

Between the Lions
with
The Sports Editor

Let's hope Saturday's exhibition on New Beaver field was an off-day for the Nittany Lion gridgers. We're willing to ring the curtain down on past productions and start work on a new show for the rest of the season. Perhaps a little inspiration in the same cast would help considerably. When a teacher's college, which ranks low in the ranks of such schools in this State, can hold a Penn State team, supposed to be of higher calibre than usual, to one touchdown and a safety, followers of the Lion team are dismayed at what will happen in contests scheduled for the regular season. The Orange and Black line with a polite "pardon me, I want to go through" seemed to brush aside Nittany linesmen easily and stop the Lion ball-carrier in his tracks. We were looking forward to a successful season, but events Saturday have made us alter our opinion slightly.

Remembering a previous sad experience in a pre-season game with a much smaller school, Coach Bob Higgins tried to warn the Lion team last week about the game Saturday. A practice game was carded with a Bellefonte Academy team a few seasons back to help the Lion squad get in a scrimmage in preparation for the regular schedule. By the time the game rolled around injuries to the regulars forced the using of second and third string men against the Bellefonte team. The result was a defeat for the Blue and White squad, a fact which aroused large headlines in city papers. But when a high school team took the Academy gridgers into camp, the real furor was created, with the high school believing it had a better team than Penn State.

Basketball followers here are glad to see the increase to fourteen games in prospect for the Lion team this year. Many wallings were heard last year when five games were chopped off the schedule of previous seasons and only eleven games carded.

This and That
"Haps" Frank, former intercollegiate boxing champion and football end here, successfully bucked the Harrisburg political line by being nominated Republican candidate for city council in the primaries at the Capital Tuesday. "Bus" Breese, former Kansas State 125-pounder, who fought in the National Intercollegiate here two years ago, is cleaning up in professional fights around Kansas City. "Tiger Joe" Moran fought six rounds to a draw in his professional debut in Wilkes-Barre Saturday night. "Hinkey" Haines, who held down positions on Lion football and baseball teams several years ago, is playing fullback for the Reading Keys professional team this season, side by side with Coop French who directs the team from his quarterback position. Ed McMinn is coaching football, basketball and track at Picture Rocks high school. A goodly number of Lion gridgers watched Bucknell trounce Waynesburg Friday night. SHB had a seat in the stands at the football farce Saturday afternoon. —J. M. S.

Lion Gridgers Lack Power in Pre-Season Scrimmage Saturday
Line Feebly Indifferent To All Opposition Drives

Blue and White Completes 7 Passes Out of 13 Attempts Against Lock Haven

When you think of a Nittany Lion, you generally connect it with "roar." But that roar was sadly missing as the Lion gridiron representatives scrimmaged Lock Haven State Teachers College on New Beaver field Saturday afternoon.

Altogether, the Lions amassed a total of one touchdown and one safety for the afternoon's workout, while the Teachers were held scoreless. Although the Blue and White contingent threatened several times, only one was capitalized and the one other chance was converted into a safety.

Passing Game Clicks
A total of thirteen passes were attempted by the Lions and only two were incomplete. Four passes; however, were intercepted by the Orange eleven, who tried only five and had two sail into the outstretched arms of Nittany Lions.

In the first half Coach Bob Higgins' henchmen attempted seven passes, only one of which was grounded. Six forwards were tossed by Lion backs in the last half and the only passes not completed were those last-minute heaves in an attempt to rack up another score.

Outside of the fact that the Teachers outweighed the Lions, the passing was the only phase of the game worthy of commendation. A total of approximately 110 yards were gained through this medium and on several occasions Lion receivers managed to get out in the clear.

Hard Charging Lacking
Four developments, however, offset the good work in the air department, and two of the flaws were in the line's play. Hard-charging and the lack of complete blocking were noticeably absent, with the result that open lanes for the ball carrier were left partially or wholly clogged.

Accustomed to the crouching method of line play, "King" Cole and Dick Woolbert, the Lions' veteran tackles, both had trouble trying to use the standing type of defense. Several times both of these Nittany bulwarks were boxed in and ends and the secondaries were left to block the play.

Skemp Goes Across
But nearly two weeks remain to iron out these flaws and groom a machine that will function smoothly. Had it not been for minor defects in the Lion machine the punch which was sadly missing Saturday afternoon would have been powerful scoring thrusts.

An impotent exhibition at this stage of the season will do more good than harm when the squad morale remains unbroken. And when one considers that one Orange tackle weighed 235 pounds, the other 220, and the fullback 215, the Lion gridgers should not be exactly abashed.

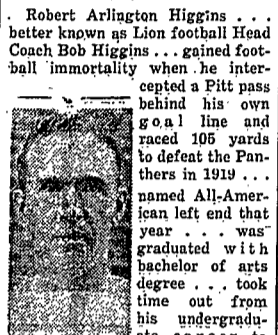
An intercepted pass started Captain Tommy Slusser and his mates off on their touchdown march. Harry Sigel, Lion halfback, skirted right end for a first down, and Fullback Leo Skemp slid through the short-side for another ten-yard gain, bringing the ball to the twenty-yard line.

After a three-yard gain on a line plunge, a completed pass put the ball on the goal-line. Skemp went over standing up, but his kick for the ex-

tra-point went wide of the uprights. Just after the final quarter opened, Skemp made a fifteen-yard run to the five-yard line as a sequel to a late third-quarter offensive drive, which again had its birth from an intercepted pass. The Lion offensive was stopped, however, and Lock Haven took the ball.

Failing to gain, the Teachers attempted to punt, but the Lion line swarmed over the kicker and a safety resulted. This finished the scoring for the day.

Lion Coaches



Robert Arlington Higgins . . . better known as Lion football Head Coach Bob Higgins . . . gained football immortality when he intercepted a Pitt pass behind his own goal line and raced 105 yards to defeat the Panthers in 1919 . . . named All-American left end that year . . . was graduated with bachelor of arts degree . . . took time out from his undergraduate career to serve in France . . . was lieutenant in the 318th infantry, 80th division, A. E. F. . . served in most of the major engagements of 1918 on western front . . . head football coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College from 1920 to 1924 . . . also automobile sales manager of Clarksburg, Va., district in winter months . . . Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., football mentor from 1925 to 1927 . . . returned to the lair of the Lion as line coach under Bezdek the following year . . . appointed head coach in 1930 . . . had September 18, 1930 issue of *Proth* dedicated to him.

TOUCH FOOTBALL RETAINED FOR YEAR

Shortage of Proper Equipment Prevents Resumption of Regulation Game

"Touch football," which replaced regular football last year as the major fall intra-mural sport, will be continued this fall, according to the decision of the Intramural Board.

Although there had been some objection to "touch football," the lack of proper equipment was cited as one reason why the resumption of regular football is impossible. The possibility of severe injuries occurring during the scrimmages was also given as a reason for the continuance of "touch football."

No Change in Eligibility Rules
The first step in organizing the tournament will be made Monday when the intra-mural managers of the fraternities and other units planning to enter teams will meet to discuss the rules for competition this year. William H. Crown '34, fall intra-mural sports manager, announced. William H. Laurer '35 has been named as intra-mural-football manager and will be in charge of the tournament.

Eligibility rules for the tournament will remain the same as they were last year, Crown stated, with football lettermen being barred from competition. He declared that changes in the playing rules would be suggested in an attempt to remedy the situations which arose last season.

Competition to Start Soon
The actual competition in the sport will start the second week in October, providing the necessary plans are completed by that time. According to the present arrangements, two games will be played late in the afternoon and one at night.

No definite arrangements have been made for the tournaments in the other fall intra-mural sports. Organization in those sports will be delayed until plans for the football tournament are completed.

The winner of the Hugo Bezdek Trophy for last year has not yet been determined because of a delay by fraternities in submitting the team records. The award will be announced as soon as the statistics are compiled.

Our Opponents
FOOTBALL
Muhlenberg—12; Transylvania—0

Competition for Berths on Booter Squad Waxes Keen

Kicking Precision, Timeliness in Passing All Improve as Soccermen Drill Harder

Competition for posts on Coach Bill Jeffrey's soccer team might be getting tougher, but it also means that a more aggressive squad of Nittany booters is being developed to fight the stiff encounters which are scheduled for this season.

Showing precision in kicking, timeliness in passing, and co-ordination in receiving the ball, the aggregation is gradually being moulded into a strong squad, according to the Nittany mentor. With only three weeks intervening before the opening engagement here with Temple, scrimmaging will be the main bill of fare for the forty hard-working proteges.

3 Varsity Men Lost
Even though three varsity men were lost through graduation last June, many promising men are waiting to fill their vacancies. Center forward, however, presents a problem. Probable players for this position include Don Masters, George Corbett, and maybe Captain Shorty Edwards.

For a goal kicker, Bell, a sophomore, and Palmer, former Mt. Alto freshman are being considered. Sigel, a regular booter of last year's squad, will continue as right fullback. While Linquist, varsity fullback will vie for left fullback position, Johnny Benms also shows great possibilities in that he has strength in kicking with his left foot. Erisman has also shown up in this position lately, having noticed most of a change in his defensive policy.

The loss of the two former "All-American" halfbacks, Evans and Al Daykins from last year, will be covered with five possible substitutions. Jack Fletcher is assured of Al Daykins post as right half. Bob Graham is trying hard for left halfback position and Swede Hansen a senior, for right. Long, a sophomore, seems quite regular in practice, but still needs some polishing. Brady, according to "Bill" might create competition with diligent practice, as well as Vosbury for second.

Other Men Available
Casterline, who was previously reported ineligible because of physical condition, will return in good condition, as outside right. Ambler, a junior, will also vie for this position. Bob Hoy shows ability as a strong kicker, and with his aggressiveness will probably be in the line-up as inside right. Finsel, a varsity man, still remains good material, however, with

ALL-COLLEGE GOLF, TENNIS MEETS SET

Freshmen, Upperclassmen Will Compete in Tournaments To Start This Week

Regular fall all-College tournaments in both tennis and golf will be started this week, providing an opportunity for both upperclassmen and freshmen to compete in the same tournaments, according to the student managers of the two sports.

The qualifying round for the golfers opened this morning and will continue during the remainder of the week, according to Arthur G. Steinfeldt '34. Thirty-two contestants will be selected for the tournament on the basis of the low scores for the qualifying round.

Group To Be Divided
The group will be divided into two flights of sixteen men each, and the first round of the tournament will be played the first part of next week. The system of match play will be used in the tournament.

The tennis tournament will be started during the latter part of this week or the first of next week, according to Frank H. Musser '34, student golf manager, whom will be in charge of the tourney. All students desiring to take part are requested to apply at the Student Union desk in Old Main before Wednesday night.

An entrance fee of fifty cents must accompany all applications, according to the rules of the tournament.

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