

### Between the Lions with The Sports Editor

Penn State's star in the football firmament is about to shine a bit brighter if the forecast in the present issue of "Football" magazine is any indication. The editors of that periodical have this to say about the present array of Nittany Lions: "Improved and willing to work hard, but the end of the comeback road still lies in the far distance." Certainly a squad of grid players never worked and trained harder to reach the pinnacle of perfection than that pack toiling under Coach Bob Higgins every day. We believe that Penn State has traveled further along the comeback road than the aforementioned editors have stated. With the addition of such formidable opponents as Columbia and Penn to our schedule this year recognition has at last come that the Higgins-coached machine has surmounted the roughest part of the highway and is now entering upon the smoothest stretch in four years. An intimation makes us feel, this season, that football here is forgetting the depression and that after steering clear of a few more obstacles will be far along towards the end of the comeback road, not so many years distance.

Glen Killinger, former all-American quarterback and baseball coach here, and now head football coach at Moravian College is bent on turning out one of the best grid teams at the Bethlehem institution in many years. In setting forth his training rules to his new charges the other afternoon Killinger declared that, "Only one man on this football team can smoke and that will be me."

"Furthermore," he continued, "if I find any man breaking just one of these training rules, he is through for the rest of the season, no matter who he is."

Although Moravian faces one of its toughest football-schedules in years, Killinger, after working only two days with the squad of thirty-five men, is decidedly optimistic over prospects for the season.

This and That  
... "Tiger Joe" Moran fights his first professional bout in Wilkes-Barre this week.

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## Coach Higgins Concentrates on Developing Kickers in Football Squad

### 2 GAMES LOST BY POINT LAST YEAR

Mentor Determined To Prevent Recurrence of Defeats By Poor Booting

By FRED W. WRIGHT '35

Head Coach Bob Higgins is paying plenty of attention to the kicking end of the grid game this year.

Weak kicking on the try for the extra point after touchdowns had been scored, lost two games on the 1932 Lion football schedule; lack of touchdowns lost only one.

If those three games had been won, the 1932 Lions would have had only two defeats to mar a seven-game schedule. And two of those losses were against major eastern intercollegiate teams—Syracuse and Temple.

#### Strives for Accuracy

Coach Higgins and his staff feel that the squad as a whole is much farther advanced than at a corresponding time last year. Consequently, already they're beginning to concentrate on instruction in the finishing touches of the game.

Every practice session sees over an hour of tutoring in the art of kicking under the watchful eyes of the Nittany mentor. While the line is practicing blocking and charging under All-American "Dutch" Berenk and "Spike" Leslie, line coaches, Harry Sigel, Merrill Morrison, Jim Boring, Red O'Hara, and Fritz Andrews practice kicking.

Accuracy, not distance, is the motif of these work-outs. "Distance can come later," Coach Higgins says. "I want to develop the kickers so that they can place the ball where the opposing safetyman is going to have plenty of trouble to receive it and make a quick start in returning the punt."

#### Prepares for Future

Weakness in the kicking department was glaringly obvious even to the casual observer last Saturday afternoon in the first Lion practice game of the season. Although on three out of four attempts the line held long enough to give the kicker plenty of time, only one extra-point was scored.

Ex-captain "Spike" Collins did all of the punting for the 1932 edition of the Lion eleven and few chances were offered to any logical successor. But it is unlikely that the same situation will exist again for a long time as both Andrews and O'Hara are sophomores, having two more seasons of varsity football ahead, and Boring, Morrison and Sigel each have another year.

#### May Scrimmage Plebes

To even the casual observer, the freshmen eleven appears bigger physically than the varsity and, with so much propaganda about concerning their abilities, the first plebe-varsity practice scrimmage is one work-out that this writer isn't going to miss. The proteges of Coach Nels Walke held their opening scrimmage last night and it doesn't seem amiss to assume that the event will take place Saturday afternoon.

Concurrently with the return of the legendary aggressiveness of the Nittany Lion teams of the past, every other phase of the game seems to have taken a brace. With the exception of the Lion's two veteran centers, "Zev" Zawacki and Veto Rich, the squad is without an injured player.

Only one man, Bill Cooper, was removed from the practice game Saturday because of injuries. And Cooper's injury was slight enough to permit his exit from the game under his own power after a few moments of rest.

But what is surface report, "Rosie" Rosenberg and "Bucky" McKee, counted upon to contribute a large share in filling the vacancy at right end, are wearing bandages, the former to protect a knee injury and the latter on a head cut suffered in practice two weeks ago. Al Mikoloni, out all last year with a knee injury, is also encased with protective bandages.

#### New Devices Installed

Wooden posts, horizontal bars, and sheets of canvas with holes in the center may seem a little odd to connect with football teams, but two posts, a horizontal bar, and a sheet of canvas with a hole in the center may aid in putting the polish and finesse on the Nittany Lion backfield to the extent of turning "threat" into "touchdown" on the gridiron this fall.

Later this week Head Coach Bob Higgins is planning to have installed two posts with football headgears on the top about six feet apart. The idea is to have the backs run between the posts and, imagining that they are dodging would-be tacklers, straight-arm first the one on the left and then shift, the ball and evade the other "tackler."

The third post will be similarly decorated with a helmet, but, in addition, will have a horizontal bar stretching out about a foot from the ground. Backs will have to run by the post, straight-arm the headgear, and get used to lifting their feet over the bar all in the same operation. The bar represents the outstretched arms of the tackler.

Late last week a rectangular-shaped strip of canvas with a hole in

### Named Boxing Coach



John R. Napoleon '33, who was named boxing coach at Duquesne University early this week. Napoleon was a member of the Lion mit team in 1931, 1932, and 1933, and was Intercollegiate 115-pound champion in his senior year.

### STAND REPAIRS COMPLETED

Repairs to the New Beaver field stands, which have been in progress for nearly two weeks, have been completed. A new runway to the south entrance of the west stands was rebuilt, and repair work was done on the seats and aisles of both east and west stands.

The center was installed with a view to improving accuracy of the backs' passing game. And if you think it's difficult to toss a forward to a receiver who is running at full speed, just try passing a football through a little circle just a little over a foot in diameter. Unless you are another Benny Friedman, the odds will be nearly fifty to one against you.

## WERNER INTRODUCES NEW TRAINING RULES

All Cross-Country Candidates Must Report at 4:30 for Mass Run—Additional Track Aspirants Called

By PHILLIP W. FAIR '35

Instituting several innovations for the training of the cross country squad, Coach "Chick" Werner, formerly of the University of Illinois, has made a complete survey of his men and is considering material for the first fall meets.

Among training innovations, Coach Werner has requested that all men be on the field by 4:30 o'clock every practice afternoon to engage in a mass run, rather than continue the old system of having men take their workouts at different periods during the late afternoon.

#### Newcomers Show Promise

With an eye to future teams for track and cross-country, Werner has again issued calls for additional track candidates. He stresses the fact that former experience is not necessary, only the desire to learn and train is demanded of anyone who wishes to

become a member of the squad. Faced with the loss of Captain Charley King, Bill Space, Curt Greninger, Van Cise, and Ken England, all varsity men on last year's team, the new Lion mentor must rebuild the team from the ground up.

Of present available material, Captain Rishel, George Harvey, Book, Joe Alexander, Paul Vandermark, Piepon, Hoffman, Burns, Light Barnes, and Norton are likely candidates. Other men who are training Randembush, Whittaker, Michael, Boal, and Calchuff.

Freshmen candidates were encouraged to hear that a dual meet has

### 121 YEARLING GRIDMEN REPORT FOR PRACTICE

Candidates for Posts Prove Heavier In Weight Than Former Men

With 121 candidates reporting daily, freshman football practice for this season is in full swing, uninterrupted by the late classes so disrupting during Freshman Week. Preliminary training in the fundamentals of blocking, pulling out of line, and charging are about completed.

The first-year squad got its first taste of scrimmage last night in a short work-out. A few plays, similar to those of the varsity, have been given to the plebes by Coach Nelson S. Walke.

Line candidates this year are heavier than those of the last two years, while the backfield posts will be filled by men with more weight than common. The present difficulty seems to be to develop a snapperback from one of the several candidates for the center positions.

### Marty McAndrews Scouts Lion Team

Martin S. (Marty) McAndrews '30, Lion light-heavyweight intercollegiate boxing champion and football center, scouted his former team-mates for Lebanon Valley at the first practice game on New Beaver field Saturday afternoon. McAndrews was appointed as a line coach early in September.

While an undergraduate, McAndrews was captain of the Lion boxing team, winning the "light-heavy" crown in 1930, and also was one of the outstanding centers of all time on the gridiron eleven. He served as a reservist in 1928, but was the first-string center for the next two seasons.

been scheduled with the '37 team representing Syracuse on the day of the varsity football game with the Orangemen, November 4. This will be the first time that the freshmen teams of the two institutions will meet in competition.

Tentative plans for a handicap track meet to be held during the fall have already been laid, while the interfraternity cross-country run will be held later in the season. A system of training for a period preceding the run will probably be necessary for fraternity entries.

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