

# Volley Ball Main Cog in Machine That Builds Great Nittany Soccer Teams

## 'Must Produce To Get On Team', McAndrews Tells Freshman Squad

### Lack of Equipment Causes Mentor To Divide Group; 1st Contact Drill Held Saturday

By FRANCIS SZYMCAK

Coach Marty McAndrews is still faced with the problem of getting a definite outlook on the 125 freshman candidates who have been reporting for football practice during the past week. A shortage of equipment is causing the coach to work this large squad in shifts, so that lack of equipment will not hamper the showing of any prospect.

Saturday's group had the first "contact" drill of the season. Work-

ing in pairs, the ends and backs "double-teamed" the tackles. Marty took one group at a time, watching closely, and checking all errors with the assistance of Michaels and Edwards.

Most of the boys show up well despite the short practice period, but McAndrews has given notice that hard drilling and scrimmaging will begin during the latter part of the week. Asked as to which boys were showing up best, McAndrews answered, "No scholastic record will favor anyone; those who produce on the field, whether all-State holders or from the smallest school, will only earn positions on the squad by what they do in practice."

The freshmen's schedule of five games starts with the encounter against Kiski Prep on October 10, the morning of Alumni Homecoming week-end.

Marty always keeps a whistle in his mouth . . . blasting forth every time he wishes to stop any action . . . Higgins spent some time after the varsity scrimmage in checking over the fresh . . . two freshmen started to scuffle for a chance of getting in line next . . . McAndrews uses the line: "C'mon, roughen it up, none of you can be Brother Elks or Eagles out here" . . .

## 'Blues' Trim 'Whites' In Football Practice

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scorching ten days the weather turned cold for two days and then was suddenly hot again on Saturday.

The game opened with Adessa, Schuyler, Toretti, Cherundolo, Wible, Hanley, Barantovich, Wear, Patrick, Donato, and Silvano on the "blues," and Morini, Palmer, Cornman, DeMarino, Schriber, Zochowski, Scott, O'Hara, Genfilman, Owens, and Kyle playing for the "whites."

**Play Full Quarters**

The practice game was a full 60-minute affair minus one that Bob waived after Metro had counted the second touchdown. Numerous replacements gave most everybody in playing trim an opportunity.

Particularly disgusted with his form was Patrick who did not look good for the first time this year. Harry Harrison gave indication that he was set to sparkle, but has not had as much playing time to work with as formerly.

Players and coaches alike were dissatisfied with the game. Optimistically the game showed many weak points in the offense that can be ironed out before the season opener with Muhlenberg here October 8. No special work has been done on the defense as yet. In recent years the Lions' strongest weapon, it is figured that it can be whipped into shape much quicker than an effective offense.

**H. S. in Aftermath**

In a game after the scrimmage the State College high school soundly trounced Howard high, which your writer learned after his last article, is still lost down the valley but which has never met the local boys on the playing field. It was an interesting exhibition of sloppy tackling and blocking but one of strong spirit and willingness.

**Grid Lines**

It is money that is preventing Walt Komic from returning to the Lion backfield this fall . . . Red O'Hara certainly started his white team out with a flurry of passes Saturday . . . Some of them were good, but more found no receivers . . . The signs are good, though; State will need a strong passing attack this fall . . .

Windy Wear was without wind for a few minutes when he got a bad bump and retired for the day . . . Johnny Economos was out with a sprained ankle but expects to be back in a few days . . . Briggs, a transfer tackle who will be ineligible this year got a bad wrist, too . . .

## Harrier Turnout Below Last Year

By WOODROW W. BIERLY

The illuminating outlook that was predicted two weeks ago for State's cross-country team was somewhat dimmed last week when the harriers reported for the first practice sessions. Instead of the usual line turnout that respond to the first call each year, very few reported. In fact, the number at the present time, after two weeks of college have passed, is smaller than the group that came out at the beginning of the season last year.

Only forty freshmen and twelve varsity men have reported thus far, according to Coach Chick Werner. The fraternity rushing season is believed to have prevented a number of freshmen from trying out for the team, at least up to the present time.

**Fall Track Meet Planned**

Practice thus far has been limited to scarcely more than exercise. The harriers are out, running about a little, a few laps around the golf course each night, just to get over that stiffness. After the boys are limbered up, more strenuous workouts will take place. Time trials will be held and competition will begin. The season opens with the Lehigh meet, scheduled for October 17. A number of track men have turn-

## Joe Bedenk

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

Although Joe Bedenk is entering his seventh season as line coach of Penn State's football forces, he has seen very few games played by the Nittany Lions. One of Joe's main duties is the scouting of rival elevens, and this takes him far from the scene of Penn State battles.

Joe Bedenk is the last Penn State who received a position on an all-American team. He was chosen by Walter Camp as guard on the honor eleven of 1923. He played regular guard here for three years and was also active as an outfielder on the baseball team coached by Hugo Bezdek that won thirty straight games.

For three years after graduation, Joe was line coach, baseball coach, and assistant director of athletics at Rice Institute in Texas. He then went to the University of Florida, where he served in the same capacities until 1929, when he came here and took up his present duties. He was appointed head baseball coach in 1930.

Bedenk is reputed to be one of the most astute scouts in the country . . . His baseball team of the past season was one to boast about . . . during the 1928 season at Florida, the "Gators" were high scorers in the nation . . .

ed out thus far for fall practice, which will last about three weeks. On Wednesday and Thursday, September 30 and October 1, a meet will be held on New Beaver field. It will be a contest among various groups of the Nittany boys.

## Between The Lions

Intramural football will be starting one of these days as part of this College's extensive much-discussed athletic programs for all. But the lord be with the house or club that does not win its first game or two, because that house or club will be dropped from the championship competition rather hastily with but a brief taste of touch football.

The aim of the intra-mural program has been bandied about as "athletics for all." Yet this fall literally hundreds who like to play even a modified form of football will be eliminated so quickly that the competition can hardly be classed as more than a passing fancy.

Now down at Penn where Harvey Harman, the workmaser, coaches, and where it is rumored that subsidization takes place, more students will have the opportunity to play actual football to their heart's content; this fall that will have the opportunity of using to any satisfaction the touch football system up here.

The way the Penn system works is to have four different football squads. Most widely known other than the varsity is the Penn jayvee team or junior varsity. There are two others. Men who are really interested in football play on these teams for which schedules are compiled. If a man shows promise he may be advanced to the team above him in ability. It is all supervised and not by phys ed majors.

Now the fellow that wants to play football wants to play just that. If he wants to fuss around with forward pass or just fuss around for a couple of days, he can go out in the back yard with the pigskin and do his fussing.

The point is this: Somehow or other the brains behind the Penn football situation have been capable

## Practice Game Invented By Coach Bill Jeffrey Develops Freshman Skill

### Optimism Apparent As Team Begins To Take Shape; Goalies Fight for Position

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

Volley ball is the main cog in the machine that builds great soccer teams at Penn State, according to Bill Jeffrey, Lion coach, who is entering his eleventh season here.

The soccer volley ball game, which was invented by Jeffrey, is the same as the court game, with the exception of the ball used. And of course, the players use their feet instead of the hands.

Skill is the outcome of playing soccer volley ball. The game develops confidence in the players—confidence in their form, rhythm, timing—and most of all confidence in knowing that they can place the ball in given spots with ease. A marvelous sense of balance results.

After a week of workouts, featured by daily short scrimmages, the Lion eleven begins to take shape. Although the two players fighting for the goalie position can hardly be called equal to last year's sensational netman, Ray Bell, they are beginning to look good to Coach Jeffrey. Dick Haag and Selly Cohn are about evenly matched at this early date in the battle for a starting assignment.

Jeffrey has made a few shifts in order to fill his vacancies. Dave Waddell has gone to a fullback position from halfback. Painter, shifted from fullback to the halfback line, joins Magrill, a newcomer, and veteran Eddie Mandel in front of the rest of the halfbacks. George Merwin, a sophomore, has good left-footed action and is a threat for first team honors on the halfback line.

## Soccer Socks

A quest for new wings is the main concern of Coach Jeffrey at the moment . . . Woody Hosterman looks good in the outside left spot . . . Borda, a likely-looking newcomer, is out with a bad leg . . . an old injury . . .

Optimism is the keynote of the soccer men, especially among the veterans in general and Jeffrey in particular . . . With most of the team in good physical condition by this time, the short, daily scrimmages will lengthen into full-time games . . . the first one is scheduled for today, with another one on the books for Thursday . . .

Being one of the real experts on the game, Bill Jeffrey is always being called upon by other coaches for advice . . . Jeffrey loves to give it, too . . . the mentor of the Centre Hall high school outfit was here yesterday . . . and he will bring his team down next Wednesday for a scrimmage with the Lion freshmen . . .

Sol Miehoff is being bothered with sore feet . . . and he is trying to toughen them and get into top shape at the same time by running around

of involving a system whereby football players not of varsity caliber can play football, while the college at the same time produces an outfit that goes places nationally.

Of course all this tends to develop players for Penn much the same as Brann Rickey St. Louis Cardinal chain in baseball. It might be done here to discover players that could be developed and keep third and fourth string varsity off the bench.

If the idea is to get everybody to participate in the intra-mural system, why not plan a schedule where every entrant plays an equal number of games and the champion is determined by percentage rather than by elimination. Then maybe somebody besides the fellow calling the signals in the backfield will get his paw on the football and find what it feels like.

—C. M. W., Jr.

Lion booters in 1932, and now one of the leading players on the leading pro team in the country . . . Schuler reminds Jeffrey of last year's all-American captain, Joe Bielicki . . .

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