

State Sets Defense For Owl Ace

Passing Attack, Line Play Polished For Temple Tilt

By BILL PEARSON

Cold weather and soft turf failed to halt Coach Biggie's charges Tuesday afternoon as they went through their workout in preparation for the Temple game this Saturday.

Lengthy scrimmage with JV's during which the team ran Temple plays and the day's work. JV Coach Bud Crane wore a number 10 jersey to represent the Spartans, top back on the eleven.

Leahy, a junior with two years of experience behind him, being named as an All-American candidate in the east. When the Spartans met the Owls is a fine passer and a dangerous breakaway runner.

Leahy was given primary attention on an unusual defense which they may face this week-end and altered their offensive accordingly.

Leahy, holding undefeated Penn State to a 7-0 win last Saturday, was the star of the game. The Owls' lineemen gave their opponents a troublesome afternoon playing a yard behind the line of scrimmage. This caused the State blockers to miss their assignments as they often slipped on the soft field.

Injuries received in the last two games are still troubling a few Spartans. Fullback Jim Blenkins is slowed by a sore ankle and right half Lynn Chandross has a bruised hip suffered in the Michigan encounter.

Ed Warren Huey, who left the team early in the Santa Clara game, with a neck injury was still in the hospital Tuesday getting acquainted with a newly-arrived second son.

While viewing the JV's version of the Temple attack yesterday, Coach Biggie took the offensive to polish up their aerial play and very sparingly in running plays, but quarters and backs were clicking on both sides and short losses yesterday.

Ed Warren Huey turned in a performance on the receiving end of the aerials. Huey was a bit because of a painful injury incurred in the Brown game. However, it seemed to have little effect on his passing ability as he continued to pull down everything thrown to him.

Biggie and Temple have clashed eight previous games. State has five wins in the series, has lost twice, and defeated but lost to Biggie.

The lone Temple victory was in a night encounter in Philadelphia in 1940. Owl halfback Jimmy Powers ran the option kickback 103 yards for a touchdown to help his team roll up 21 points in the first half and beat the Spartans 21-19.

Powers' scoring run still stands as the longest ever made by an Owl. However, State gained momentum for this defeat when the Spartans met again in '41.

Last year the Spartans overcame the Owls 46-0 at East Lansing. That defeat was the only one in Temple's gridiron history and has been exceeded since by Army when they beat the Owl eleven 51-0 in 1946.

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Coach Collins Sets Deadline For Grapplers

Coach Fendley Collins announced today that the all-college wrestling tournament will be held in the wrestling room in Jenison gymnasium at 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 2, 3, and 4. The competition is open to all students except wrestling lettermen who have won the tournament in past years. All entries must have at least five practice workouts before the meet opens.

Competition will be offered in the 121, 128, 136, 143, 155, 165, 175, and heavyweight classes. The bouts will be six minutes in length with first, second, and third place prizes offered in each class. All wrestlers defeated by the two finalists in each weight are eligible for the third place round, which will take place on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 and 5.

A limit of three pounds overweight will be allowed in each class. All contestants must check with Coach Collins Monday, Dec. 1, stating the weight class in which they wish to compete.

New Sox Pilot Keeps '47 Staff

BOSTON, Nov. 11 (AP)—Ded Baker and Larry Woodall, Red Sox coaches under Joe Cronin, will be retained on the staff of new Boston Manager Joe McCarthy, it was announced today.

Just returned from the draft meetings in Cincinnati, Cronin, new Sox general manager, said that McCarthy also had selected Earl Combs as a coach and Ed Freulich as Sox trainer and that Paul Schreiber would be retained as batting practice pitcher.

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Improved Wisconsin Team Hopes To Upset Michigan

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 11 (AP)—It was a bitter pill, that 48-7 whipping California rammed down Wisconsin's throat in early fall, but the football experts are figuring now it was just the tonic the Badgers needed.

Faced, now by mighty Michigan in a show-down battle for the Western conference leadership, Wisconsin is a rejuvenated ball club. Saturday's game before a complete sellout at Camp Randall stadium will prove whether the tonic had anything beyond profuse.

Early-season doped relegated the Badgers to the conference cellar, and an easy 22-14 victory over a then inept Purdue team didn't stir up more than a froth. Even that disappeared when Indiana battled to a 7-7 tie.

Then came California — and what happened to Wisconsin that day caused even the die-hard fans to toss in their towels.

But Wisconsin came off the deck spinning. Everything began to jell, first evidence being a non-conference 9-0 conquest of Yale's Bulldogs, undefeated until they met the Badgers.

Marquette was next, and Wisconsin won, 35-12. Back into the Big Nine swept the Badgers, to ride over Northwestern with the greatest of ease, 29-0. And then, lest a homecoming crowd be disappointed, they really poured it on, to the tune of 46-14, against Iowa.

That was last week, and any doubts of the salutary effects of the California beating were dispelled. Almost everyone went overboard.

Even Coach Harry Stuhldreher, although mindful the Wolverines have been tabbed for the Rose Bowl all season, isn't unduly pessimistic. The "Little General" hasn't much to say—for publication—but admits there is "far less of a gap between the two clubs than there was at the start of the season."

Detroit, 'M' Top Nation In Offense

NEW YORK, Nov. 11 (AP)—Michigan has the two best passing and rushing football teams in the nation this week — the state of Michigan, that is.

The University of Detroit Titans, who turned in an upset 38-6 win over Nevada, vaulted into the top spots held last week by Penn State in total offense and rushing offense by amassing 501 yards, the National Collegiate Athletic bureau reported today.

In forward passing offense it was the University of Michigan again for the seventh consecutive week, and the Wolverines continued in the No. 2 spot in total offense for the second week.

Bad weather last weekend was reflected in the shrinkage of averages of many of last week's offensive leaders. Michigan's passing average per game, six weeks ago at its high mark of 258, was down to 178.1 this week.

Detroit took over total offense with a mark of 417 yards per game, as against Penn State's high of a week ago which was 427, and the Titans became the rushing offense leaders with a 319.1 average, which is lower than Penn State's 336.2 of a week ago.

The mud and the rain mired Penn State's powerhouse as the Nittany Lions dropped to third in total offense and second in rushing offense after their 7-0 victory over Temple. Virginia's loss to Penn dropped the Cavaliers from fourth to eighth in total offense.

Notre Dame's switch from air to ground in the rout of Army was reflected in the figures. The Irish jumped from seventh to fourth on the strength of their ground game against the Cadets, but their four completions in 10 pass attempts for 25 yards dropped them from second to fifth among the team passing leaders.

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Irish Coach Denies Resignation Rumors

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Timekeeper Necessary, Voigts Says

CHICAGO, Nov. 11 (AP)—Coach Bob Voigts, whose Northwestern team, lost a "long count" 7-6 game to Ohio State last Saturday, today proposed a "clock-watching" fifth official at Big Nine games.

"I'm not complaining over the timing as supervised by Ohio State," Voigts told the Chicago football writers, "but before we lost possession of the ball in the final minute of play, the clock showed we took only 14 seconds to run three plays—one second for the first, two seconds for the second and 11 seconds for the third."

He said a fifth official—in addition to the referee, umpire, head-linesman and field judge—would put a "neutral" observer on the clock.

Voigts said he had no complaint about the infractions calling of headlinesman E. C. Curtis which gave Ohio State four plays after regulation time had ended and an ultimate Buckeye touchdown and extra point.

"There were violations each time," he admitted, "but I think that the calling of our center Dick Price as a 12th man on the field was stretching the technicality of a rule that should be modified—especially when the player obviously was going his fastest to get off the field."

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