

# Nittany Lion Basketball Team Will Face 18 Opponents In 1937-38 Season

## BETWEEN THE LIONS

It's a very rare occurrence when scrubs get a chance to shine. Probably for the first time in many a year, the football scrub who rides the bench in a game, never gets his name in the paper, acts as a human tackling dummy during the week, and generally takes a pretty good beating along with it all, came in for some glory on New Beaver field.

The only hitch is that it wasn't just a scrub: It was a whole team of scrubs.

Starting the first full practice scrimmage held by the Nittany Lions this year, the third and last team appeared to be in for a good workout as the second team marched to a touchdown in a few plays Saturday. Then the outlook became darker when the bigger and better first team went into the game against the scrubs.

Taking the ball near its own goal line, the scrub team went right down the field to score a touchdown against the touted regulars.

Although it wasn't a scrub who directed the plays and had a great part in the amazing performance, it was ten scrubs who made it possible and a mighty scrubby scrub who actually notched the score.

Windy Wear, too small to play full time and thus used as a sparkplug instead of a starter, was the quarterback. It was Windy's runs that carried the scrubs down the field and Windy's throws which made the final impression.

But the men behind it all were the backs who were running interference and the linemen who were opening the holes. And it was Angelo Conte, an end who plays for the fun of it, who caught two of Wear's perfect pegs on the last two plays.

Conte's second catch was as much responsible for the touchdown as was Wear's great pass. Conte took the ball out of the hands of a swarm of first team defenders.

It all goes to prove that even a scrub can have his day. It should be remembered that if it weren't for the scrubs, there wouldn't be any finely trained and ready-to-go first team.

Chuck Cherundolo, Penn State's 1936 captain and among the best centers the Nittany Lions can ever boast

about played a full game the other night for the Cleveland Rams, National League professional football team which is coached by Hugo Bezdek, who, until last year was Penn State's Dean of Physical Education and former grid coach.

Another Penn Stater, Bill Cooper, of a few years back, played regular fullback for the Rams last year and was slated to do big things this season. In practice last week, Cooper tore several ankle ligaments and will be out indefinitely.

Although football always takes most of the fall sports interest at Penn State as well as any other place, there is a team competing in the fall which deserves all the attention in the world.

For years, Penn State's soccer team has been among the best in the country. The Lions have not suffered a defeat since 1932, and few teams, if any, can boast of such a record.

The man responsible for all this is Bill Jeffrey, a native Scotsman who has been playing the game ever since he was able to walk. He is one of the outstanding college soccer experts in the game.

Bill has turned out all-Americans year after year, and how he does it is remarkable to see. Bill is the quiet type of coach who uses suggestion and not command as a means of getting results. He never drills his team; rather, he just goes out and plays a friendly game of soccer.

Any student interest in soccer this year will not go wasted. Whether or not Jeffrey will turn out another unbeaten team cannot be predicted. At any rate, the Lions will be something to watch.

### Here They Are-- They'll Cover Fall Sports

Here's a blueprint of the Collegian men who will cover the fall sports calendar:

- Herb Cahan, Alan McIntyre..... Football
- Roy Nichols..... Soccer
- Sal Sala..... Freshman Football
- Bill Joachim..... Cross-Country
- John Troanovitch, Tom Boal, Bruce Trabue..... Intramurals

## Cagers Begin With 3-Game Ohio Circuit

### Squad Loses Only One Man; Prospects Look Bright

Penn State's basketball team will start its 1937-38 campaign with a three-game trip into Ohio during the Christmas holidays. Coach Johnny Lawther's five will face 18 opponents, one more than last year, and the greatest number since 1929.

The schedule, as announced by Bernard J. Burkett '38, opens with the University of Akron, at Akron, O., on December 31. On the 31st the team meets Kent State Teachers College at Kent, O., and on New Year's Day the Lions face Western Reserve in Cleveland.

This will enable the team to get in more actual play before the Penn game than last year. The Lawthermen play Penn January 5 in Philadelphia and with a veteran team returning, hope to avenge last year's 41-33 defeat at the hands of the Quakers.

Rutgers Replaces Yale

Yale is replaced on the schedule by Rutgers, which State has beaten only once in four previous meetings. The Elis eked out a 33-31 win over the Lions last season, making the season's total losses seven out of seven contests.

Jay McWilliams is the only regular lost by graduation, and prospects look bright for Lawther's second year as the Lion court coach. The Blue and White finished third to Pitt and Temple in the 1936-37 Eastern Collegiate Conference race.

The members of the Conference beside State, with whom one home and one away game are played, are Pitt, Temple, Carnegie Tech, West Virginia, and Georgetown.

At the same time that the varsity schedule was made known, the freshman six-game card was also announced. The yearling five will play Dickinson Seminary, Carnegie Tech freshmen, Wyoming Seminary, Pitt freshmen, and Bucknell freshmen twice.

#### Varsity Schedule

Varsity: December 30, University of Akron at Akron, O.; 31, Kent State Teachers College at Kent, O.; January 1, Western Reserve at Cleveland; 5, Penn at Philadelphia; 8, Susquehanna, home; 11, Carnegie Tech at Pittsburgh.

January 15, West Virginia, home; 18, Bucknell, home; 22, Georgetown, home; February 4, Temple at Philadelphia; 5, Georgetown at Washington, D. C.; 8, Temple, home.

February 12, Pitt at Pittsburgh; 19, West Virginia at Morgantown; 26, Syracuse, home; March 2, Car-

## Yearling, Varsity Soccermen Called

Issuing a call for both freshman and varsity soccer aspirants, Coach Bill Jeffrey announced that regular practice for the two groups will begin tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Those interested are asked to report on the soccer practice field on the golf course.

Jim Cherry '27, an instructor in architectural engineering, will assist Jeffrey by coaching the freshmen.

A conversation wherein lies the so-called secret of Bill Jeffrey's four consecutive undefeated teams was heard the other day when two freshman soccer prospects were introduced to the Coach.

Said one freshman: How is the game up here, Bill, pretty rough?

Bill Jeffrey, that genial Scot, smiled and replied: No, we're technicians up here. We don't use that Gas-house Gang stuff. If they play rough, we kick 'em in the pants.

And that's the way it goes. Every man on Bill Jeffrey's team is a man who can handle the ball with his brains as well as his feet. There is no reliance upon brute-strength.

## \$160 In Cash Stolen From Rec Hall Locker

A freshman football candidate may have to leave Penn State even before he enters, with a very bad impression of this college. The reason— he had \$160, his entire savings for matriculating here, stolen from his locker in Recreation Hall last week.

He is John Patrick (not the varsity star) of Central City, Pa. Patrick starred in the backfield of the Shade Township high school eleven. He had expected to register in the lower division of the School of the Liberal Arts.

negie Tech, home; 5, Pitt, home; 9, Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.

Freshman: January 22, Dickinson Seminary, home; February 5, Bucknell, home; 12, Carnegie Tech, home; 25, Bucknell at Lewisburg; 26, Wyoming Seminary at Kingston; March 5, Pitt, home.

## Batsmen Cop 25 Out of 33 Over Brilliant 2-Year Span

Riding the crest of an eight-game winning streak extending from 1936, Penn State's rampaging baseball team notched an even dozen victories in 16 starts last season to compile one of the most impressive records in eastern collegiate baseball annals.

Well fortified in pitching strength with Frank Smith and Benny Simoncelli, the Lions rang up 25 wins in 33 games over the two-year span. Aiding in the 1935 drive was towering Bill Ford, who has been signed by the Boston Bees.

Smith, who was named State's most outstanding athlete just before he was graduated last June, and Simoncelli, captain-elect of next year's nine, each contributed an even half-dozen wins last spring. Simoncelli capped the successful campaign with a brilliant two-hit masterpiece against Syracuse in the season finale here. For eight and one-third innings, he hurled no-hit, no-run ball.

Michoff Sparkplug of Team

Sparkplug of the team's offense was diminutive Sol Michoff, star three-sport man and captain-elect of this fall's soccer team. Michoff's bat provided State with a scorebook full of runs and his flawless fielding spiked numerous enemy threats.

Rounding out the first team were Co-captain Mike Kornick, catcher; Mel Vonax, first base; George Slabodan, second base; Johnny Waters, third base; Harry Harrison, shortstop; Ray Brake, center field; and Joe Adessa, right field. Others who saw considerable action were Nick Wassel, Windy Wear, Don Crossin, Joe Didinger, Bob Steckel, and Herb Peterson.

The batsmen, coached by Joe Bedenk, bombed George Washington and Navy in their season inaugural, then slumped suddenly at the plate, bowing to Princeton and barely edging West Virginia twice and Colgate before losing a pair to Gettysburg and Villanova.

Emerging from their hitless spell, the Lions clawed Army, Susque-

## Olexy, Henderson Take 3rd, 5th In Marathon

Pete Olexy, Penn State's cross-country captain, and Len Henderson, another hill-and-daler, finished third and fifth, respectively, in the North-eastern Pennsylvania A. A. U. championship five-mile marathon held at Scranton Sunday.

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