

FOOTBALL AND SOCCER SEASONS REVIEWED AS WINTER SPORTS BEGIN

NITTANY GRIDDERS COMPLETE SEASON WITH GOOD RECORD

Coach Bedeck Develops Formidable Football Eleven from Green Material

INJURIES OF PALM AND BEDECK BRING DEFEATS

Inexperience of Nittany Backfield Men Proves Fatal—Team Best Against Penn

With the coming of a new year Penn State enters upon the season of winter sports. Football, hockey and wrestling occupy the highlight of the sport fans' interest and football, long king of college sports, is almost forgotten. But before the records of 1923 are filed away, a word in review of the past gridiron season at Penn State is of interest.

The 1923 season proved for one thing that Coach Hugo Bedeck has lost none of his ability to develop a formidable gridiron machine from comparatively green material. It also showed that the championship terms of the past have spelled the average student at this college.

As a Penn State man his opinion of the 1923 football team and his first thought is apt to be of the Pitt and Syracuse defeats, forgetting the epic victories that were gained over Navy and Penn and the bitter struggle that saw West Virginia outplayed in a tie battle. Handicapped at all times by injuries and a dearth of experienced players, Bedeck brought the Penn State eleven through a season that can only be considered successful.

Injuries Fatal

Starting with a number of green players, Coach Bedeck, nevertheless, whipped into shape a team that had championship possibilities. In the three preliminary games with Lebanon Valley, North Carolina and Gettysburg, the Nittany gridiron showed plenty of strength. Prospects of a season that would not be marred by a defeat were bright.

Then came the Alumni-Homecoming battle with the strong Navy to on Penn State's record off with a 21 to 3 victory. This was featured by sensational plays by Harry Wilson with the victory, however, came a bitter penalty for Mike Palm injured his hip so badly that he was of little use to the Nittany team for the remainder of the season.

Bedeck Hurt

The following week Penn State faced West Virginia with substitutes in for Palm and Johnson, leaving Harry Wilson as a lone veteran in the backfield. The Nittany team outplayed the Mountaineers throughout the game but mistakes of the Nittany back allowed their opponents to score twice with a result that the game was a tie. Another name was added to the list of casualties when Joe Bedeck, captain of the eleven, was compelled to leave the game with an injured back.

Here was the chief reason for the defeats that were suffered by Penn State. The injuries of Palm and Bedeck robbed Penn State of two of her most valuable men. Without them the team was disorganized. As a result the development of the Nittany eleven was hindered and during the period between the Navy and Penn games little progress was made.

BOOTERS COMPLETE VICTORIOUS SEASON

Nittany Players Defeat Lafayette, Syracuse, Navy and Lehigh—Tie with Toronto

NITTANY SOCCER TEAMS HAVE BRILLIANT RECORD

The Lion still stands firm in the field of Soccer! By playing through the present season without bowing before any of its opponents, the Penn State booters have established the enviable record of five years of undefeat. The season just passed saw victories registered over Lafayette, Syracuse, Navy, and Lehigh, and a one-goal game played with the team from the University of Toronto.

Disregarding the one defeat suffered by the patched-up team that represented the Blue and White colors during the S. A. T. C. period, the Nittany players have been undefeated since the season of 1917. Soccer was established at Penn State in 1911 and after three years of rapid development took on a winning stride which it has maintained ever since.

During the last five years, each year has seen a new team as mentor for the Nittany booters. The team this year has been coached by L. Longhurst '24, who in the previous season was one of the mainstays of the Penn State combination.

Basketball Leader

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Team Thoroughly Drilled

With five old men about which to build up a new team, practice was started early in the season and under the direction of Coach Longhurst, the men were drilled thoroughly in all the departments of the game. Kicking, field work, and ball work were all given marked attention so that the team would be prepared for the first contest of the year which was well founded in the fundamentals of the sport.

Meeting the strong team from Lafayette as its first opponent, the Blue and White combination played a stellar game and decisively won the contest by a 5-0 score.

Syracuse Defeated

Playing Syracuse the same day that representative Penn State teams in several other sports met corresponding Syracuse teams, the Nittany soccer combination was the only Blue and White team to come away victorious. The game was a close one throughout both periods with the Lions having a slight edge on the Syracuse men. The final score was 3-0.

The next contest resulted in a one-goal tie when the Nittany team invaded foreign territory to face the University of Toronto. The Canadian combination played a good game and the Penn State men, at a slight disadvantage after their long journey, were unable to force their way through to the enemy's goal more than once.

Navy was next on the booters' schedule and the game was played on the home field. Going the way of all the previous Penn State opponents, the millites were defeated by the score of 3-2, although they fought desperately to prevent it. Both teams played a fast and furious game during the entire contest and the leather sphere journeyed back and forth from one end of the field to the other, without either side scoring for long periods at a time.

Gridiron Gossip

Gridiron Gossip has been granted a short respite and will be allowed to distribute a few post-season remarks.

First of all there is the matter of all-American Walter Camp. He is reported to have been elected to the position of captain of the first team.

We recently came across an all-American eleven picked by five hundred football coaches in which the selections were reversed in fact as Penn State is concerned.

Wilson got a halfback post on the first team but Bedeck was relegated to the second team in favor of McMillon of Illinois.

Included in Harvard seems to be the unanimous choice of football critics for one of the guard positions on these all-American teams.

A Philadelphia sports writer recently came out with the statement that the alumni of the University of Oregon had approached Hugo Bedeck in reference to persuading him to return to the Pacific coast.

But this offer was in vain for, according to a letter, "He" is wedded to the Nittany institution.

Which statement makes us strongly in favor of the strict divorce law that is in vogue in the state of Pennsylvania.

Dennis' back in the season's past was not so unimpaired as interesting news about his case.

As a final word we advise all ambitious students to begin saving up early for the Georgia Tech game next fall. It's a long voyage to Atlanta.

Lehigh Overcome

Meeting Lehigh in the first contest of the season, the Nittany booters played with a fire and vim that completely bewildered their opponents. The first goal was made within the first minute of play and continuing its dashing stride, the Penn State team ended the game with a 7-1 victory to its credit.

Andy Warner '24 was elected captain of the team after the opening of the season to take the place of C. H. Pines '24, who did not return to college. C. H. Talley '24 was the manager of the winning combination.

The lineup which represented Penn State during the entire season is as follows: Johnson, goal; McLaugh, right fullback; Gupp, left fullback; Gill, right halfback; Warner, center halfback; Hagenbuch, left halfback; Kelly, outside right; Russell, inside right; Schwitz, center forward; Hibbs, inside left; and Crooks, outside left.

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LINESMEN ARE POPULAR FOR GRID CAPTAINS

Twenty-eight Out of Forty-three Football Captains Chosen Are Linesmen

A survey of forty-three college football teams reveals that linesmen are again the popular choice as gridiron leaders. From this list twenty-eight colleges will have linesmen leading their football teams next year when the but fifteen backfield men have been picked.

During the past season linesmen were the popular choice as football captains. The list follows:

- Amherst, I.H.B., fullback
- Army, Grubbs, center
- Bates, Pines, center
- Dartmouth, Kozlowski, tackle
- Brown, Sheldon, end
- Cornell, Guinn, end
- Cornell Tech, Gilbert, guard
- Centre, Cowington, quarterback
- Colgate, Crowther, guard
- Connecticut, Aggeler, O'Neill, tackle
- Cornell, Henderson, end
- Dartmouth, Johnston, end
- Yale, Smith, tackle
- Georgetown, Robinson, quarterback
- Hamilton, Towne, tackle
- Harvard, Greenwood, center
- Harvard, Malmgren, end
- Illinois, Babcock, end
- Kentucky, Sanders, fullback
- Lehigh, Stone, halfback
- Mass. Amherst, Moss, tackle
- Middlebury, Whit, quarterback
- Navajo, Rosenthal, end
- Penn State, Goss, center
- Pennsylvania, McGraw, halfback
- St. Y. U., Treves, tackle
- Pittsburgh, Frank, tackle
- Princeton, Stout, end
- Rutgers, Brennan, center
- Springfield, Stuber, tackle
- Stevens, O'Driscoll, halfback
- Syracuse, Semmes, quarterback
- Swarthmore, Koon, end

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