

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

Charles "Chuck" Cherundolo, the 1936 grid captain who merely received a weak All-American mention from the "experts," has displaced the greatest snapper-back Purdue has had from the center position on the Cleveland Rams.

The fact that great players are engulfed in the shadows of losing teams is strongly strengthened when an All-American center, Charles "Cookie" Miller, who also received All-National League rating in 1933, is forced to seek a new position to make room for a freshman. Miller will see action at the guard post.

The ex-Boilermaker and the former Nittany star tussled neck-and-neck but finally Chuck proved to the "experts" that he had something. Now sportswriters claim that Cherundolo is a DiMaggio in football harness—a potential star of the first magnitude.

Says Hugo Bezdek, coach of the Rams, "He's one of the greatest players I've seen in several years." As for trading Chuck, Bezdek answered, "There's no price tag on him and he's not for sale."

Just a year ago when Penn State's football team was going through that terrible stage when numerous injuries gave the season's outlook a dark shadow, this column criticized Coach Bob Higgins for making the team

seem to early. A year later, we have today the same injuries, perhaps more serious, perhaps less serious. This time, however, we are stringing along with Bob and pointing out the other side of the story.

Every team must go through the painful period when charley horses crop out, blisters bubble, and such things happen. The Nittany Lions are no exception, this year or last.

Higgins has been in the coaching business for eight years and has the respect of his fellow-coaches throughout the country. That there are injuries is unfortunate. But to blame it on early scrimmaging seems absurd at this point.

And while speaking of injuries, the new trainer, Jack Hulme, is brought to mind. Jack is a mighty busy man these days. It's rumored that he is kept busy until far into the night trying to get the boys in playing condition.

Much depends on Hulme at this point and in less than ten days when the season starts. Lion reserves are mighty few and not especially powerful. If the first team's condition is top-notch, there may be the difference between a good year and a bad one.

Optimistic until the many injuries hit him, Bob Higgins is beginning to feel the winds of pessimism. Support from the students and a cheery atmosphere from all will help the Lions toward a better year.

# HIGGINS LIGHTENS GRID DRILL

## Seeks Strong Replacements For Two Stars

### Economos, DeMarino Still Out; Many Minor Hurts

By HERB CAHAN  
With Carl Shaveley searching for a smooth backfield combination at Cornell to use against Penn State, Coach Bob Higgins is also doing a little looking around—for another passer besides Windy Wear, another kicker besides Lloyd Ickes, a guard to start in the place of the injured Co-capt. Johnny Economos, and good reserves at tackle, guard, and center.

The Big Red will have a veteran line facing State at Ithaca a week from tomorrow, and Coach Higgins had hoped to send his strongest combination into the opener. But with Economos a doubtful starter at guard and the possibility that Danny DeMarino will see service in only part of the game because of his strained back, the Lions will be considerably weakened at these two vital posts.

Ickes Stars  
The squad has had only one heavy scrimmage this week since quite a few of the gridgers are suffering from bruises and minor injuries. Coach Higgins has been concentrating on his pass attack and defense, kicking, light drills, and blackboard sessions. Wear, DeMarino, Tony Giannantonio, Harry Harrison, and Johnny Patrick did not take part in Tuesday's scrimmage. Ickes, of whom Coach Higgins says that he "wouldn't mind having 22 as naturally equipped and as enthusiastic," was the stand-

## Little But Mighty Donato Blocks Ferociously

(This is the second in a series of personality sketches on members of the 1937 football team.)

By ALAN G. McINTYRE  
How far would the great Red Grange have gotten without Britton's blocking? Would Chris Cagle have terrorized Army opponents for four years without Johnny Murrell to clear the way? Football's forgotten man—the blocking back.

Penn State has its own unsung hero in the person of 155 pound Sammy Donato, blocking back extraordinary. Sammy might not make the headlines for spectacular open field dashes or sensational forward passing, but his teammates recognized his value to the team and chose him as their co-leader for the coming grid campaign.

But Penn State hasn't overlooked Sammy. They know the calibre of work he produces, and Penn State thinks the world of him. The days of the unseen blocker are over since spectators have become more "eleven conscious."

Sammy is the idol of his home town, Dunmore. They arranged for a special broadcast in their section of the State of the 1936 Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing championships. That was the year he beat Tiger McGivern of Syracuse for the 145 pound title. He claims he received his greatest thrill when the referee announced him as the winner.

Sammy is also captain of this year's edition of the Lion boxing squad. A cousin taught him how to box and he won the first tournament he entered when just fifteen years old. He played on the famous football team at Dunmore High that Silvano, and the O'Horas, former Lions, played on, the best team in Dunmore history.

Besides holding down the fullback assignment on the gridiron, Sammy also took care of the hot corner and captained the baseball team. His kid brother is following in his footsteps, and is now playing in the Dunmore backfield.

Sammy followed his former teammates to Penn State, winning recognition as a back on the freshman grid team; and also as captain of the frosh boxing team. He was elected president of "Druids," sophomore honorary, and now is a member of Parini Nouns, upperclass honorary.

Kids used to call him "Donuts" . . . always asks for second and thirds on spaghetti . . . enjoys shooting pool . . . hopes to coach and teach phys ed . . . an Alpha Phi Delt . . . Duke's Danny Farrar gave him his toughest battle . . . not interested in a professional boxing career . . . his Dad runs a Dunmore hotel . . . blondes or brunettes—they're all the same to him . . . every game he started as a sophomore the Lions won . . . when he didn't start, they lost . . . believes that the team has the stuff to get by Cornell and go undefeated to the Pitt game . . . and if they go that far undefeated, even Pitt won't stop them . . .

## Lion Booters Start Daily Scrimmages

### Schuler Outstanding At Half, Fullback Positions

With one eye on the opening game with Gettysburg on October 2 and the other on prospects to fill the vacancies left by Osterlund, Barnes, and McEwan, Coach Bill Jeffrey began daily scrimmages on Tuesday afternoon.

Early scrimmages portend little, but at the very start Bob Schuler showed that he plays as cleverly in the offensive halfback position as he does at the defensive fullback post. Schuler has the timing and accuracy that make varsity players. Now a sophomore, Schuler played last year on the freshman team. He is a product of Northeast high school, who have been for 12 years champions of the Philadelphia Public High Soccer League.

Approximately 25 soccermen are vying for varsity berths. Among the newcomers are Werner Lange, Harry Peifer, and Jack Mallory, all of whom play forward positions. Veteran forwards who are practicing are Sam Davies, Bill Miller, Dick Wild, and Captain Sol Miehoff. Carl Wacker suffered a knee injury while playing during the summer session. He has not reported for practice yet.

Another regular who has not begun scrimmaging is Eddie Mandel. Ed has been working for the College since the post-session, and last Saturday went to Philadelphia to take a Civil Service examination.

Goal duty will be divided between Dick Haag and Hank Schweitzer, both of whom saw action on the varsity last year. At fullback Dick James, Walt Painter, Dave Weddell, and Bill Borda will be giving each other plenty of competition.

Veterans Fred Spiker, Jim Ickes, Frank Megrail, Ab Taylor, together with some promising sophomores makes up the halfback material. Freshmen started practice yesterday under the coaching of Jim Cherry '27, former Lion soccer captain.

## Tall, Heavy Pigskin Toters Prominent On Frosh Eleven

The freshman football squad boasts an aggregation of tall and heavy fellows. Coach Marty McAndrews can make two teams whose average height would be more than six feet and still have two six-foot substitutes on the bench. McAndrews can also put out a team whose average weight would be more than 190 pounds and then he would have two reserves who could go in and keep the weight average up. In short, 24 on the yearling squad are six feet or more while 13 of the boys tip the scales at better than 190.

Above them all stands Harry Dennis. Harry stretches the tape to the six-foot four-inch mark and whips

the weight hand to the 210-pound line. He played tackle on his high school team in Downingtown.

Harvey Beahm, high school teammate of Harry Harrison, has reported to Marty. He carries with him a rep for being an accurate, bee-line pigskin passer. In fact, proud Philadelphians claim that our High School Harrison was the only man on the West Philly eleven who could hold Harvey's passes. Beahm spent one year at the Chestnut Hill Academy before coming to State. He is a 175-pound six-footer.

The name of Crowell once again will appear on Penn State's scorecards, only this time not under the heading of "officials."

Bob, son of Bill Crowell, 'one time State referee, has selected to enroll in the College from a list of eastern colleges. Bob towers to a height of 6 feet and one inch and weighs 179 pounds.

## Bischoff Named Head Of Gymnastic Squad

Eugen C. Bischoff, assistant professor of Physical Education and Athletics and faculty adviser to the Intramural Board, has been named coach of Penn State's gymnastics team, it was learned yesterday. Bischoff, a graduate of Oberlin College, succeeds Julian Glasser, School of Chemistry and Physics, who resigned.

Bischoff is the fourth new coach to be named here in the past few months. Phil Moonves '32, former Nittany Lion baseball and football star, and Albert Hook, a graduate of John Carroll University, Cleveland, O., recently were appointed freshman football coaches, succeeding James O'Hara, who resigned to take a position as high school athletic coach.

John Lawther, basketball mentor, was appointed to succeed Bob Lake as coach of tennis. Lake, a graduate assistant in physics, resigned. Jack Hulme has been named trainer, succeeding Tommy Slusser, who accepted a position as boxing coach at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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