

Raiders in an upsetting position

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Colgate isn't trying to fool anybody when it plays the Lions tomorrow afternoon—not even itself.

"This game will have a lot to do with setting the tone for the season," Colgate coach Fred Dunlap said. "You always want to win your opener, and this game is certainly no exception."

"But it's true that we're underdogs...considerably. We realize and understand this. It's just important to do a good job in the game."

In the past, the Red Raiders have been noted for their outstanding defense, and this year is no exception. With 10 of 11 defensive starters returning from a unit which finished 14th in the nation against the rush last season, Colgate has the foundation to turn in one of its best defensive efforts.

Leading the defensive contingent will be honorable mention All-America linebacker Joe Murphy. Murphy led the Red Raiders in tackles last season, recording 74 solo tackles and 72 assists.

Other top defensive performers include defensive tackle Jeff King, who sacked the quarterback 14 times last year to pace the Red Raiders in that department; defensive end Kelly Robinson, who finished second to King in sacks with 11; safety John Kraemer, third on the squad in tackles; and linebacker Karl Grabowski, who was voted Colgate's defensive MVP.

King, Robinson and Kraemer were all honorable mention All-East last season. The only void that must be filled is that left by defensive end Mike Cook. But it shouldn't be a difficult decision for

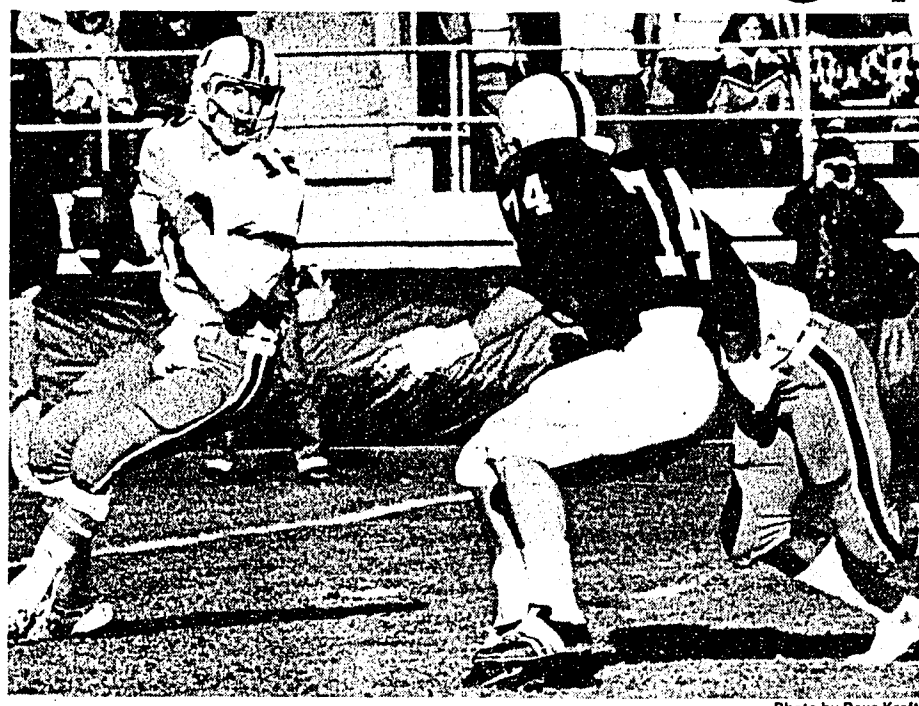


Photo by Dave Kraft

Senior defensive end Larry Kubin (74) will be looking to put pressure on quarterback Tom Rosenfeld and the rest of the Colgate offense when the Lions meet the Red Raiders at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at Beaver Stadium.

Dunlap since he has Jon Kimmel and Dan Trunfo ready to take over.

"We have an experienced, alert, quick, strong defense," Dunlap said. "I hope we are able to adjust to the unexpected early in the game."

However, the defense is not flawless. "We are quite a bit smaller than Penn State," Dunlap said. "Speed and aggressiveness are our forte. We're going to have to play a fairly

sidelined with a dislocated shoulder, and Dunlap is confident in the junior's ability to adjust to a full-time starting role.

"Tom is a pretty heady kid and is able to diagnose weak areas," Dunlap said. "He's a fine passer and is very competitive. He knows the offense well."

Joining Rosenfeld and McChesney in the starting backfield will be senior Jim Freeman. McChesney (6-0, 217) and Freeman (5-11, 196) combined for 517 yards last season, 40 yards less than leading ground gainer Colosimo.

"Our weakness is that we have no breakaway speed—our offense is not as fast as our defense," Dunlap said. "But offensively we're a balanced team—we usually go 50-50."

"We're going to try to hit Penn State with what it's not going to expect. When they expect the pass we're going to take the run, and when they expect the run we're going to pass."

But according to Dunlap, the Red Raiders may not utilize their passing game as much as they'd like.

"We have great respect for their secondary," Dunlap said. "Satsky, Pete Harris is a fine performer. We're going to have to be careful how we attack. We must get in an area where they're most vulnerable."

Even though the odds for the Red Raiders to return to Hamilton, N.Y., with a victory are stacked against them, there is some ray of hope remaining among the team.

"I've been looking forward to this game since 1977," Dunlap said, "and if we can keep down our mistakes in the late stages of the game, and we stay close, anything can happen."

Gridders rich in talented freshmen

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Penn State, perennially rich in personnel, acquired some additional assets that should keep it among the high society of collegiate football.

Coach Joe Paterno lured some of the top high school players in the country to Penn State to form a freshman class that certainly rates with the best in his 15 years as a head coach.

The 1980 Nittany Lion roster lists 59 incoming freshmen who will be facing the likes of Alabama, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Missouri, Texas A&M and Pittsburgh during their careers.

"I think it's a good group," Paterno said. "Not just in their athletic ability, but in maturity, in their intelligence. They've learned very quickly. They show a great deal of poise for young people. They've stayed in their physicals, over the grind. I've been very impressed with them."

Not only is it a talented class, but it is a large class. Paterno has said he prefers staying well under the National Collegiate Athletic Association limit of 30 scholarships per year. The NCAA also limits a school to 95 total grants-in-aid per year.

And if Paterno were the NCAA's lawmaker, the first limitation he'd institute would be on freshman eligibility.

"It's a challenge I don't think we should ask them to make," Paterno said. "I think they ought to come and not be able to play. It's a tough situation for them."

Paterno would not say if there would be any immediate contributions from the newcomers—a la Curt Warner's smashing debut last year against Rutgers—but if any are heard from early, Kenny Jackson probably will be making the most noise.

The 5-11½, 160-pound wideout was called "the most sought after athlete in the country" by Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill. Jackson was a standout football and basketball player at South River (N.J.) High School as well as a state champion in track.

While Jackson will share the punt return duties with Terry Rakowsky, he will not start at wideout but should see some playing time behind Mickey

Urquhart and Gregg Garrity at that position.

"I've got a lot to learn," Jackson said. "I don't think coach Paterno wants to put me on the spot right away."

"I'm not comfortable with the situation. You do well when you're comfortable with yourself and it's been a big change for me. I've never really been away from home before. I'm in a maze myself."

Jackson hopes to give the Lions something they lacked last year—a deep threat. With 4.45 speed in the 40, Jackson can create havoc in defensive backfields.

Jackson said the transition from high school to college has been easier for him than for the other freshmen because of his roommate—who also happens to be his brother.

Roger Jackson, a 6-4, 172-pound defensive halfback, also signed on with Penn State this fall after attending a junior college. He will be red-shirted this year, however.

Paterno is also expecting big things from another set of roommates who both led their respective states in scoring.

Jon Williams (6-9½, 192) of Somerville (N.J.) High School and Skeeter Nichols (6-0, 192) of Carby bridge (Md.) High School both appear to be capable of carrying on the tradition of talented running backs at Penn State.

A host of returning runners in the Penn State camp will allow the pair only limited playing time, but that's something both are more than ready to face.

"As far as moving someone out, that's a long shot," Nichols said. "But I never really had a challenge before and that's one of the reasons why I chose Penn State...the challenge and it's a place to become mature."

"It's been working out pretty good," Williams said. "I've been running sometimes with the first team guys so maybe I could get in for one or two plays."

First-year standouts on the line include defensive end Kirk Bowman (6-1, 226), offensive guard Scott Carragher (6-4, 233), offensive tackle Pat Dalry (6-4½, 251), defensive tackles Greg Gattuso (6-4, 250) and Nick Haden (6-9½, 222) and linebackers Carmen Masciantonio (6-2, 207) and Scott Radelec (6-3, 224).

Early season games indicate fate of Lions' season

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The football team will get a chance to silence its 1979 critics early this season when it encounters four highly competitive teams in a row. After what should be a breather against Colgate in their opener tomorrow, the Lions will play Texas A&M, Nebraska, Missouri and Maryland.

Here is a game-by-game rundown of the Lions' 1980 opponents:

Sept. 6 Colgate—It's safe to assume that Penn State should have very little trouble handling the Red Raiders, even though they return 2 of 22 starters, most of whom are sophomores and juniors, from their 5-4 1979 squad.

Colgate's main strength is in its defense, which finished 14th in the nation against the rush last season. The only Red Raider gone from that defense crew is Mike Cook. However, the defense does lack size when compared to Penn State's offense and hopes to compensate for that with its quickness.

Spearheading Colgate's defensive corps will be linebackers Joe Murphy (6-0, 216), who led the Red Raiders last year in tackles with 74 solos and 72 assists, and Pete Cirillo (6-2, 221), back John Kraemer (5-11, 185) and tackle Jeff King (6-1, 212).

Starters gone from the offense are fullback Angelo Colosimo, who paced the Red Raiders' ground attack and received numerous post-season honors, and quarterback John Marzo. This season coach Fred Dunlap has called on Tom McChesney and Tom Rosenfeld, respectively, for those starting duties.

Sept. 20 at Texas A&M—The Lions will be out to avenge the 27-14 drubbing Texas A&M dealt them last season.

Making the Lions' job a bit easier is the fact that the Aggies suffered a tremendous loss in personnel from their 1979 squad, as 11 starters (four on defense and seven on offense) graduated, including Curtis Dickey. Dickey haunted the Lion defense all day last Sept. 22, gaining 184 yards on 31 carries and scoring three times on runs of 69, 11 and 21 yards.

But returning at quarterback for the Aggies is Mike Mosley. According to coach Tom Wilson, Mosley "is going to be one of the best in the country" this season. Mosley also is faster this season, and after he ran a 4.21 last spring for pro scouts, Wilson said one scout told him that in his 12 years of recruiting, Mosley was the fastest football player he had met.

Sept. 27, Nebraska—Despite losing 12 starters, including such notable standouts as L.M. Hipp, Junior Miller, Tim Hager and Tim Smith, coach Tom Osborne and the Cornhuskers are still optimistic about the 1980 campaign.

Nebraska, which fell to Houston, 17-14, in the 1980 Cotton Bowl, has strong running back and linebacking corps returning. Tailback Jarvis Redwine, who topped all other Cornhusker backs with 1,100 yards on 165 attempts last year, will once again be called on to take over the reins of the ground game. And with tailbacks Craig Johnson and Roger Craig in reserve, Osborne says they "can be as good a group of tailbacks as we've had."

Returning for Nebraska at linebacker are Brent Williams, Kim Baker, Steve Damkroger and Steve McWhirter. The Cornhusker defense is also strong in the secondary and at the ends, where, according to Osborne, "we have two of the best athletes we've ever had in Derrie Nelson

and Jimmy Williams." Nebraska's main concern on defense is rebuilding its line where five of its six starters have graduated.

Oct. 4, at Missouri—Missouri is out to better last season's disappointing 7-5 record and to receive a major bowl bid. High preseason expectations fizzled last year after the Tigers were upset by Kansas State and Oklahoma State, and beaten by Oklahoma and Nebraska.

But this season power runner James Wilder, considered the Big Eight's best fullback, is healthy again and will join veteran quarterback Phil Bradley and speedy halfback Terry Hill in the backfield.

Another plus for the Tigers is that they return eight of 11 defensive starters. Free safety Eric Wright and end Wendell Ray will head the defense which finished third in the league in rushing, scoring and total defense.

Oct. 11, at Maryland—Penn State will once again run into a respected defense, deep in experience, when it travels to College Park. And the defensive unit will get a lift this season with the return of back Lloyd Burruss and guard Martin Van Horn, both 1979 preseason all-ACC selections. However, the defense will miss the entire season last year with injuries.

Offensively, the Terrapins are led by sophomore tailback Charlie Wysocki. He paced the Terp ground game last season, gaining 1,140 yards on 247 carries, although he was only able to muster 51 yards against the Lions.

Like the defense, the passing game will also get a boost this season since Eric Sievers returns. Sievers was also named to the 1979 preseason all-ACC team, but was injured in the second game against Clemson and sat out the remainder of the season.

But the biggest Terp threat is placekicker Dale

Castro, a consensus All-American, who connected on 17 of 21 field goal attempts last season, including seven field goals outside the 40-yard line.

Oct. 18, Syracuse—The Orangemen will try to make this an unpleasant homecoming for the Lions. Syracuse, despite some key losses, has high expectations after receiving their first post-season bowl (Independence) bid last season and moving into a new domed stadium this year.

Coach Frank Maloney will build his offense around junior tailback Joe Morris. Morris has gained 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons.

A not so bright spot on offense is at quarterback where Dave Warner will replace Bill Hurley. Hurley, who has graduated, was Syracuse's top career total-offense leader.

Oct. 25, at West Virginia—Sprits are running high in West Virginia. After all, the Mountaineers have a new coach, a new stadium and a host of starters returning. Mix all these ingredients together and West Virginia has a good jump on improving last year's dismal 5-6 slate.

Oliver Luck will once again be called on to generate the offense. He can either hand off to Robert Alexander or Eldridge Dixon, who combined for 1,117 yards rushing last year, or pass to speedsters Darrell Miller and Cedric Thomas.

Nov. 1, Miami, Florida—Jim Kelly emerged as the Hurricanes' No. 1 quarterback when Miami came to University Park last season. Kelly returns to the helm this year and he'll be joined by his entire starting offensive unit.

The Hurricanes are a passing-oriented team, with senior wide receiver Pat Walker being the main target. Walker led the nation last year in yards per catch, averaging 26.4 yards. Com-

plementing Walker are wideouts senior Jim Joiner and junior Larry Brodsky.

Nov. 8, North Carolina State—The Wolfpack will need more than new coach Monte Kiffin to improve upon its 7-4 1979 record. Kiffin has a major rebuilding job ahead of him as N.C. State only returns nine starters.

A big setback is the loss of unanimous All-America pick and 1979 Outland Trophy winner Jim Ritcher who graduated.

Among the returning standouts are tight end Lin Dawson, flanker Mike Quick, defensive tackle Simon Gupton and safety Woodrow Wilson.

Nov. 15, at Temple—Inexperience is going to hamper the Owls, too. But coach Wayne Hardin, whose Owls played in a bowl game (Garden State) for the first time in 45 years last season, is confident their success will carry over into the 1980 campaign.

The only major problem areas for the Owls will be trying to fill the voids left at the quarterback and kicking positions.

Nov. 28, Pittsburgh—Not enough can be said about the Pitt Panthers. All the preseason hoopla of the Panthers grabbing the national championship is justified when looking at their personnel.

Pitt, which finished sixth nationally last season, returns 16 starters and a host of bona fide reserves.

The Panthers' entire team is built around All-America defensive end-linebacker Hugh Green. Last season Green made 135 tackles, 76 solos and 59 assists.

Offensive linemen Mark May, quarterback Danny Marino, tight end Benjie Pryor and running back Randy McMillan head the list of the talent-laden Panthers.

Tickets still available, but you'd better hurry

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About 4,000 tickets are available for tomorrow's football game between the Lions and Colgate, Penn State athletic ticket manager Bud Meredith said.

"We're not in a sold-out situation for the Colgate game," Meredith said. "We have over 4,000 seats labeled 'public-student.' Hopefully, we'll go beyond the student allotment. We are advertising the availability of tickets through The Collegian."

The seating capacity in Beaver Stadium has been increased to 83,600, a gain of about 7,000 seats. Approximately 75,000 seats are now sold on a season basis. That includes 50,000 for the public, 21,000 for students and 4,000 for the visiting school.

"The main reason for the slight decline is that the Colgate and Pitt games are outside the academic calendar," he said. "Students feel that they could save money by buying individual game tickets. This increases the availability of tickets on a game-to-game basis."

The ticket office will continue student season ticket sales until it sells a combination of 300 season tickets and/or individual Nebraska game tickets. Meredith said he expected the Nebraska game to be a complete sellout by yesterday.

The athletic department will try to eliminate the congestion and confusion near the stadium gates that has been prevalent in previous years by reducing the number of student gates to three.

Those students holding senior tickets will be required to enter Gate 15, and no other. Those with junior tickets must enter Gate 16, and freshman-sophomore ticket holders, Gate 17.

"Even if you're a senior," Meredith said, "once you're in the gate, you're in that section for the day. People will not be allowed to move from section to section. We will only have to check ID cards once."

The same ticket-taking process was used toward the end of last season, and Meredith said it was successful.

"It is designed simply to move people quicker," he said. "We are trying to get rid of the congestion just outside the gates. We're even pulling Gate 16 closer to the stadium to allow more people to get through."

"The system appeared in the late '60s and early '70s," he said, "and there was no problem with selling the tickets to friends, or with getting the ticket back."

Giving students a single season pass instead of a set of individual game tickets will eliminate scalping from students to the public, Meredith said.

The gates will open for tomorrow's game at noon. Tickets are still on sale for all home games except Nebraska and Syracuse, but the North Carolina State game is nearing a sellout.

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