

Higgins Puts Gridders Through Full Length Practice Game Saturday

More Than 100 Yearling Gridders Report To Walke For Opening Practice Sessions

Bucky McKee Lost to Squad for Season; Skemp Out

Apparently believing that the way to mould a football team is to let them play football, Coach Bob Higgins has been doing just that with the 1934 Lion grid aspirants.

Beginning with a light session Tuesday afternoon, the gridders have had at least one scrimmage every day, culminating in a regulation practice game before no less than a thousand spectators on New Beaver field Saturday afternoon.

With the scrimmage sessions came their inevitable consequences—injuries. Fortunately there was nothing serious. Kreizman is out with a bad leg, and Frank O'Hara and Sawchak are expected to be on the sidelines until the end of the week with sprained ankles.

But the more serious losses to the squad have not come as the result of injuries. Leo Skemp, a veteran back, will be unable to play because of an ear injury sustained last year. But the holes most difficult to fill will be the ends. Two veterans, one of them a letterman last year, will not be back.

Salvatore Orlando did not return to school, and late last week Bucky McKee, letterman who reported for the early practice sessions, left school, leaving Art Fry as the only wingman with varsity experience.

Thus far little or no emphasis has been laid on a 'first' team, Coach Higgins preferring to try all the possible combinations. Definite progress is being made and with a week's more practice the squad should be in shape to pick a more or less permanent eleven.

Coach Jerry Froek is running the Lebanon Valley grid squad through two intensive drills daily in preparation for their opening game with Penn State on New Beaver field on Saturday, October 6.

Froek, who was named head coach at the Anville institution when 'Hooks' Mylin went to Bucknell, is

Nittany Booters Not Discouraged By Scottish Trip

9 Veterans To Return As Mainstays of '34 Season

After that disastrous Scottish tour, in which the Caledonian ranks just refused to give, the Lion booters are now in the frame of mind to sweep all native opposition aside in their usually successful quest of an intercollegiate gonfalon.

Material worries, fortunately enough, will cause little frowning of Mentor Bill Jeffrey's brow, since nine lettermen are expected back, plus some excellent reserves. Among the players to form the nucleus of this year's edition are Captain Jack Fletcher, Don Masters, George Corbett, Joe Bielicki and Ed Long.

Others include Dick Sigel, Ben Palmer, Jack Binns, Bob Dallas, Woody Corman, Frank Osterlund, Bill McEwan, and F. Mearle Ambler. Only three lettermen were lost last June, "Shorty" Edwards, "Swede" Hansen, and Eddie Finzel.

Faced by a schedule which contains an assortment of tough spots and breathers, the lads should compile an average very much on the credit side of the ledger. Whether they can go through the season undefeated, as last year, is again another matter. The teams which are likely to prove the stumbling blocks (on the basis of past seasons, a none too reliable barometer) are all met on successive week-ends; Syracuse, Springfield and Navy, with the going getting progressively harder.

Springfield held the Blue and White to a 2-0 score last year, while Navy proved itself the only opponent capable of piercing the State defense all season, scoring one goal to State's three. Syracuse was topped, 4-0, in another shut-out tussle. Other teams to be met this year are Temple, Gettysburg, Lafayette and Dickinson.

3 JUNIORS NAMED TO CHEERLEADING STAFF

Three juniors have been named to positions on the cheer-leading staff for this year. The juniors, who will assist Head Cheerleader William B. Edwards and other members of the senior staff, are Albert E. C. Bickell, Eugene M. Decker, and John B. Harbaugh.

They were selected by a committee composed of Head Football Coach Robert A. Higgins, Director Hugo Berdek, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics; Prof. Richard W. Grant, of the department of music; Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, and retiring Head Cheerleader, John T. Davies.

Sports' Scriveners

Beginning with this issue, the COLLEGIAN sports department will bring you the latest dope on both varsity and freshman football, cross-country, and soccer teams, covering in full the things the ordinary spectator does not usually see.

Don Sanders will cover varsity football, Harry Henderson will write freshman football, Jack Barnes, varsity and freshman cross-country and Walt Freunsch, soccer. If you want to know what's what and who's who in sports, read the COLLEGIAN every Tuesday and Friday morning.

an advocate of an open game with a speedy running attack and a deceptive passing game. No scrimmages will be held until the latter part of this week.

The Valley men are handicapped by the loss of two veteran backs, Barthold and Boran, both out for appendicitis operations. The remaining experienced backs are co-Captain 'Smoky' Rust, 'Scoop' Feeser, and 'Sully' Whiting. The backfield will be built around these men, drawing upon Patrizio, Zarada, Sheesley, Tindall, Carehidi, Fridinger, Capka and Black.

The tackle candidates are Ricker, Baugher, Bartolet, and Rozman. Crook is expected to man the flank not covered by co-Captain Smith. Three veteran guards are available from last year, all of them letter winners. They are Furlong, Boyd Sponaugle, and Coda Sponaugle. Other guard candidates are Davies, Clipa, and Knupp.

At the pivot post, Coach Froek has 'Iron-Man' Sincavage, veteran of two years experience, and Kroske and Brown.

After the tussle with the Nittany Lions, Lebanon Valley will meet Murlenberg, Drexel, Delaware, Juniata, St. Joseph's, and Albright on successive Saturdays with a week's lay-off before winding up the season against Pennsylvania Military College on Thanksgiving.

Sheriff Sells Bellefonte Academy for \$3500

One of Penn State's most fruitful sources of football stars in former years ended a fitful career when the historic Bellefonte Academy was sold by the sheriff recently. It's new owner is the Fidelity Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, which purchased the property for the sum of \$3500.

The academy failed to weather the storm of depression and was last year turned into a school of aeronautics. Lack of students in the new venture spelled disaster and the Pittsburgh bankers foreclosed the \$65,000 mortgage they held against the institution.

The exact fate of the school could not be learned today. The property sold includes a large building on Spring street, two other buildings and a picturesque campus on the same street, as well as an athletic field and swimming pool.

Cubs To Open Season With Mercersburg October 8

Out of the 100-odd freshmen that reported for the freshmen football team, Coach Nels Walke has to whip together a smooth functioning machine capable of taking over Mercersburg prep when he takes a squad down there October 6, just three weeks away.

The job that faces the freshmen mentor is not an easy one by any means. His squad is made up of a great variety of men, some are high school and prep school stars, some have had a little high school experience, and a few have hardly more than heard of the game.

Walke seems to think that the way to build up a team is by hard work and he has lost no time putting this rule into effect. Saturday he had the first year men out on the practice field behind the East stands and after a general warming-up workout, he divided the squad into two groups under Coaches Slusser, Cole and Everhardus. Under these new coaches they practiced pulling out of the line, charging, and getting down the field under punts.

Most of the first year squad have had some experience in high school and while this experience is doubtless invaluable it also has its drawbacks. For example, under some systems high school coaches teach their ends, when on the defensive, to charge forward as deep as possible; others have them charge one or two steps and wait there to see where the play is going.

Walke also has a system and that is the system which these freshmen gridders will have to grasp, and grasp firmly before they will be able to coordinate and click smoothly and easily as a team. Three weeks doesn't allow Coach Walke much time with which to develop and smooth down the rough places in a team whose members probably never saw one another before last Wednesday.

But unless the material should prove very weak and unwilling, the freshmen coach should be able to do again what he has done so well in the last two years.

The yearling gridders will play their first home game October 20, when they meet Dickinson seminary. On November 3 they tackle the ever strong Bison yearling team which will travel here for the game. And on November 20 the Pitt freshmen will come here for the first time since 1932 when they defeated the Blue and White yearlings, 13-0. The Lion freshmen will close their 1934 season on November 24, when they go to Gettysburg to play the Bullet cubs.

Golf Captain Defeated

Lloyd "Chick" Beyer, co-captain of the 1935 golf squad, was eliminated in the national amateur tourney at Brookline, Mass., last Thursday, in his second round match, after having drawn a first round bye.

Hamas Must Beat Lasky on October 5 To Meet Champ

Steve Hamas, who was graduated from here in 1929 after winning 11 letters and a Bachelor of Arts degree, is busy trudging about Pompton Lakes, N. J., in preparation for the most important bout of his heavy-weight career—a 10-round slugfest with Art Lasky at Madison Square Garden on October 5.

Steve promises to knock Lasky all over the lot and then, he says, "You'll hear me yodeling all over the place for a match with Maxie Baer, whom I understand claims to be heavy-weight champion. I'll be the outstanding challenger then and Maxie can't evade me."

Hamas hasn't had a fight since he gave Schmeling a terrific beating in Philadelphia last February, so two months ago he tore himself away from the society entanglements which resulted from his own good looks and set to work. The wealthy Mrs. Lucy Cotton Thomas McGraw had announced township on the eastern outskirts of

ed she would manage the former Penn State star and build special training quarters for him on her \$300,000 Florida estate. Old Charley Harvey, Steve's manager, objected to this turn of events and is still holding the strings as far as Steve is concerned.

"That society stuff was all right for awhile," said Steve on leaving for Dr. Bier's camp at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, where he will begin the final training grind, "but I got tired of it and decided to come down here and buckle down to work."

"I don't imagine I'll have much trouble with Lasky. I have never seen him fight, but I understand he's the stand-up type, which I like so well. Whether he's good or overrated, I'll be ready for him. I'm in swell shape now. No, that leg I hurt in football hasn't bothered me a bit—not since before that Schmeling fight. No, I haven't done any boxing up here."

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