

Between the Lions with The Sports Editor

The probability is that if you were up at the Varsity-Freshman game Saturday, you walked off New Beaver Field feeling just a little better about prospects for the coming football season than you had felt heretofore. For, to us, the showing of the Higginsmen was reassuring, to say the least. We realize that the freshmen hadn't had much opportunity to practice as a unit, but even that fact cannot discount entirely the effective running and line-smashing attack both the first and second teams-uncovered. One glaring fault remains, and that is the varsity's obvious weakness on passes—both defensively and offensively. Otherwise, we face the opening of the season Saturday with something approaching equanimity.

With more student interest being manifest in the Harvard game than in any Lion grid tilt in recent years, arrangements for a bus or train excursion should be made. Although "everybody's broke" these days, we feel certain a large number of Nittany followers would follow the team to Cambridge if transportation rates could be made low enough. And incidentally, it's not too early to think of reviving telephone returns for the stay-at-homes.

Our Opponents

Waynesburg-Muskingum

By upsetting a strong Muskingum eleven Friday night, 13-to-6, Frank Wolf's Yellow Jackets sounded warning that they will be every bit as formidable as the team which gave the Lions their first defeat last year.

Syracuse-Clarkson

Saturday's most surprising score was turned in at Syracuse, where the heavily-favored Orange eleven was lucky to eke out a 13-to-6 victory over Little Clarkson. While the driving rain was a factor in the closeness of the score, it does not entirely explain Syracuse's obvious defensive weaknesses.

Colgate-St. Lawrence

Running true to form, the powerful Maroon eleven scored in every period to swamp St. Lawrence by a 41-to-0 score in the season's opener at Hamilton Saturday.

Sewanee-South Carolina

True to early predictions, Sewanee's Tigers gave South Carolina a scare before the strong Southern Conference eleven was able to push over the last quarter touchdown that gave them a 7-to-3 victory. Sewanee proved that it cannot be classed as a "setup" for any team.

This and That

It seemed that there were more "S" sweaters than "B" sweaters at the Bucknell-St. Thomas game Friday night. . . . And there's still another McAndrews of Penn State. . . his name's Francis, and he not only boxes but plays a mean game of football, the Scranton boys tell us. . . .

—S. H. B.

VARSITY GRIDDERS SWAMP FRESHMEN, 34-TO-0

Exhibit Power as Plebes Bow in Practice Contest

Lohr Leads Scorers—Mikelonis, Wille, Kohut Contribute Touchdown Apiece

By GEORGE A. SCOTT '34

Captain "Spike" Collins and his varsity football mates gave their first exhibition of power Saturday—an exhibition that netted them a decisive 34-to-0 triumph over a determined and husky freshman eleven.

Five touchdowns and four successful placement kicks for the extra points gave the varsity its wide margin of triumph. Bill Lohr twice crossed the goal line for six-pointers and was responsible for three extra points via placement kicks. "Shorty" Mikelonis, Bill Kohut and Carl Wille contributed a touchdown each and Captain Collins made good one of his two tries for extra points.

Shows Promise

It was an encouraging bit of work that the varsity offered. True, the play was ragged in spots, tackling was weak, and it was virtually the first taste of scrimmage for the yearling team, but in general the play showed plenty of promise for the campaign to come.

Coach Bob Higgins used almost every man on the squad during the sixty minutes of play. The first stringers were in the game at the opening kickoff and the start of the third period; the second eleven saw action throughout the second and fourth quarters, and frequent substitutions sent members of the third and fourth squads into action.

Collins, Mikelonis, Harper and Wantshouse were in the starting backfield, Slusser and McKee manned the ends, Berry and Cole were at the tackles, Kreizman and Hesch took care of the guard posts, and Stan Zawacki filled the center berth. An entire new team, composed of Lohr, Morrison, Wille and Skemp, backs, Rodham and Heist, ends, Flood and Park, tackles, Johnson and Allen,

guards, and Anderson, center, did duty in the second quarter.

Mikelonis Stars

Mikelonis gave the best demonstration of ball carrying of the day, gaining yard after yard from scrimmage and return of punts. Jim Borling, a sophomore halfback who replaced Harper in the first quarter, came up from halfback position on the defense to stop plays on more than one occasion, a feat that is likely to place him among the first ranking backs this week.

"King" Cole, whose play at tackle has been consistently good since the start of practice, again stood out in the line play as did Berry, Hesch, Slusser and McKee. Bill Lohr and "Doc" Conn exhibited ball carrying ability that will rank them high among the backfield aspirants.

Following the example set by Higgins, freshman coach Nels Walke likewise used three or four complete elevens. Fry and Douglas were at the ends in the starting lineup, Weber and Cope, tackles, Hilton and Cresswell, guards, and Kessler, center. F. O'Hara, Andrews, Knapp and Small were in the backfield for the yearlings.

The first year men put up a stubborn battle, although on only one or two occasions did they advance the ball into varsity territory. Bob Weber, Frazier, Knapp and F. O'Hara were outstanding both on offense and defense.

To Mikelonis went the honor of

Candidates for Varsity Line



HESCH, GUARD



STANLEY ZAWACKI

Herman Returns as Spectator, Watches Lion Grid Practice

"It's hard to stand along the sidelines and watch the boys out there playing. I feel completely out of things here for the first time in many years, and the urge to get back to coaching is pretty strong."

It was Burke M. "Dutch" Hermann, who resigned his position as head basketball and assistant football coach here last spring to take up graduate work at Columbia University, speaking. "Dutch" was one of the most interested of the spectators at the varsity football practices last week.

The former coach will begin his graduate work in history at Columbia University today. Although he doesn't intend to do any coaching this year, he's already looking forward to seeing the Lion-Temple and possibly the Lion-Harvard games this fall.

registering the first touchdown against the plebes. After a beautiful return of the kickoff to the middle of the field, he sliced off tackle less than two minutes later for the score. Collins converted the extra point.

Lohr Scores Twice

Bill Lohr contributed the next six-pointer, crossing the goal line soon after the second quarter got under way. Carl Wille recovered a freshman fumble on the twenty-yard line, a play or two coupled with a five-yard penalty put the ball on the two-yard line, and Lohr carried it over on the next play.

The first stringers, with Bill Kohut at fullback in place of Wantshouse,

added six points more in the third period. "King" Cole paved the way by pouncing on the ball just three yards from the goal line after Collins' kick had struck the freshman safety man and rolled onward, Kohut taking the ball over in one line plunge.

Lohr scored his second touchdown and Wille broke into the scoring columns with his first in the final period. Lohr converted both tries for the extra points.

Few Passes Attempted

Both Collins and Lohr, who did most of the signal calling, relied on straight line and around end plays, rather than on forward passes to gain their

yardage. Forward passes were attempted on such rare occasions that this end of the offense appeared much weaker than it really is.

Lack of experienced ends promises the major worry to Higgins this week. Tommy Slusser and Buck McKee rank as the top-fingers at the present time, since Brewster, Grimshaw and Rosenberg, 1931 letter-winners, are quite unlikely to be available for Saturday's opener with Lebanon Valley.

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