

Between the Lions with The Sports Editor

Following is a letter from an Old Grad on a subject about which most of us have been thinking favorably. Such a proposed last game would certainly add a lot of spice to a football season.

To the Sports Editor: The Penn State COLLEGIAN Dear Sir,

If a comment or two is still in order about the late-lamented football season, may we express the feeling, quite a general one, that the present system of seven-game schedules brings the Lion campaign to a close just when the majority of colleges are waging their most important games. Inasmuch as the football season is generally understood to last 'till Thanksgiving, at least, is there any well-founded reason why Penn State should not continue in the parade with other outstanding Eastern elevens?

With all due credit to the soccer team, how much more could a grid encounter with a major foe have been enjoyed by the student body Saturday? And since football is annually the most profitable sport, another game would be feasible and possibly even beneficial from a financial viewpoint. This game could either take the place of the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Pitt or could be held the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving.

We are well aware that seven-game schedules are considered part of the de-emphasizing process in vogue here, but, just as non-scouting was found to be impractical, cannot there be flaws in the seven-game idea? Penn and Princeton evidently have found that to be the case for they are reverting to eight and nine-game schedules, respectively, after trying the abbreviated card.

It is too late now for anything to be done about the 1934 schedule, but we can see no reason why a final-game series with a natural rival could not be instituted on Thanksgiving or the Saturday preceding in 1935. All of the major opponents we now play have their traditional closing games, but there are many natural rivals, such as Bucknell, W. & J., and Rutgers with whom a series could probably be started.

Finally, if the authorities are definitely committed to a seven-game policy, let's have the schedule start later and end later so that we can be right in the thick of the fight when the season is at its height. What do you think about it? —Old Grad

Booters Assume I.C. Championship Lead by Downing Springfield, 2-0

Annex Sixth Consecutive Game To Finish Season

George Corbett, Center Forward, Scores Both Points in First Quarter of Contest

By A. CONRAD HAIGES '33

The Nittany Lion booters forged to the front in the Eastern Intercollegiate Soccer Association race by defeating the Springfield College squad, 2-to-0, before nearly 2,000 fans Saturday. Corbett scored both tallies in the first period to help Penn State clinch its sixth consecutive contest.

Penn State's only remaining undefeated contender for the league trophy is Penn, even though five goals have been scored against the Red and Blue squad. Penn is scheduled to play Cornell on Thanksgiving Day, and in the event that Penn is defeated, the Lions will automatically assume championship of the East. If Penn wins, however, it will result in a dual-possession of the championship, unless a match can be arranged with Penn.

Game Evenly Matched With the exception of the first quarter, when the Nittanymen completely outclassed the New Englanders and took advantage of their weak defense, the contest was fairly evenly matched. During the first fifteen minutes of play, Captain "Shorty" Edwards' squad maintained possession of the ball nearly three-fourths of the time, but for the remainder, Springfield tightened up and accounted for several scores.

During the first quarter, the Nittany squad had possession of the ball

nearly all of the time, and hammered it consistently at the New Englanders' net. Joe Bielicki dribbled the sphere nearly the entire length of the field, but missed his tally when the ball sailed three feet over the top of the net.

Sputting after ten minutes of play, the Jeffrey men moved down the field with alacrity, and slotted their first goal when Ambler, outside right, shoved the ball on a long kick to Corbett who had little trouble in clearing the opposition troubled by Hughes, Springfield goalie.

Corbett Drives Consistently Persistent in his attempts to make a second tally, Corbett soon smacked the sphere in the direction of the net again, but it rebounded after hitting the goalie's chest. When standing barely six feet from the front of the goal, he took another perfectly timed pass from Ambler and whizzed the ball past the visitors' goalie, two minutes after his first tally, and accounted for the second.

The Springfielders' tight defense in the second period didn't give the Lions much opportunity to score, although Joe Bielicki and "Shorty" Edwards tried hard to push in when a slight chance presented itself. The ball rolled up and down the field, with neither side having a decided advantage.

KAPPA SIGMA WINS I. M. GRID TOURNEY

Chi Phi's Fourth Quarter Rally Falls One Yard Short As Whistle Ends Game

By KENNETH C. HOFFMAN '35 Chi Phi's gridmen know now that one yard means just as much in intramural touch football as it means in intercollegiate competition. Saturday afternoon it meant victory and another cup for Kappa Sigma.

With thirty seconds to play in the tournament finale, Chi Phi found themselves on the narrow end of a 3-to-2 margin in first downs. They gained possession of the ball on their 20-yard line, and Ed Atkinson in a desperate attempt to gain a tie, tossed a long pass to Lou Meredith, but Kappa Sigma's halfback got both hands on him just one yard short of a first down as the final whistle sounded.

Kappa Sigma Misses Twice Kappa Sigma twice came within striking distance of a score in the third period, the first being halted when Meredith intercepted Aldrich's pass on the 10-yard line. Chi Phi kicked out to the 35-yard mark and Balling returned the ball to the 10-yard line.

After suffering short losses on line plays, Kappa Sigma attempted a field goal, but the ball grounded on the one-yard line. Atkinson kicked out of danger.

The winners secured a first down in the opening period, and added one in both the third and fourth quarters.

Nittany Eleven Heads Back To Eastern Grid Heights

By FRED W. WRIGHT '35

"Improved and willing to work hard, but the end of the come-back road still lies in the far distance."

Published in a nationally-circulated football guide book as the consensus of experts and observers, this statement, made last September, has been proven correct in the light of Penn State's 1933 grid season.

Head Coach Bob Higgins and his staff of assistants have in three years built up a floundering Lion grid team from the depths of disorganization and helpless lethargy—caused by Penn State's adoption of a pioneer athletic plan of non-subsidization and a greater supplementary concentration on intramural competition—to a point where the Blue and White will next season be able to take the field experienced and organized into a "machine" in every sense of the word. Only one victory in 1931, exclusive of a post-season benefit game; two in

1932, and three victories and a tie this season is the tide of Lion progress.

In turning in their best record in three seasons, the Lions amassed a total of 117 points to sixty for the opposition. Only Columbia outscored their opponents to a greater degree than did the Lions.

With the entire Lion backfield returning, graduation will only cause the loss of five linesmen who were regulars during the past season. Replacements for Captain Slusser, "King" Cole, Tony Beloski, Remmy Woolridge, and Parker Berry will provide the major problem for the Lion coaching staff when spring practice begins early in March. Captain Tommy Slusser, third-highest scoring end in the east, tied with Harry Sigel, left halfback for team individual honors. Both scored twenty-four points.

I. M. HORSESHOES TO BEGIN

The first round in the intramural horseshoe tournament is to be played today, weather permitting, according to William B. Jeffrey '36, manager. The first round bracketing runs as follows: Phi Delta Theta (No. 1) and Commons Club (No. 1); Sigma Pi and Commons Club (No. 2); Phi Kappa Psi (No. 3) and Phi Delta Theta (No. 2); Pi Kappa Alpha (No. 1) and Phi Gamma Delta; Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Delta Theta (No. 3); Commons Club (No. 3) and Phi Kappa Psi (No. 2); Pi Kappa Alpha (No. 2) and Commons Club (No. 4).

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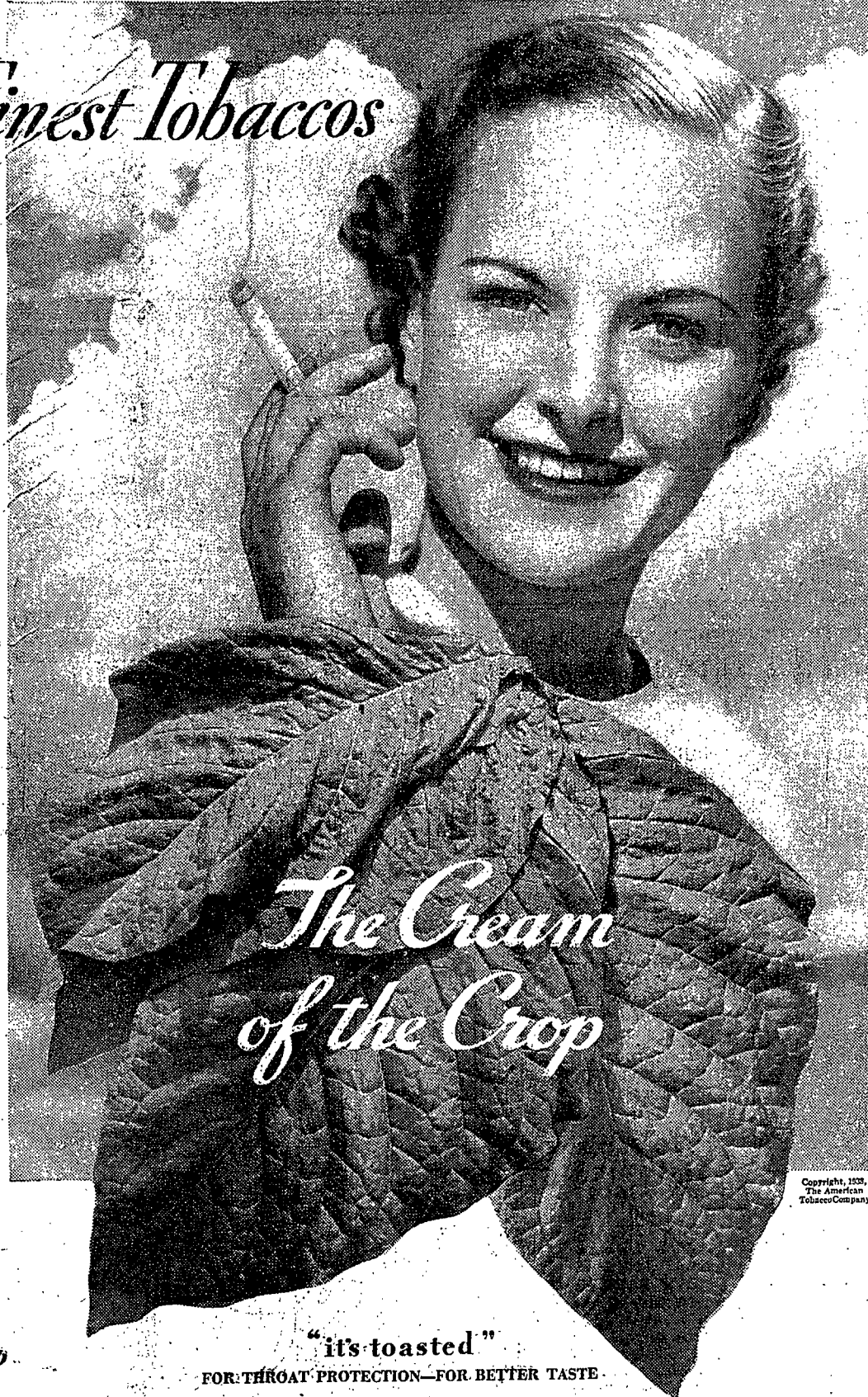
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