

**Sidelines**

When Cooper French was carried from the field during the last quarter of the Niagara game Saturday, a gasp of dismay was almost audible from the stands. Luckily, French's injury was only a serious cramp in the muscle of his leg and will not keep the Lion quarterback out of practice. The Gods of fortune were with both teams for no other player on either eleven was injured during the contest.

It seemed a long, long time before the Niagara team received a cheer after they came upon the field Saturday afternoon. It would be a good practice if the cheerleaders could be in readiness to greet the visiting teams with some sort of an ovation immediately as they arrive on New Beaver field.

The freshman class song is full of pep, and in the opinion of many is the best yearling song of recent years. The tune is catchy and popular, so why not make it into a College song here as a chance for some student with poetic ability to supply fitting words to this melody and thereby furnish Penn State with a new and much needed football song.

Hardly anyone in the stands Saturday failed to appreciate the manner in which George Lasch plunged through the line. He hit the visitor's forward wall like a battering ram, and certainly showed the results of careful coaching in this type of offense. When Steve Hamas was graduated the Lions felt the loss of a man who could hit the line hard for a few necessary yards near the goal line. Lasch has certainly developed into just this type of player.

Now lets see how our opponents fared in Saturday's encounters. Lebanon Valley showed flashes of strength but no real offensive power and lost to Villanova 19-0, while Marshall put up a game fight against a powerful Ohio Wesleyan eleven and was defeated, 26-0.

Lafayette's showing against St. Thomas was not impressive. Aided by a 25-yard penalty the Maroon barely squeaked a 7-0 victory from the Scanton team. Colgate smothered St. Lawrence under a 38-0 score, and Bucknell had little trouble in downing Geneva, 46-0.

It doesn't seem to matter how many men Pitt loses from one season to the next, Coach Jock Sutherland usually brings out some new material, and when the first game rolls around he has a combination ready to play havoc with the opposition. A 52-0 victory over Waynesburg was Pitt's initial 1930 offering to the football world.

In far off Iowa our new gridiron foe opened its season by defeating Bradley, 38-12. Syracuse was inactive Saturday, but will play a night game with Hobart next week.

**Nittany Grid Machine Downs Niagara, 31-14**

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first touchdown of the season. The slim Nittany halfback, timing a rush perfectly, received a pass meant for the Niagara left end on the 30-yard line and ran to the 15 before he was downed. Lasch reeled off 10 more yards at center, and French scored on the next play.

The great Lion offensive worked with precision in the third period. Gains by Dietrich and Lasch through the Purple and White line placed the ball in a strategic position for a pass. Standing on the visitor's 25-yard mark French passed perfectly to Snyder who fell across the final two yards.

Receiving Sieg's long kick on his own 35-yard strip, French outdistanced Niagara's ends, picked his way through the heavy New York forwards, and behind a splendid interference cut diagonally across the field for a dash of 65 yards and the third Lion touchdown. Late in the quarter another pass, this time from Dietrich to Snyder, covered 20 yards and resulted in Penn State's third touchdown of the period. French's run from midfield as the last period opened accounted for the last Nittany score.

Hopes that the Higgins-coached team would keep its goal line uncrossed were shattered when the Niagara eleven revealed a clever attack in the final quarter and scored twice against a substitute Penn State team. The Lion reserves appeared weak against this form of offense. A series of passes placed the ball on Penn State's 5-yard line, and on the third attempt Sieg carried it across. Badford's fumble paved the way for the Cataract City team to score again a few minutes later on another pass, Hayes to Clark.

For an early season contest Penn State's attack was more varied than has been the custom in previous years. Using the forward pass fourteen times, the Lions completed six, while five were grounded and three intercepted. Niagara resorted to all tactics twenty-five times and completed ten passes.

Coach Lou Little, of the Columbia football team has connected a private telephone from the players' bench to a watch tower far above the stands. Believing that a game can be witnessed better from a high point Coach Little stations an expert in the tower to telephone him phases of the game that cannot be noticed on the sidelines. The "watcher" not only relays "to the minute" reports, but makes a written report of his observations after the game.

**Niagara Drowned**

Penn State (31)	Niagara (14)
Kaplan	Clancy
Shawley	Bernardo
Zorella	McMahon
Hans	Houder
Gilliam	McHugh
Szympek	Griffin
French	Lion
Dietrich	Clark
Lasch	Sieg
St. Thomas	Hayes
Wicks	Syracuse

**JEFFREY DEVELOPS LION SOCCER TEAM**

**7 Varsity Berths Remain Open For Competition—Coach To Build Defense**

Although seven varsity berths remain in doubt, Coach Bill Jeffrey is making fast headway in organizing a smooth-working eleven to meet the Haverford booters October 11. An entirely new defense, with the exception of goals, must be formed within the next three weeks to give the Nittany aggregation a chance to approach last year's record. Bob McKune, varsity goal-keeper, will hold his post for the second season. He will receive able competition from Frank Tully, a fast developing booter.

Halfback berths rest between six men, Saltzman, Shea, Dakon, Evans, Rolle, and Buringh. Captain Bill Hutchison, although not a regular during the past year, will probably fill the left fullback position; while competition between Hartler, Honesey, and Young will decide the right fullback berth.

Attack Material Strong  
On the offense, Masters at in-right and Anderson at out-left are the nucleus around which Coach Jeffrey hopes to build a high-scoring attack. Bob Shephard and Holmes are candidates for the center forward but left vacant by Debons, who is unable to compete this season.

Tyson and Schwartz for out-right and Grammar, varsity lettermen, Dutch Miller, and Hippel for in-left complete the list of candidates for the Lion attack.

**80 PLEBES SEEK GRIDIRON BERTHS**

**Coach Conover Begins Training 1930 Freshman Machine With Light Drills**

With eighty freshman candidates seeking places in the realm of Penn State football, Coach Larry Conover began Thursday to mould his 1930 yearling grid machine from a new supply of high and prep school material. From a group of 150 aspirants, eighty remain after first eliminations. Seventy of the recruits have been assigned to uniforms. Starting with light calisthenic drills and sprints, the plebe gridders began their long struggle for recognition on the first team.

Among the high school and preparatory school stars seeking berths are Morrison, Central high school of Philadelphia halfback; Collins, a tackle from Morgan Park academy who graduated from Bellefonte academy this year; McKee and Sluse, tackle and end last year on the Shenley, Pittsburgh, high school; Rich, center at Punxsutawney high school for four years; Long, Swatmore Prep halfback; Harper, who alternated as halfback and fullback at Kiski last season; and Biggs, an end from Friends' Central high school, Philadelphia.

Teams Will Scrimmage  
Linenmen received preliminary instructions in blocking and breaking through the line, while backfield men have been working into shape with practice in catching and turning back punts.

Coach Conover will probably divide the squad into teams of equal strength for scrimmages this week to discover promising material. The elevens thus formed will scrimmage against each other during daily drills, with opportunity being given for encounters between all teams before the first game of the season.

In selecting his first team, Coach Conover will be guided by the showing of individual players in these scrimmages. Four new coaches, Alie R. Morrison, J. Paul Kemmer, Kurt Wieneke and Jack L. Lova, will assist him in training the plebe gridmen.

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Penn State	Niagara
12.....First Downs.....	8
212.....Yards Gained by Rushing.....	25
14.....Attempted Passes.....	72
6.....Completed Passes.....	10
5.....Incomplete Passes.....	13
3.....Intercepted Passes.....	2
66.....Yards Gained by Passes.....	125
70.....Yards Lost by Penalties.....	45
142.....Yards Punts Returned.....	3
34.....Average Length of Punts.....	36
4.....Fumbles.....	1

**VARSITY, PLEBE STICKMEN HOLD FALL SCRIMMAGES**

**Nittany Squad Prepares for Annual Inter-class Games**

Active practice in preparation for a heavy inter-class schedule began yesterday when varsity and freshmen lacrosse men engaged in the first regular fall workout. Several additional freshmen reported to the practice field on the College golf course. These first year men, although inexperienced have shown promise of developing into future stickmen. The varsity squad will and Coach Ernie Paul in instructing these yearlings in stickwork and paving.

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