

# Lion Grid Team Hot As Scrimmages Start

## Eager Squad Works Hard As Early Practices Lend Encouragement for Season

### Denise, Kyle, Enders, Barth, Waugaman Laid Up But Team Drives on to Gain Condition; Two Stiff Scrimmages Held

By CHARLES M. WHEELER, JR.

New Beaver field is scorching hot today as a willing and eager Lion football team completes a week of torrid contact work impressively far ahead of its form at this time last year. Scrimmaging on the second day out, the grid-ers have literally been hot as they bore down for hard work under a broiling sun.

Two crackerjack scrimmages with quarters and all the trimmings featured last week's work on Thursday and Saturday. So viciously were the boys hitting that five of them are on the sidelines with leg injuries of no particular severity. Of the five, Barth and Enders are most seriously hurt, while Kyle, Denise, and Waugaman are expected back any day.

Typical day's workout so far has included three training table meals in the Old Main Sandwich Shop, skull practice in Varsity Hall and on the field, sprints, signals, dummy scrimmage, and hard scrimmage. A team that is heavier this year than in many before has worked off a goodly amount of the excess weight accumulated during the summer.

Prospects for the Lions this fall, even though facing a tough schedule, are genuinely good. A drive that has been unprecedented in recent State football is evinced. The boys are really giving a lot for so early in the campaign preparations.

Coach Bob Higgins has uttered no verbal satisfaction with the results of the work, but it can be seen that he is pleased. He has much more to work with than he has ever had before here. The replacements are strong.

#### Blues Versus Whites

Last year when the team lined up with "blues" and "whites," one team was always so superior to the other that there was no opposition. These scrimmages last week were no such affairs. The blues scored three touchdowns Saturday against the whites, but the whites were very much "in there."

Lining up on a mythical "first" or white team have been Adessa, and

### Between The Lions

While football holds the intercollegiate sports spotlight at the present time, the coming world series in baseball kindles interest in the national game. When baseball is mentioned, Penn State sports fans should look up and take notice, for it was only a few months back that a Nittany Lion nine established a record that will be remembered.

Coach Joe Bedenk's 1936 edition won thirteen games out of the seventeen-game schedule, placing Penn State in the first division of eastern colleges. In this group Fordham and Holy Cross showed the way, while Manhattan and Villanova joined the Lions near the top.

The Penn State nine was one of streaks. After losing the opener, the Nittany batsmen took five straight. Then, three games were lost, but the team went on to finish with an eight-game winning streak.

Offensively, the Lions were powerful. Red O'Hara, at shortstop, led the eastern colleges in batting with a terrific mark of .507. On the mound, Frank Smith won seven games, with many strikeouts to his credit. Bill Ford, now with the Boston Bees, Ben Simoncelli, and John Boho each contributed two victories.

Mainly a team of sophomores and juniors, the Penn State baseball team can look forward to another successful year. Perhaps an up-trend in Nittany Lion sports was started off when Joe Bedenk's nine established its fine record.

With pre-season football practice only a week old, discussions can be heard among Penn State fans, "grandstand" coaches, and so-called "experts" concerning Coach Bob Higgins' method of training his players. The main theme is the practice of scrimmaging the second day of training, and the playing of full-length games the third and fifth days.

The theory behind the coach's actions is probably the one that says "the only way to learn football is to play it." The critics answer to that one says yes, if the players are in good enough physical condition to stand the hard contact work.

Countering this argument, is the one side that insists that the players were supposed to report here last Tuesday in good physical condition. This is all well and good, if circumstances are such so that the players have jobs where they can keep in condition. In a few cases, this was impossible.

And so we hear that so-and-so was injured because Higgins scrimmaged the team too early. After one week, there were five cases where players were kept on the sidelines. Every football camp has its pre-season injuries, and at Penn State thus far, there is no exception to the rule.

Last year, two men received knee injuries that closed their football careers. Many said that this was caused by early scrimmaging and many players agreed. All of the five now on the sidelines are out with leg injuries, none of them very serious. It is hoped that pre-season injuries will end as practice for the Lions continues. The argument for and against early scrimmages is still wide open. We shall wait and see the results.

-J. W.

## Lion Soccer Eleven Faces Task Of Maintaining Amazing Record Established in Quarter-Century

### State Booters Won 80, Lost 12, Tied 20 in Period

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

When Penn State's soccer team takes the field in the first game of the 1936 season, a task of continuing a twenty-five year record, which is probably unparalleled in the history of college sport, faces Bill Jeffrey's booters.

By completing the 1935 season with a perfect record, having been undefeated, untied, and unscored upon, the Lion soccer team put the finishing touches on an amazing quarter-century feat. During this span, the booters lost only twelve games, less than one game every two years. During seventeen seasons since 1911, when soccer became an intercollegiate sport here, the Blue and White teams went undefeated. The complete twenty-five year record shows eighty victories and twenty ties, in addition to the twelve losses.

Jeffrey Has Fine Record  
Coach Bill Jeffrey, hardy Scotch-born soccer expert, has developed winning soccer teams at Penn State for the past ten years. Jeffrey's teams have dropped but six games in the decade, while winning forty-nine and tying eleven. In the past six years, only six goals have been scored against the Nittany Lions, while Jeffrey's booters tallied eighty-three times.

The finest Penn State teams are found in the last three seasons. Eight seniors on last year's squad never tasted defeat. Lion players dominated the all-American teams during this period.

McEwan Is High Scorer  
By scoring twenty goals in 1934, Bill McEwan, who will lead the Lion booters in their coming campaign, es-

### New Sports Writers

To introduce the new sports reporters: Charles M. Wheeler, Jr., who covered golf in the spring, will write football. The baseball correspondent, Jerry Weinstein, will follow the Lion soccer team. Both freshman and varsity cross-country, plus freshman football, will be reported by Woody Bierly, while Francis H. Szymczak will write intramural sports. Szymczak was the lacrosse expert in the spring.

Established what is believed to be an all-time college record. Although handicapped by a serious operation on his knee which kept him out of the first game last year, McEwan registered seven goals to lead the Lions.

With such a precedent as this amazing record has established, it can be easily seen that both Bill Jeffrey and the Penn State team will have their hands (or rather their feet) full if they are to perpetuate the quarter-century mark. It is with optimism and unbounded spirit that the Lions have begun their first practice sessions.

Eight Regulars Graduated  
But there is a definite problem that will have to be faced before the season begins. Eight regulars, three of them all-Americans, were lost to the team by graduation. The all-Americans include Captain Joe Bielicki, Bill Sutliff, and goalie Ray Bell. Others who went out into the world are Ed Long, Johnny Ewins, George Corbett, Ben Palmer, and Connie Welsh.

Practice Under Way  
Only five lettermen are on hand, and around these, plus four more veterans, Coach Jeffrey must build his team. Captain Bill McEwan, all-American forward, has returned. Frank Osterlund, Solly Miehoff, and Phil Barnes, fullback, are the lettermen. The veterans include Bob Corman and

## Werner Pleased With Prospects

### Four Varsity Lettermen Return To College; Trimble Fails To Register Here

By WOODY BIERLY  
Chick Werner, coach of the cross-country team, is optimistic concerning the outlook for State's harriers this season. He feels that this will be the best team since he took over the coaching reins in 1933.

Co-captain, Bill Trimble, will not return to school this fall and it is this together with the graduation of Book and Surmatis that will be the most serious blow to the success of the team. However, the sophomore harriers will add more strength to the varsity than any previous sophomore group for a number of years.

Among the varsity lettermen from last season are Captain Howard Downey, Donald Daugherty, Charles Clark and Pete Olexy. Sophomores to whom Werner is looking for some valuable material are Leonard Henderson, Burt Aikman, Bill Griest, Herb Hazard, Bryce Hollister, Bill Joachim, Al Larson, Dick Scheiman, Art Simons, and Charles Tapman.

The schedule for this year calls for five meets. The harriers will encounter Pitt and Syracuse at home, while they will run at Lehigh and Cornell. The intercollegiate in Van Cortland Park at New York City will close the season. According to Captain Downey, Syracuse and Pitt are expected to be the toughest opponents for the Nittany harriers.

The first practice was held yesterday afternoon. Students interested to try-out for the teams are requested to report at once for practice in order that an early start may be gained. Robert K. Metz '37 will be manager of the harriers this season. He takes the place of Cameron Brown, who was elected manager but will not return to college.

Werner is also planning to hold track practice this fall. There will be work-outs in all the events and the first work-out is to be held within the next week. A 100-yard cinder track is planned for construction under the West stands. It will be used for winter training and will end the complaints that the wooden track in Recreation Hall is unsatisfactory for that purpose.

The prospects for a good freshman track team are bright. Efforts of Coach Werner to obtain good men

## McEwan, All-American, To Lead Team This Fall

Bob Dallas, forwards, and Eddie Mandel and Dave Waddell, halfbacks. Yesterday, there was a large turnout as practice started. Last week, Coach Jeffrey and several early arrivals kicked a ball around, and on Saturday, a practice game was played with the State College high school team. There were few Lion regulars on hand.

Among the outstanding players who reported yesterday, there are Haug and Dye, goalies; Slabodan, Spiker, Painter, Magrail, and Forbes, halfbacks; Wild, Garner, Rankin, and Parsons, forwards; and Hosterman, James, Bean, and Snook, fullbacks.

Bucknell opens the booters' schedule on October 10. Gettysburg and Lafayette come here on October 17 and 24, respectively. The Lions meet Syracuse away on October 31, and return here November 7 to face Western Maryland. The major game of the season comes November 11, when the Lions go to New Haven for the Yale contest. Temple, on November 14 at State College, and Navy, on the 21st away, complete the schedule.

Soccer Socks  
Coach Jeffrey wears sneakers at times instead of the regulation hard-toe soccer shoe in order to show the boys that the toe should not be used. . . the best shot is obtained with the instep, which gives the greatest direction control. . . Captain Jim Cherry, of the 1927 team, is teaching here now in the architectural engineering department. . . he has been working out with the team. . . development of halfbacks will be Jeffrey's hardest task. . . the schedule is the first in Penn State history that lists eight games. . .

## 13 of Faculty Judge At Pennsylvania Fairs

Thirteen members of the College faculty will select the winning exhibits at eight fairs in the state this week, Howard G. Niesley, of the department of agricultural and home economics extension, announced today.

They were Dr. Charles F. Noll, of the department of agronomy; Charles A. Burge, Carl O. Dossin, Charles R. Gearhart, Fred V. Grau, Harry H. Kaufman, Lawrence C. Madison, Joseph C. Nageotte, Walter B. Niesley, Robert H. Olmstead, John U. Ruff, John Vandevort, and Edward J. Walter, all of the department of agricultural and home economics extension.

## Hugo Bezdek Scores Ace on 137-Yd. Drive

After over thirty years of golfing, Director Hugo Bezdek, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, scored his first hole-in-one.

Playing the fifteenth hole on the College course Friday, Bezdek used a number seven iron. His ball hit the green on a 137-yard drive, and then rolled seven yards to the cup.

Bezdek shot the second nine holes in thirty-two, three strokes under par. Meyer M. Krull '39, playing the same hole late yesterday, also scored a hole-in-one. Krull used a number five iron.

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## Cherundolo Youngest Lion Football Leader

Have you met Chuck Cherundolo, Lion grid captain for the year? He's a big fellow weighing 192 pounds, has black hair, a broad grin, and a booming deep voice. And he feels his oats after three years of centering on Bob Higgins' Nittany Lion football team.

But most amazing of all is the fact that he is but 20 years old, the youngest football captain in the history of the College and probably the youngest in the country.

But to get his spirit he must be quoted, "I don't want to be the youngest, I want to be the best."

Chuck worked on a construction job this summer, but despite that at one time tipped the scales at 217. He lost the weight rapidly after working out. His mother and father are both interested immensely in his football progress. He has a brother who plays semi-pro ball for the Pittston Athletic Club.

Chuck prefers the defensive part of football and gets a kick out of diagnosing the enemy's offense. He developed the love for defensive play when captain of his high school team at Old Forge.

As for appetite, Cherundolo has a large one. His diet reads the same in all seasons—spaghetti.

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