

Four Former Lion Athletes Return To Coaching Positions

Four former Penn State athletes returned to their alma mater today as teachers and coaches. Joe Tocci, basketball standout from Ridgewood, N.Y., was added to the staff as freshman basketball coach and physical education instructor.

A cinch to be considered as one of Penn State's all-time greats at the guard position, it has been Tocci who has sparked the Lions return from the court doldrums during the past two seasons of play.



Joe Tocci

Joe Colone, of Berwick, 1948 football captain, and Ray Ulinski, of Ambridge, will return as instructors in physical education and assistant athletic trainers.

The fourth addition is Steve Suhey, all-American football guard, from Cazenovia, N.Y., who will combine graduate work with teaching and coaching duties. Suhey, who gave up a professional football career with the Pittsburgh Steelers this year to join the staff, will assist Freshman Coach Earl Bruce.

'On The Ball'

rough 'n tumble athletic natural, has somehow avoided the attention of Penn State students.

The story behind Jeffrey and his soccer career at Penn State revolves around the refusal of another man to accept the same position.

Back in 1924, the Altoona carshops had a brilliant soccer team composed of English, Scottish, and German workers and managed by one Bill Smith. The records compiled by this team so impressed Nittany officials that they invited Smith to join the College staff as soccer coach. Smith did not want the job, but he did tell of a member of his team whose feet had the gift of magic and who possessed great potentialities in the soccer world.

Thus it was that Bill Jeffrey was added to the Lions' athletic family to begin his meteoric career and emblazon a modern success story in three chapters—from the braes of bonny Scotland, to the carshops at Altoona, to the Penn State campus.

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Gridders Back

sophomore Joe Yukica. Letterman Chuck Godlasky is the man to beat for one tackle job, while Ed Hoover, recovered from a knee operation, looms as another possible starter.

Both Godlasky and Hoover being pushed by Stew Sheetz, sophomores Sylvan Taub, Jim Longacre, and Herb Raifsnider, and Dick Cripps, Con Brown, Bill Hockersmith, Pete Twaddle and Dick Waters.

Len Bartek and Tom Pevarnik have been looking good at the guard positions, along with Bill Mathers, letter-winner Jim Barr, sophomores Carl Pfirman, Don Van Sickle, and Earl Hower, and Don Barney.

No Center Scarcity

John Podrasky, who won his letter last year as a blocking back, and veteran Kenn Bunn, also recovered from a knee operation, Joe Shumock, George Harvan, and Bob Smith are all vying for the starting job at center.

At the flank positions, defensively, will be Mario Santangelo, Silock, Pat McPoland, Chuck Wilson, and sophomore Dave Simon, younger brother of John Simon, a member of the 1947 Cotton Bowl Team.

Lacrosse Drills Begin Next Week

Although the first game is over a half-year away, Penn State's lacrosse team will begin Fall practice Wednesday, September 20.

The Fall sessions are open to varsity, junior varsity and other candidates, including freshmen. For the first time since World War II, a freshman team will represent Penn State in the sport.

Coach Nick Thiel looks for a better season this year with a number of veterans returning from last year's squad which won three games while losing six.

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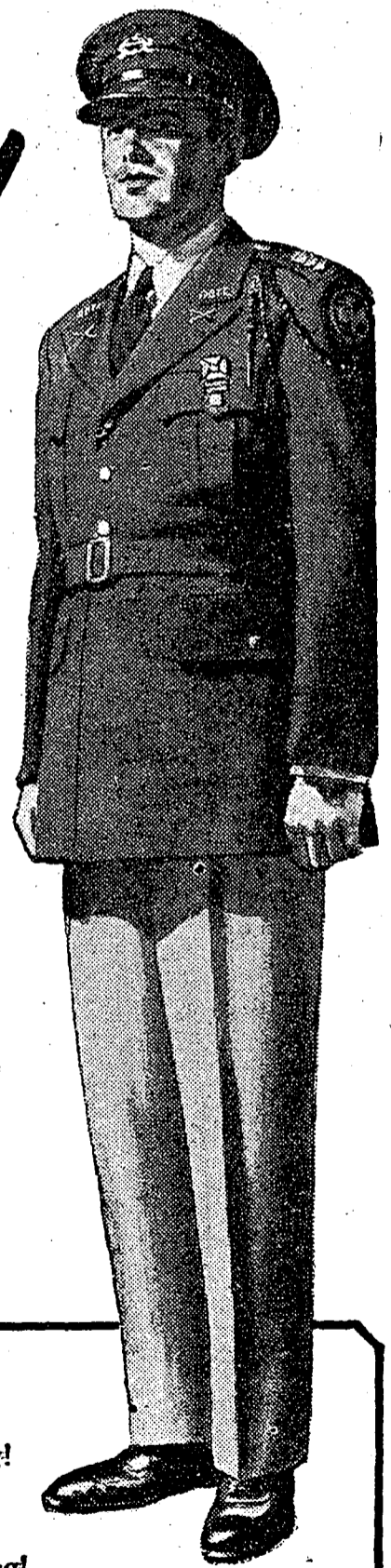
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