, 235) and Mike Hartenstine (6-3, 235) will be at

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the tackle slots, Dave Graf (6-3, 205) and Greg Murphy (6-3, 230) will be at the ends, Doug Allen (6-2, 220), Ed O'Neil (6-3, 220), Chris Devlin (6-2, 207) and Tom Hull (6-3, 200) will back up the line, and Buddy Ellis (6-0, 172), Jim Bradley (6-1, 186) and either Jack Koniszewski (6-0, 191) or Scott Mitchell (6-2, 192) round out the defensive backfield.

The Lions will depart from Harrisburg at 3 p.m. this afternoon for the flight to the coast.

Nagle number 1

Both try harder

Donchez number 2

by Mark Simenson

The new word used to describe the fullback situation this year is **HEALTHY**.

Both Bob Nagle and Tom Donchez are free of nagging injuries and are ready to act as blocking escorts for tailback John Cappelletti and quarterback Tom Shuman.

In the past, Penn State gave two uniforms to its fullbacks. One of them was civilian clothes. Last year Donchez watched from the sidelines while his knee recovered from an operation. The year before Franco Harris sat out a few games with bruised ribs, something he had for most of his career at Penn State.

Nagle has managed to escape getting banged up in two years as a fullback. "Nothing serious, I've been lucky," the senior said.

Donchez hasn't been so lucky. His knees could be the second most important pair on the team next to Randy Crowders'. Crowder had to have surgery last winter for a serious knee injury and was questionable starter at one time.

"Both my knee's are in good shape, they're 100 per cent," Donchez said earlier in the week.

When Donchez was redshirted last season, Nagle moved in and became the first string fullback. He withstood an attempt by Donchez to regain the position last spring and enters tomorrow's game with Stanford in the backfield with Cappy and Shuman.

Nagle carried the ball 57 times last year, almost a quarter of the times Cappy did. Mainly he was used to clear the way for the Lion ground attack.

"I look forward to playing and if playing calls for blocking, I'll do it," Nagle said

after practice Wednesday. "I don't mind it."

Nagle started out as a defensive back his sophomore year before switching to fullback. "They were wise to put me where I could play," Nagle laughed.

Donchez came to pre-season practice as the number two fullback and didn't expect the job handed to him.

"I talked to Coach Paterno and he said, "Bob has it and that I have to beat him out," Donchez recalled.

Donchez figures to see plenty of action behind Nagle. He said he is in good shape and playing better than 1971 when he started a few games as a sophomore and gained 5.7 yards per carry on 57 efforts.

"I thought I had a good pre-season," he admitted. "I hustled a lot and I didn't get hurt."

"I'm doing things better now. I think I'm better now than I was two years ago," he added.

Donchez started a couple games in place of Harris in 1971, including the Cotton Bowl win over Texas. He was all set to bulldoze linebackers for Cappy last season, but was injured before the season opener at Tennessee.

Paterno is still high on Donchez and plans to use him a lot this season. "He hasn't lost any of his quickness or ability, he just needs work," Paterno said.

The competition for the starting position has been good for both, Donchez said, but added he doesn't like the view from the second team. "It's not enjoyable being on

the second team," he said.

The biggest obstacle facing the Lion running game is Stanford's massive defensive end, Roger Stillwell, who at 6-6½, 250 pounds, is known for disrupting the blocking patterns of any team.

Stillwell isn't the only block of granite the State line will have to control. "They have two big, huge defensive ends,"

Donchez said after viewing four of Stanford's 1972 films.

The other end is a junior college transfer and little is known about him around these parts. By tomorrow, presumably, Penn State will find out.

With the fullback assigned a blocking role, Cappelletti can count on up to eight blockers moving opponents around.

"The blocking potential is excellent," Donchez noted.

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