

**Between
the Lions
with
The Sports Editor**

Nothing daunted by the wet weather Saturday we strolled up to New Beaver field to get our first glimpse of the touted Lion football team. Advance reports had placed us in an optimistic frame of mind, and that hustling squad of gridlers didn't change it any. With a week and a half of strenuous training Coach Bob Higgins has whipped a large squad into fine playing fettle in preparation for the first game with Lebanon Valley on October 7. That junior backfield looks to be probably the best since the Dietrich-French combination of three years ago. Harry Sigel seemed to tear off end runs with ease, twisting and shifting for ten and twenty yards, at a play, while Merrill Morrison's high pounding knees carried him forty yards for a touchdown and kept him going for several other long runs. Skemp exhibited a finesse at using the fullback spinner play and ploughed through the line, a la lasich, for small good gains, while the field generalship of Shorty Mikelonis was consistent with his good work during the early part of last season. A veteran line opened large holes for the pony Blue backfield, with the lack of substitute centers being the only problem of the forward wall.

The White backfield of Maurer, Knapp, Long and Andrews performed creditably with Andrews breaking away on a long run for a touchdown. Dick Maurer completed the only successful forward pass of the contest when he rifled the pigskin to Knapp for a twenty yard gain. All other attempts at passing on both sides were either knocked down or not touched at all. McKee at left end for the Whites broke through several times to stop runs around his end by the Blue backfield, while Flood plowed through to block a Blue punt for the other White touchdown of the game. A wet ball and a knowledge of each others plays kept the two teams from showing their best, but what they showed was certainly enough to impress the full stand of observers of the new life granted to Nittany Lion gridmen this year.

Andy Kerr, Colgate mentor, has come forward with the following bit of opinion regarding the grid team here this year, all of which shows his respect for the way in which the Lion sophomore backs treated his championship eleven last year: "I look for improvement at Penn State. In the Colgate game last year Coach Higgins started virtually a team of sophomores and they did well. These boys should develop into a much better team this season."

OUR OPPONENTS
Lebanon Valley

Only twenty-seven men have reported for the Lebanon Valley grid team this year, the smallest squad in the history of the school. Indications are that the Lebanon Valley eleven will have a tough time keeping down the score of Bob Higgins' team here October 7.

Last-Quarter Touchdown Gives Whites Grid Practice Game Victory

Sigel's Broken Field Runs Fail To Win Game for Blue Team; Blocked Kick Costly

Morrison, Andrews, Cresswell Also Score as Cooper's Kick Leads to Verdict By 13-to-12 Score

Number 52, worn by Harry Sigel, put several patented broken-field runs on exhibition before nearly a thousand fans in the first practice game of the season on New Beaver field Saturday afternoon, but outside of the constant threat, it could not save the Blue eleven from being downed by the White aggregation by a score of 13-to-12.

Although Sigel scored only one of the Blue's touchdowns, he made several long gains during the afternoon which went uncanceled because the losers could not follow with a sustained drive. He consistently ripped his way through the White defense for short gains, but his longest run of the game was a dash of forty yards.

Flood Blocks Punt
That the White eleven was able to win out in the last quarter by a one-point margin was because big "Pete" Flood, 220-pound White tackle, tore through the Blue forward wall and blocked a Blue punt on the 12-yard line. The ball rebounded over the goal line where Steve Cresswell, sophomore guard, fell on the ball for the touchdown that gave the White eleven a 13-to-12 advantage.

Previous to this break the advantage had been all with the Blue team. They scored twice in the first half, but were unable to convert the try for the extra point. Fritz Andrews' touchdown early in the second half left the Whites still six points in arrears.

The Blue team took the opening kick-off on the 20-yard line and on a sustained drive moved to the Whites' 15-yard line, without once losing possession of the ball. Stopped in the shadow of the goal posts, a pass to Captain Tommy Slusser was incomplete and the White eleven took the ball.

Morrison Goes Over
They immediately punted out of danger, however, and a penalty to the Blue outfit coupled with an incomplete pass to Sigel temporarily stopped the scoring threat. Following another exchange of punts, Merrill Morrison, Blue halfback, penetrated the left side of the White line, side-stepped the secondary defense, and raced thirty yards for the first touchdown of the game. Leo Skemp, Blue fullback, was hurried and his try for the extra point went awry.

That finished the scoring for the first quarter, but near the end of the half the Blue offense rolled to the 12-yard line. Halfback Morrison cork-screwed his way through eleven White defenders before being stopped on the goal line where Sigel plunged across for the second Blue touchdown. All for the second Blue touchdown. All Mikelonis, Blue quarterback, missed the extra-point kick, making the score 12-to-0 as the half ended.

With the opening of the second half, the White offensive began a concerted drive into Blue territory. Fritz Andrews, quarterback on the freshman eleven last year, swept around right end from the 20-yard line for the first White score.

Cooper Scores Deciding Point
Bill Cooper, White halfback, moved into position to kick what proved later to be the deciding point. The ball was snapped, the line held, and with plenty of time he split the uprights with the boot and the Blue lead was whittled down to five points. After the kick-off Sigel lugged the ball on a forty-yard broken field run,

FRESHMAN SQUAD BEGINS PRACTICE

45 Football Candidates Receive Togs With More Expected During Coming Week

Freshmen candidates for football will start their season's training this week under the direction of Coach Nelson S. Walke. More than forty-five candidates have already received uniforms so far, with several more likely prospects to report this week.

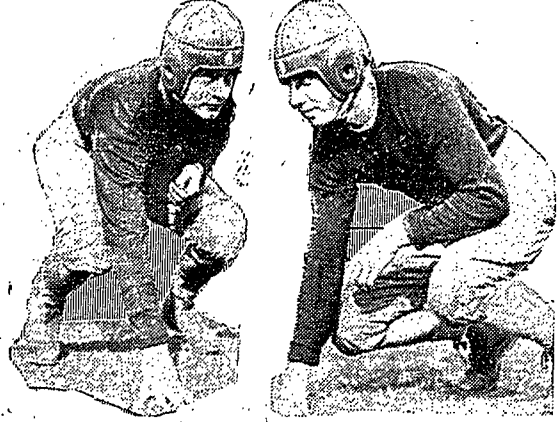
So far the workouts have been largely informal, with the plebe candidates passing and punting the ball around. The linemen have received some instruction in pulling out of the line and blocking, while the backs have confided their efforts to sprinting in order to be in the best possible shape for the ensuing weeks.

Card Lists 4 Games
Freshman Week activities have interfered with any organized practice. Section meetings late in the afternoon have prevented many yearling gridlers from putting in an appearance on New Beaver field. The squad will continue its informal workouts until after the College sessions open Wednesday afternoon.

While it is still impossible for Coach Walke to gain any idea of the strength of the squad, he seems to have apt material with which to work. Line candidates appear to be as heavy as those of last year's team, while the backs seem to have plenty of speed.

The plebes will open their card against Villanova freshmen October 21, followed by Gettysburg the next Saturday. Armistice Day they oppose the Bucknell yearlings, and close against the Mont Alto foresters November 18. All games will be played on New Beaver field.

Make Bids for Backfield Posts



Dave Long (left) and Harry Wantshouse (right), who are two of the Lion gridiron backfield candidates resuming football activities this fall. Long is a halfback, while Wantshouse is a fullback.

FORMER LION HURLER RETURNS FROM AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Myles Thomas, Lion hurler who was graduated in 1921, left State College early today after spending the week-end here following his return from St. Paul, American Association team. Later this week, Thomas will go to New York City to confer with the Yankees' management concerning next season. With St. Paul, he had one of his best years in twelve years of professional baseball.

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HUGO BEZDEK KEPT BEDFAST

Director Hugo Bezdek of the School of Physical Education and Athletics has been absent from his office during the past four days because of a bad knee which is keeping him bedfast. The soreness is a recurrent muscular attack caused by a leg injury which Director Bezdek suffered in a football game years ago.

FRENCH PLAYS AT READING

Coop French '31 played yesterday with the Reading Keys' pro football team as they opened their 1933 season in the Inter-state conference. French played halfback.

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