



# Delco Booster's:

by William Jarrell

Being on the soccer team, I have the rare opportunity to write a story on my own team. It is Saturday morning, October 24, 9:30 A.M. We've been riding in the bus for an hour on the way to our biggest game of the year, it's a must win situation against PSU Berks. As I secretly search about the bus, there is an evident feeling of tension shared by the team and their gorgeous cheerleaders.

In the front of the bus Coach Case seems to be in another world. Gazing out at beautiful eye-catching Pennsylvania autumn decor, he seems to be searching, as all great coaches do, for an edge that could help us defeat Berks and go to the championship. Coach Case is very dedicated to improving our team's style of play. He loves the spirit of competition, and displays this to his players in his style of coaching. His style is one of freedom, giving the individual players a chance to exhibit their skills, yet always enforcing the fact that those skills must mesh with the game plans he formulates. He does now, and has always handled the team with a firm hand which enhances the pro-



Kevin Carr makes another "Heads Up" play.

fessional manner in which he guides the team.

As I look to the front of the bus, I see the cheerleaders are starting to get restless, so are a few of the players. Their chattering can be heard throughout the bus, so much energy stored in those petite bodies. It goes without saying that they have contributed greatly to our success. The cheerfulness they exhibit before, during, and after the games cannot but rub off on the players, even after our toughest of games.

Adrian Eaton, the "Bobby Clarke" of the team, has just made a visit to each player trying to get us in the right frame of mind for the game. Tony Dippelito, our outstanding goal tender is discussing defensive strategy with Rob Pyle, our never say die fullback. John Beck, our big enforcer is sitting across from them eating as usual; food eases John's mind so he can perform at his usual high intensity level. Walt Wojakowski and John Lynch, our two lightning fast wings are just looking straight ahead. This

will be their last season at PSU. They know what it is like playing in the championship, they were there last year. In back of them, Scott Pyle can be seen admiring the countryside listening to "Genesis" which has just filled the air from a well-concealed portable stereo in the front of the bus. In the back of the bus, Kevin Carr and Russell Kempf, the team Charlie Hustles are telling jokes to Shahriar Pasdar, John Fava, Kevin Anderson, Cheryl Pezik, our wonderful statistician, Natale, our fantastic manager, and Mark Munley, our secret weapon scoring threat.

Two players on the bus seem to be anxious to get on the field and play. One is Karsten Bugler who is the team philosopher as well as the last man on field to guard against goals. Sitting across from him is Terry Montgomery. Terry is our center half back, the hardest position on the field. Terry has great instinct in locating the open players and passing them the ball. Terry is not only a great passer, but he also leads the team in scoring with three goals.

Looking up, I notice the bus has just pulled onto the cam-

pus where we will play this very crucial game. Now off the bus, there is a noticeable silence as we walk toward the locker room. After changing, we head out to the field to get loosened up before the game. After an hour of warm-up, the game about to begin, the team is huddled around Coach Case and Dan Doran (who helps out Coach Case in creating a successful season) for a brief pep talk. The game is now underway.

Almost immediately into the game we took control. Sharp crisp passing enable us to control the ball almost at will. But for some unknown reason the ball would not go into the net, Mark Munley firing a beautiful shot and hitting the post, Walt Wojakowski making a spectacular move to avoid a defender and shooting just wide, Russell Kempf passing beautifully inside to Adrian Eaton, but a driving safety by the Berks goal tender again made a Delco scoring threat fall short.

At about half way through the first half our defense made ing left very disheartening

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## classy bunch, fall 1 goal short of championship

thoughts on the minds of the entire team. But again, within minutes, the true character of this team shone through as Mark Munley again received a pass inside, but this time fired it past a sprawling Berks goal tender to tie the score at 2 goals each. This goal seemed to respark our tired and



Walt Wojahowski soars high to head ball toward opponents goal.

a rare mistake judging the ball, and the Berks left wing shot the ball into the corner of the net giving Berks a 1 - 0 lead. After the initial goal, the remainder of the first half was pretty well even.

As the team came off the field at half time, no one seemed to care if we outplayed our opponent, the agonizing fact was that we were losing, 1 - 0, and on our way to elimination from the championship. Half-time seemed to go by quickly with everyone anxious to get back on the field and change the tide to our favor.

As the referee whistle sounded, the second half was under way, with both teams hustling for the ball, trying to create scoring opportunities. Finally, after nine minutes into the second half, Terry Montgomery took a pass from Sherman Pasdon, and fired a shot which hit a defender and started to roll away from the goal, when out of nowhere Mark Munley came and guided the ball into the far corner of the net. This brought the entire bench onto the field in a wild frenzy of excitement, mobbing the excited goal scorer. The referee then warned us of the illegal fashion in which we celebrated the goal, and the game continued. Both teams continued to exchange scoring opportunities when the Berks center half back intercepted a pass and fired a shot that got past Tony Dippolito ou goal tender, who was shielded on the play. Losing 2 - 1, with twenty minutes remain-

frustrated team. Dribbling about with ease, sharp passing, and excellent team play again created scoring threat after scoring threat, but again the ball refused to enter the opposing team's net. With five minutes left, both teams seemed conted to settle for a tie, and send the game into

overtime, when out of nowhere two fantastic passes sent a Berks right wing into the clear for an open shot, and the game-winning goal.

Both teams played hard, giving all they had. For the fans watching, a great game of soccer was witnessed. Final Score PSU Berks 3, PSU Delco 2.

Was this Delco soccer team the same team that a week earlier racked an undefeated Mount Alto team 4 - 2? Was it the same team that out hustled DCCC to win the unofficial Delaware County Junior College Championship 3 - 2? Was it the same team that posted a 7 - 2 - 1 record, shutting out their opponents in four of those conflicts and only losing by one goal in the two defeats?

Yes, I'm happy to say for this year's soccer team, it was. It was a year full of ups and downs, with the ups far outweighing the downs. Coach Case molded a team that everyone at PSU Delco can be proud of.

Can it be said that this year's team deserved to go to the championship at University Park? Well, I'd like to say yes, but in laws of true impartial journalism, the answer is no. We fell one goal short of that worthy honor; even though we outplayed Berks and should have won, we didn't. That's what makes athletic competition so great. Any team can defeat any other team at any given time. If this were not so, what would be the sense of competing at all.



Karsten Bugler shows perfect form in booting ball out of area.

## Main Campus Sports Are We No. 1?

by Tom Flynn

For the fourth time this year, the top-ranked team in college football went down to defeat as Texas lost to Arkansas 42 - 11. Most people would react to this news with a shrug and a "so what?" However, this bit of news is quite interesting to Penn State football fans, because it could mean that our Nittany Lions will be ranked No. 1!

On Saturday, the Lions trounced the Syracuse Orangemen, 41 -16. Instrumental in the victory was Curt Warner, who rushed for 256 yards, setting a new school record. His highlight of the afternoon was a 69 yard touchdown dash. The win was truly a team effort, with the offensive line, led by all-American Sean Farrell opening huge holes in the Orangemen defense, and the Lions defensive shutting down Syracuse fullback Joe Morris.

The weekend's events do not guarantee a top ranking for Penn State, however. The Pitt Panthers also have staked a claim for the coveted spot with their 42 - 14 win over Florida State. Both the Lions and the Panthers share 6 - 0 records, but Penn State's toughest opponents are still ahead of them. If this neck and neck race continues, then the annual final game of the season should prove very interesting.

## Men's Soccer Kicking Up A Great Season

by Tom Flynn

Penn State's mens soccer team has really had a fine season to date. After their latest victory over East Strousberg the side's record stands at 8 - 2 - 1, giving the Lions the 8th nationally-ranked spot in the country.

One reason for their high ranking is their ability to put the ball in the net. Peter Jancevski leads the team in this department with eight goals and an assist. Other team leaders in this department are Duncan MacEwan (3 goals, 4 assists) and Jeff Mairerhoefer (4 goals, 2 assists).

Led by coach Walter Bahr, the team will most likely qualify for the NCAA soccer playoffs. If they do, then it will be the Lions' 12th straight year of tournament play. Their best showing in the tournament was two seasons ago, when they progressed to the Final Four.

However, before we can talk about the playoffs, the Nittany Lions still have several tough matches ahead of them.