

Lion Squad Lays Claim To Eastern-Intercollegiate Soccer Championship

JEFFREY MEN WIN 3 LEAGUE MEETS

Undergraduate Managers of Loop Will Meet in January To Select Champions From 16 Schools in Association

By WALT FREUNSCHE
Although the approach may have been somewhat devious, there is no doubt that the Lion soccer squad is firmly in the saddle as Eastern Intercollegiate Soccer Association champion, at least if our claims are fairly recognized by the undergraduate managers of the loop, who will meet in January to select the champion from the sixteen teams in the Association.

State's ascension to the saddle came about Turkey morning, when Cornell was tied by Haverford, 1-to-1, on the Main Liners' field. Cornell, with four victories and two ties, has earned a total of ten to twelve possible points, on the Association basis of two points for a victory and one for a tie.

Lions Rate .875 Per Cent
The Jeffrey men, on the other hand, won three league tilts and tied one, for a record of seven out of eight points. Thus their percentage is .875, as opposed to the figure of .833 for Cornell. On this basis, and in fact, any basis, the Lions are deserving of any honor that may come their way, as the outstanding team of the East.

"State has much the better team," Coach Bill Jeffrey said, after watching the Haverford-Cornell fray. Cornell, undisputed leader of the six-team Middle Atlantic soccer circuit, was awarded "the championship" by some vague radio commentator over the week-end, but this isn't to be confused with the Eastern title, held by the Lions.

Sentiment in favor of a much more difficult slate for next year is being marshalled on the campus, we find, especially after the anti-climatic farce—it can't be called a contest—in which Dickinson lost 10-to-1, and even then the Lions were pulling their punches.

A card which includes six league contests instead of the minimum four shouldn't be too hard to arrange, and it would go far to provide the Lions with more substantial fare in the way of opponents, as well as assuring that our claims to the championship would be more respectfully received.

COURTMEN HARD AT WORK IN TRAINING FOR STRONG FOES

Season's First Regular Scrimmage Run Off Last Saturday

By CHARLIE SCHWARTZ
Facing a slate that will be one of the toughest to wipe clean among those in recent years—a seventeen game assignment that charts twelve home engagements—Coach Spike Leslie is hard at work attempting to whip a varsity basketball quintet in shape for their opening encounter against Ithaca College, less than two weeks away.

In their first regular scrimmage this year, the Lion varsity courtmen Saturday afternoon handed a severe lacing to the second and third fives in successive twenty-minute periods. The game—which, incidentally, ended 44-to-8—showed several men who will bear watching this season. Jim Hunter, lanky center, showed up well in the scrimmage, topping the varsity for scoring honors. Hunter, who was a member of last year's freshman team, basketed five field goals from under the basket, and two foul shots. Jack Fletcher, at forward, looked good on the long shots, dropping in five goals.

Captain Johnny Stocker, the other forward, although low in the point scoring, was the main leader of the massacre. He was responsible for starting most of the scoring plays. Jimmy Smith, at guard, turned in the best all-around performance of the afternoon. Playing smoothly, he consistently broke clean to feed the ball to Hunter and Fletcher. Bar Riley, the other guard, couldn't seem to get going.

Late in the second half, the second string replaced the varsity. Jack Heyison and Bruce Gilliard, at forwards, Jay McWilliams and Charlie Glennon, at guards, and Van Linton, at center, took the court against Butch Schmidt, Harry Jaquiss, Bob Small, Fred Sell, and Bill Radcliffe. Heyison, McWilliams, and Schmidt showed up best in this aggregation.

Nine members of the football squad are expected to turn their efforts to basketball this week. They are Mikkelonis, Girton, Kornick, Knapp, Andrews, Robbins, Morini, Smith, and Ritzke. Curiously enough, all of them are either backs or ends.

WRESTLERS WILL BEGIN WORKING OUT TONIGHT
All candidates for the varsity wrestling squad should report at Recreation hall tonight at 4 o'clock, when practice will officially begin. Freshmen should report at the same time tomorrow night, when their practice will also begin.

Nearly fifty men have been reporting twice a week since October. Coach Speidel feels that the prospects for a championship team this year are the best for the past several years. Practice will be held daily until Christmas vacation begins.

WRIGHTING BETWEEN THE LIONS

By FRED W. WRIGHT

A great many persons on this campus may have been surprised when they read the A. P. All-American selections and saw that 'Shorty' Mikkelonis, Lion quarterback, received honorable mention as a half-back while other Lion backs, chiefly Harry Sigel, were apparently neglected. Personally, this writer was not among those that were at variance with the gentlemen who made the selections.

Mikkelonis gained his mention in one game—the Columbia 14-7 battle. All-Americans and stars are made primarily in New York City, and Mikkelonis had the good fortune of putting up one of his best exhibitions of quarterbacking in the right spot. True, he was sour in the Penn game, but All-Americans are not made in Philadelphia (witness the Dave Smukler, Temple, effort).

Sigel was the outstanding back from the spectator's point of view. On at least two occasions, if memory serves us correctly, he ran back kick-offs close to fifty yards. On other occasions, he galloped around ends for twenty and thirty yards. But what the spectators didn't see, perhaps, was a guy by the name of Morrison blocking and another guy by the name of Mikkelonis blocking. When a coach can design plays so that only one man is necessary to block an opponent, say an end, instead of the usual two players, he has an extra man left over to use somewhere else to advantage.

Sigel is a good football player, a swell fellow personally, a fighter, and a player with brains, but he showed only speed and guts, plenty of both, on the football field. Mikkelonis, had he given himself a chance, might have been a great broken

field runner—Knapp is the best on the team—to add to his kicking and passing laurels.

But why get excited over an All-American selection, no matter whose? It's impossible to grade some twenty-five thousand football players and settle on the eleven best. And we have a hunch that from a business standpoint it's an excellent thing to have one player from as many teams as possible mentioned somewhere.

For that matter, the man most deserving of 'all' honors on the 1934 Penn State team was overlooked, and we think most persons will agree with our contention. Lou Kreizman.

After our outburst against Navy's employment of Dave Sloan, ex-Lion letter-carrier, we find that Army's second-string fullback is none other than Bill Martz, who once wore the Blue and the White. All of which reminds us of the 'Venérable' Venerosa, who was captain of the 1932 Temple (We don't give scholarship.) team after playing quite some football here.

On Page 2 appears a letter that every student interested in Penn State athletics should read. Also on Page 2 is an editorial that every student interested in Penn State athletics should read. The latter expresses this column's sentiments very nicely, and there is no need to reproduce the same ideas twice in the same paper.

Incidentally, we were talking to My Cousin Hugo last week and the conversation went something like this:

"Point blank, is the College giving any athletic scholarships to football players this year?"

"No. Not one cent of College money is paid to any person to play football for Penn State."

"Then how do you account for Frank Souchak, who played with the Pitt frosh against State, saying that he was offered more money to come to State than to go to Pittsburgh?"

"Any person who makes such a statement is a liar."

"Do you contemplate changing any tires on the machine to make it run?"

"No. The machine is running along nicely. Rumors to the contrary are erroneous."

Gains Belated Honors



AL MIKELONIS, who, after being overlooked in making the selections of the country's many all-Americans, was finally conceded an honorable mention by the Associated Press.

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