

WEATHER PACES NITTANY GRIDMEN

Cleverness, Not Power, Called Best Soccer Asset by Jeffrey

Penn State Coach Explains Kicking Theories: Freshmen Aspirants To Report Today

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

Cleverness, not power, is the most important asset a soccer player can have, according to a theory of Bill Jeffrey, Penn State soccer coach.

"Cleverness in ball handling, dribbling, and passing," claims Jeffrey, "is essential to every good soccer player, the same as these assets are essential to every basketball man.

"And power has little place on the soccer field. Again as in basketball, the soccer pass should be short, deliberately directed to a definite teammate. No power kick can ever put the ball in a specific spot," Jeffrey said.

Hard to Break Habit

The hardest thing to break high school soccer players away from is the use of sheer power. Coach Jeffrey, in developing his amazing teams over a ten-year period, has taught Penn State to use a short kick with knee action.

"The power kick," Jeffrey explains, "is caused by keeping the knee stiff and kicking from the hip. As soon as the player begins the use of knee action, his usefulness to the team increases one hundred per cent."

Freshmen to Start Today

Beginning this afternoon, Jeffrey, with the help of Jim Cherry, Penn State captain in 1927, will work with the freshman team. All freshmen who are interested in soccer are asked to report to the soccer field on the golf course at 4 o'clock.

Soccer Soaks

Regulars began drifting into practice all week . . . short scrimmages were held and will be held daily until the players' legs are in condition . . . there is no heavy scrimmaging . . . freshmen, too, were interested and

reported in droves . . . most of them never had played before . . . they must have heard of Penn State soccer teams and Bill Jeffrey's coaching . . . One frosh reported with a sprained ankle, but still was anxious to get started . . . Bill told him to lay off awhile . . .

New varsity arrivals seen this week included Captain Bill McEwan, Carl Waeker, Phil Barnes, Eddie Mandel, et al. . . . Ray Bell, last year's goalie who prevented rivals from scoring all year, was a menace to the team in that he kept other goalies from getting experience . . . A new net-keeper will have to be developed . . . Dick Haag has been playing in the net . . . and a new candidate for the post is Selly Cohn, lacrosse player . . .

In 1934, Jeffrey took a team over to Scotland to play the local boys there . . . other than pleasant memories, the only remains of the trip are Captain McEwan, Bob Dallas, and Woody Corman . . . On the way over, the ship was in a violent storm . . . no Penn State were injured, but many others were . . . Bill Jeffrey has been associated with soccer for thirty-two years . . .

Bill McEwan's brother, Johnny, who starred for Syracuse, and Al Dakin, one of the Nittany Lions' outstanding players, are now associated with the New York American's, pro-league champions . . .

Grid Lines

The boys all prettied up for a battery of photographers early in the week and several funny things happened. Harry Harrison, who evidently has been photographed before, was kicking for a shot. A helpful bystander recovered the ball and kicked it back. It was a perfect shot, knocking Guy Stover's camera right on the bean and knocking it galley-west . . .

Tommy Silvano was caught in a headlong dive on a football. Had he caught the pigskin just a few inches southward the chances are that the respiration machine, Tommy Slusser, would have been needed . . .

Rabbit Wear was photographed without his shoulder pads to help preserve that sylph-like 129-pound appearance. The rabbit had better watch out. Pretty soon he'll be big enough to get hurt.

Players Still Plenty Hot, But It's Mostly the Weather and Tired, Aching Muscles Appear

Selection Of Starting Team To Be Tough During Season

By CHARLES M. WHEELER, JR.

What Lion rosters hope will be the first State football team to brag of in many a day is rapidly rounding into condition on New Beaver field day by day as the second week of practice nears a climax with another heavy scrimmage tomorrow.

The pace this week has lessened due to the toll wrought by the terrific heat that is plaguing grid stalwarts this season. Coach Bob Higgins has babbled the lash a little in comparison to last week to allow the sore and weary muscles of the athletes to get back into tune.

Nevertheless the pace has been hard enough to send the boys into the shower with enough weariness to last the day. Once the numerous minor injuries heal and the weather realizes that September is shedding a few gray hairs, the team will be in shape to go out and after that polish, drive, and finesse it will need in facing its toughest schedule.

Bob Shifts Players About

Scrimmage Wednesday saw many new and different combinations of players coveting over the grid lines. Evidently Bob wants to get away from this first and second team stuff and give everyone an opportunity. Especially are the backs going to cause no end of worry when it comes to select four to start a game. There are ponies and there are plow horses, and the imagination can only guess that the desirability of one will be weighed against the other.

Wendell Wear, the rabbit, looks to be back in his old stride with his accurate passes. But so are Harry Harrison and the veteran red man, O'Hara, doing exceptionally well. We care not who shall bark the signals.

As for the other backs, Patrick is still outstanding with his hard driving running, making it very difficult to keep him on the sidelines at any time. Kyle, Metro, and Silvano all look alike at fullback now and it gets closer every day as the two youngsters learn the plays and the position. The veteran Silvano, in his best condition of his career, is still to be heavily reckoned with.

Sideline observers are waiting until Bill Denise gets back into harness, which may be Saturday. He is supposed to be a driver that equals Patrick. Enders will be back soon to aid the blocking Sammy Donato at number 2 back. Lang, the team's best

Bob Higgins

(This is the first of a series of biographical sketches on Penn State coaches.)

Bob Higgins holds the distinction of being one of the five Penn State gridriders who received all-American recognition. In 1919, Bob was named for an end position on Walter Camp's all-star team. It was in this same year that he made his famous long run to defeat Pitt, which was the last time a Lion team stopped the Panthers.

Once before Higgins received all-American notice. In 1916, Camp picked the Penn State for the second team. Just after he was chosen captain of the Nittany Lions for 1917, Bob went overseas where he became a first lieutenant and served with distinction. He played football there too and was selected on Grantland Rice's "All-A.E.F." team. He returned to State in 1919 and became captain again. He graduated in 1920.

Since 1920, Bob served as coach of West Virginia Wesleyan College and after five seasons there he went to Washington University at St. Louis for three years as head coach. In 1926, Higgins came to Penn State as end coach and in 1930 he became head coach.

This season marks Bob's seventh as Nittany Lion mentor . . . he entered Penn State in 1914 after graduating from Peddie . . . and made the team immediately . . . there was no freshman rule then . . . the freshman ruling was made in 1915 . . . was the only member of his class to make the team as a frosh . . .

gunter, is also being initiated into the mysteries of the position, his former forte being end.

Practice this week has included some instructions in lineman blocking. This department has long been State's offensive weakness. The guards and tackles were given the works on how to pull out of the line and why.

Tor Toretti, with both legs charley-horsed and bruised from head to foot, has been in there every day giving as good account of himself as anyone. Last year's stalwarts, Cherundolo and Economos, are still going strong, but the tackle situation is still a bit acute.

Replacements there are not as numerous as in other positions and the work has not progressed there offensively as it should. Junior Hanley is perhaps giving the most with DeMa-

Stiff Scrimmage Set For Tomorrow, H. S. Game To Follow

rino willing enough. Schuyler shows the effects of the heat and Cornman is making mistakes. Peel is up and coming and will be plenty strong by season time.

Ends Adessa, Barantovich, and Smith are playing equally as well as the other, while Morini has been grabbing his share of passes.

Day by day the selection problem grows tougher and tougher. All of which is a good sign. A few years ago optimists would have been called crazy if they had mentioned that some day State might have enough players that are willing and capable to play them equally in games. This way every one is fresh and can give the most.

Grid Lines

After the big scrimmage tomorrow, the State College high school eleven will inaugurate its season on New Beaver field with Howard high school. Howard is a town a bit to the south, lost in the valley somewhere, but has always had a team that makes it more than interesting for the local lads. The game should be good, and besides it's free to everyone.

Incidentally, the high school has two husky tackles in Phil Hetzel, son of the president, and Whitmore, offspring of the chemistry deacon. Phil weighs 220 pounds, while Whitmore flirts with the 200 mark himself.

Have you noticed how Chuck Chunderolo has been playing the role of iron man? Day in and day out, every minute of the practice he is in there never seeming to tire. In fact he is so strong a fixture that Tor Toretti, whom Bob Higgins says can make any position on the Lion line, has been shifted to guard to keep him from being inactive. And Tor has made good . . .

Tony Sacco was back Wednesday, uniform and all, and was in quite a while. He seems willing to get back into shape, in fact, quite ferocious since that shoe string sneaked up on him . . .

Bill Perlman, who was a flashy high school center, is back again this year, his senior one. Bill has never been particularly impressive here, but when he keeps coming back year after year for more when he got no letter, that takes something . . .

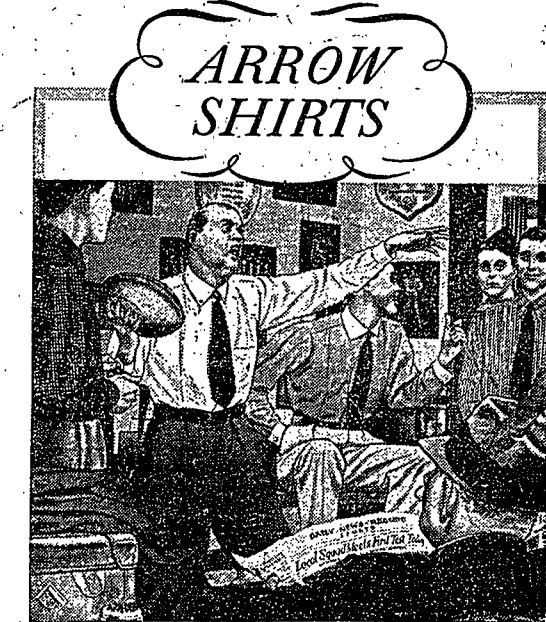
State's Pitchers Set Local Records

Penn State's baseball forces were well represented this summer in the Centre County amateur league as Frank Smith and Joe Didinger finished first and second among the pitchers of their division.

Smith, who won seven games in the spring to lead the Lions to one of their most successful seasons, paced the Centre County league with eight wins and one defeat. He represented the Port Matilda team.

Didinger, who was one of the leading pitchers on Leo Houck's freshman nine last summer, finished the Centre County league season with a record of seven victories and only a lone defeat. Didinger played for the State College nine.

Smith's only losing performance came from State College. With Didinger pitching, the locals stopped Smith, 2-to-1.



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Between the Lions

Theoretically, the physical education and athletic program offered to freshmen and sophomore men at Penn State is ideal. It is ideal in that the set-up allows the students to choose their favorite sports and then spend two hours a week in practice and play.

Actually, the program has its weak points and with such is somewhat of a tiresome course for most students. Poor dressing facilities, over-crowded classes, not enough instruction, and the inconvenience of class hours are just some of the arguments against the type of training given.

Since the men on the physical education staff are powerless to change the existing conditions, and since they do have a good theory in mind, students should not be too discontent.

Freshman and sophomore physical education affects more than one-half the male student body at Penn State. Since so many are concerned, the matter should not be considered lightly as just a one-credit, necessary-evil course. In taking up the two hours per week, it would benefit the freshmen in particular if they carefully choose the activities in which they will spend so much of their time.

Perhaps it would be well to consider the advice given by one of the foremost athletic figures in the East today. He is John Zimnoch, a former member and now a sports authority at the New York Athletic Club. Zimnoch was a famous swimmer, basketball star, and baseball player in his day and is now athletic director at a private athletic club in New York. In addition to this, Zimnoch is an official in the Amateur Athletic Union and

is chairman of the AAU basketball committee in New York.

Despite the fact that he coaches team games, Zimnoch gives this advice to his young students when they enter college:

"Play a sport that you enjoy, first of all. If you like many sports, you must choose one with a look to the future. Pick a sport that you can play when you are out of college, a sport that you can play when you get old.

Nearing the half-century mark, Zimnoch himself is just learning to play golf. Along with golf, he recommends tennis and handball.

More big business deals have been put across on the golf course or over a tennis net than over a big, spacious desk," Zimnoch says.

What Zimnoch says is true. To you freshmen and sophomores, then, consider carefully your physical education program. If you enjoy a sport, look forward to playing it in your physical period. Ask for advice from the staff and they will be glad to give it. And above all, pick a sport that you will enjoy and that you will be able to play when Father Time begins his relentless chase.

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