

Pre-Season Football Training Sessions Will Start Next Monday

Coach Higgins Calls Squad Of 44 To Begin Work-outs For Toughest Card in Years

17 Sophomores Called Back To Augment Veterans

The first of the pre-season practices for the 1935 Lion football team will start next Monday when forty-four candidates for the team will return early by invitation from Head Coach Robert A. Higgins to begin work-outs on New Beaver field for the hardest schedule in years.

Of the forty-four who have been called to the training season, seventeen are graduates of last year's freshman squad. Although Coach Higgins has plenty of veteran material with which to work, he is expected to take particular pains with the sophomore candidates because last year's freshman eleven enjoyed the best season of any Cub team in a decade.

It is certain that not a single one of the fourteen lettermen back from last season's varsity has his position cinched.

The varsity letter winners who are expected to report for practice next week are Frank Smith, Art Fry, and Bob Morini, ends; Captain Bob Weber and Roy Schuyler, tackles; Lou Barth, Frank Wismer, and Harry Latorre, guards; Chuck Cher-

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undolo and Jim O'Hara, centers; and in the backfield, Tommy Silvano, Red O'Hara, Lefty Knapp, and Bill Cooper.

Only one regular lineman was graduated—Lou Kreizman, a guard. The holes left in the backfield by the graduation of Harry Sigel, Al Mike-lonis, and Merrill Morrison will be Coach Higgins' biggest problem.

Of the sophomores who have been called to early practice Dan DeMa-rino, 195-pound tackle; Carl Wauga-man, end; and Johnny Economos, guard, are expected to give the veterans the most competition. Of the backs, the most promising are Fritz Owens, Walter Kominic, and Rabbit Weir.

Coach Higgins plans light practices for the first week, with much of the time given over to Trainer Charlie Spidel.

Brains Behind Fall Sports Campaigns



COACH BOB HIGGINS



BILL JEFFREY

When the Lion soccermen stack up against their opponents, when the Nittany gridgers tear through a hole for twenty yards, when State emerges victorious from a cross-country race, these three men, above, will be the "brains on the bench" behind the tactics of the teams. Shown here are Bill Jeffrey, soccer mentor; Bob Higgins, head football coach; and Chick Werner, track and cross-country coach.



CHICK WERNER

Managerial Candidates Begin Quests Early

Varsity Managers Get Positions After Much Work

Student athletic managers at Penn State are elected under a competitive system whereby candidates begin their quests for the managerships in their freshman or sophomore years and gradually advance to positions of greater responsibility.

Football offers the opportunity for a new student to begin his campaign for a sport managership. Early in the Fall a call is issued for freshmen "third assistant" managers and those who enter the competition are put to work taking care of football equipment and performing many duties on the gridiron and in the gymnasium. In this manner freshmen are given an opportunity to make early acquaintance with a large number of students.

After football season the freshmen who have remained in the competition are officially known as "second assistant" managers. They are requested to report during the next football

season about a week before practice begins. During their second year as assistant managers they perform duties entailing greater responsibility.

At the end of the second season, three of the surviving group are elected "first assistant" managers. They are elected by the football manager, football captain, football coach, graduate manager of athletics, and the president of the Athletic Association largely through the recommendations of the three out-going "first assistant" managers.

The "first assistants" usually make a majority of the football trips and are placed in charge of most of the arrangements. They supervise the work of the "seconds" and "thirds."

At the end of the season the football manager is elected from the three "firsts" in practically the same manner as the "first assistants" were chosen. The two candidates other than the newly elected manager become freshman manager and associate manager, according to the number of

Competition for Posts Usually Opens in Second Year

votes that they receive.

Other sport managerships at Penn State are gained in practically the same way except that candidates do not "turn out" until their sophomore year in some competitions. When such a procedure is followed, the candidate then automatically becomes a "second assistant."

A sport manager receives a letter award, while the two other "firsts" receive minor awards. When a candidate is elected to a "first assistant" position he is usually declared eligible for Blue Key, junior class honorary hat society, while the managers of the most important sports often receive membership in the senior honor societies.

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Intramural Sports Provide Athletics For All Students

Fraternities, Clubs, Units Compete For Honors In Wide Variety of Tournaments

For the benefit of the majority of students at Penn State, who are unable to meet the requirements for varsity competition, an extensive system of intramural athletics has been developed by Hugo Bezdek, director of athletics.

The program includes all sports represented in intercollegiate competition, in addition to some not included on varsity schedules. Fraternities, clubs, and non-fraternity units compete for honors in tournaments which are conducted in each sport. The tournaments are directed by experienced coaches and instructors and although it is not the primary purpose of the plan, quite frequently valuable material for varsity teams is discovered.

During the past year the fraternities have cooperated in delaying the dinner hour from 5:30 o'clock until 6 o'clock, and the majority of classes have been eliminated from between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. These two improvements have made possible a full two-hour period for recreation and all-students athletics.

The increased participation of students shows evidence that intramural athletics at the College is growing steadily in importance.

Forty-eight teams took part in the

mushball tournament, while individual champions were crowned in the boxing and wrestling competition. In addition to the major sports, intramural handball and volleyball were conducted during the winter season. More than sixty students participated in the former tourney, while three times as many entered the later competition.

Sports conducted during the spring season included horseshoes, tennis, golf, soccer, track, and lacrosse. Football, for those desirous of learning the fundamentals of the game was featured during the spring competition.

State Teams Raise Average to .681 Last Year

Compiling a .681 percentage of victories for the athletic year 1934-35, Penn State teams made their best showing in a number of years during the college term just completed. Lion teams, including varsity and freshmen, won 79 contests, lost 37, and tied 4.

The .681 percentage is 58 points better than a year ago and 158 points better than the season of 1932-33. Varsity teams this year won 62 encounters, lost 29 and tied 4, while freshmen teams won 17 of their 25 contests.

Nittany teams who finished their schedules without a defeat were: soccer, cross-country. Three Eastern individual championships were won by the boxers; the Lions also winning the team title.

Two Eastern titles were captured by the wrestlers, and Howard Johnston, captain of the team, took national honors at 165 pounds. Other indi-



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Lion Eleven Faces Tough 8-Tilt Card

Pitt, Western Maryland Replace Columbia, Gettysburg; Villanova Added.

The schedule makers have again confronted Head Coach Robert Higgins with a discouraging prospect. Although last season's varsity line is back almost intact, and at least four backs have had considerable experience, the schedule is the toughest a Lion team has had to face in years.

Last season the Lions won three out of seven games. With three exceptions, the same teams will be met this year. The first of these exceptions comes as the second tilt of the season when the Lions play Western Maryland, added when Gettysburg was dropped.

In the fourth game of the 1935 card, the Lions will meet Pitt in Pittsburgh. The Panther replaces the Columbia Lion on the schedule. The last change in the schedule is the lengthening of the season by one game—with Villanova.

Of the eight games that the Lions will play, preseason indications are that they will win two and lose five; Penn should again be a toss-up.

With four weeks of practices under their belts, the Nittany eleven will open the season against Lebanon Valley on New Beaver field on October 5. The remaining seven games, to follow on successive Saturdays, are as follows:

Western Maryland at home on October 12, Dad's Day; Lehigh at home on October 19, Alumni Day; Pitt at Pittsburgh, October 26; Syracuse at Syracuse, November 2; Villanova at home on November 9, Fall House-party; Penn at Philadelphia on November 16; and Bucknell at Lewisburg on November 23.

Koth To Play With 'Star' Aggregation

George Koth, leading attack man on Penn State's lacrosse ten for the past three years, has been invited to play on a picked squad of American college players who will tour British Columbia this summer.

Koth graduated from Penn State on in 1934 and has been leading scorer on the squad for the past three seasons. Last year he was selected on the All-American squad.

Other achievements were Lloyd Beyer's victory in the State amateur golf championships last summer, and Billy Hyndman's recent victory in the Philadelphia district tourney.

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