

# Well-rounded Teams Have Followed Coach Leonard

In 1914 little Springfield college, snugly situated in the Berkshire Hills of New England, did not possess a wrestling team. Before 1915 had come to a close, this same Massachusetts institution boasted of a team that Boston newspapers, acclaimed as the undisputed mat champions of the country.

One of the men responsible for this sensational rise was Ralph G. Leonard, at that time only a sophomore. Leonard and a fellow student aroused such enthusiasm for the Greek sport that a squad soon reported daily to assimilate the rudiments of the pastime. It was not until the grapplers had met and defeated several strong teams that the Athletic Association in mid-season recognized wrestling as a minor sport.

With customary modesty and unwilling to accept credit for the part he played in the successful inauguration of wrestling at Springfield, the present Nittany tri-spot mentor related the last matches of the initial season in which his Alma Mater faced three strong teams on three successive days with each meet on foreign mats. Princeton, Yale and Army were scheduled and it was at the conclusion of the third day that the sporting pages were filled with glowing accounts of this hitherto unknown wrestling combination as the scribes retold the events in the victories over Yale and Princeton and the draw battle with Army. M. I. T., Harvard, Brown and Tufts had previously been met and defeated in the same season.

Graduating from Duval High School in North Adams, where he took part in track, swimming and wrestling, the death of his parents made it necessary for Leonard to go into business. Several years later he renewed his academic pursuits by enrolling at Springfield.

The results of his athletic activities in his first year netted him five sets of numerals for endeavors in cross-country, swimming, gymnastics, wrestling and track.

It was in his sophomore year that Leonard's ambitions for a place on the varsity football team received a blow when he was forced to give up the grid game because of lack of weight. He then turned his activities toward soccer, playing on the team for the remainder of his college career.

Speaking of the English sport, the Lion coach stated, "Soccer has been a sport in which Springfield has excelled for years. Next year Penn State students will be given an opportunity to see the latest edition when they make the trip here to play us." A glance at old newspaper clippings bore out the coach's statement and indicated that the soccer record at Springfield has been equally as successful as that of the Blue and White.

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Wrestling in the one hundred and twenty-five pound class, Leonard was a member of teams that enjoyed a phenomenal success. Graduation in February 1917 prohibited him from rounding out his third year without a defeat during which time he and several teammates were recognized as intercollegiate champions in their weights.

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At the conclusion of the great conflict, Coach Leonard was called to the Brooklyn Polytechnic County Day school where he signed as coach of soccer, wrestling and lacrosse. As one newspaper put it he was engaged "to coach sports which had been rather new at Poly, or unpopular."

Taking hold of a soccer combination that had won but one game in three years, Coach Leonard gave the Poly Preppers their first successful team. Not satisfied with that, the following two seasons saw championship teams at the Brooklyn institution.

He had practically a clean slate during his regime with the wrestlers, having a championship combination every year. As a prep school sport, the Greek game was rather in its infancy and it was Leonard who was instrumental in starting teams at neighboring schools. For that reason, the Poly Prep schedule consisted for the most part of college freshman and varsity teams.

Five of his veterans were elected captains of their freshman teams at college. It was Leonard who concluded Hasbrook Wallis, Yale leader, who defeated Naito, Penn State, in the finals of the intercollegiate two years ago. Meanwhile, present Princeton heavyweight and runner-up for the title last year, learned the rudiments of the mat sport from Leonard at Brooklyn Polytechnic.

John Davis, captain-elect of the Princeton football team, was another of the Penn State mentor's pupils although Davis later devoted all his time to the gridiron for the Orange and Black.

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**Freshmen Elect**

**Class Officers**

F. B. Jackson was elected president and C. A. Witt vice-president of the freshman class at a meeting Tuesday evening. Elections for secretary and treasurer of the first-year men will be held next week.

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## FORENSIC ARTISTS MEET RUTGERS AND LAFAYETTE

(Continued from first page) question. The Blue and White will again support the affirmative, Lafayette maintaining the negative. This will be the first time in recent years that Penn State and Lafayette have met in this style of competition.

## LACROSSE CANDIDATES START PRACTICE TODAY

## Eight Veterans Answer Coach Leonard's Call—Open Season With Penn

Faced with the hardest lacrosse schedule in Penn State history, the Blue and White varsity lacrosse team will start practice in the rear of the Amory this afternoon at four-thirty o'clock. Coach Leonard will have eight veterans from last season's array in the line-up when his men clash with the University of Pennsylvania on April fifteenth at Philadelphia, and Stevens Institute of Technology, the next day at Hoboken, New Jersey, in the opening matches of the year.

Penn State will meet eight teams this season, an increase of four over the number on last year's schedule. While noncommittal about the prospects for the lacrosse team, Coach Leonard declared that lack of practice has handicapped the men. He urges all who are handy with the stick to report for daily practice at four-thirty o'clock.

Although eight veterans are back, the coach avers that no positions are certain. Captain Hackett will lead the team against several league opponents and other college aggregations this season. Stevens and Pennsylvania have strong teams and have had their workout sessions under way for several weeks.

**R. G. BRESSLER SPEAKS**  
R. G. Bressler, vice-dean and instructor in Ag Economics delivered an address at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Tyrone last Wednesday. He spoke on "The Relation of Agriculture to Urban Life."

## KAPPA GAMMA PSI TO GIVE SUNDAY RECITAL

- (Continued from first page) year in New York, will close the concert.
- The complete program is as follows:
- Grand Aria for Organ and Piano
  - Demarest
  - J. M. Krumrine '27 and H. A. Wahl '25
  - Banstone Solos
  - (a) Thou't Like Unto a Lovely Flower
  - (b) Bedouin Love Song
  - Violin and Viola Duet
  - The Old Refrain
  - Violin transcription by H. H. Shumley
  - D. H. McKinley '27 and F. L. Shanley '27
  - Trumpet Solo
  - Honey-suckle Polka
  - Tenor Solo
  - Recitative and Aria, "Durch die Waldet, durch die Auen," from Der Freischuetz
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