

BETWEEN THE LIONS

Coach Bob Higgins has a tough assignment on his hands tomorrow. A Penn State team has never been able to defeat an eleven coached by Carl Snavelly, Cornell's grid technician.

In 1922, when Snavelly was coaching Kiski, the Nittany Lion freshmen were trimmed, 31-0. When Snavelly was coaching at Bellefonte Academy from 1923 until 1927, his prep eleven topped the freshmen again.

During Snavelly's reign at Bucknell, the Bison buffaloed the Lions no less than four times.

Snavelly's first team at Cornell last year took a hard-fought 13-7 decision from Penn State.

Another point will be settled tomorrow in the season's opener for both teams. In seven meetings dating from 1893, each team won three games and tied once.

Cornell has a powerful line and the return of a few backs who were believed out for the season gives the Big Red an advantage over Penn State.

What would have been a powerful Nittany Lion line was smashed when Johnny Economos was injured and Carl Stravinsky, a competent reserve tackle, went out with a broken leg.

Much of the success of both teams depends upon the outcome of tomorrow's game.

Much as the heart would will otherwise, Cornell gets the nod from this columnist by the same count as last year, 13-7.

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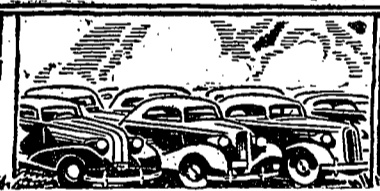
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Adopt 20-Point IM Grid Plan

Board Okays Plan To Cut Injury Toll

Rules Aim To 'Open Up' Game By Lessening Bodily Contact

By JOHN TROANOVITCH
A football Utopia at Penn State—minus all injuries.

With that aim in mind, Gene Bischoff's "brain-child" for intramural football took definite form Tuesday afternoon when the Intramural Board adopted his new 20-point setup, embodying the most outstanding features of the various intramural codes used throughout the leading colleges in the nation.

Stating tersely in the preamble to the rules that "this game is not a modified form of regulation football" but "a non-physical contact type of game," the Board approved sweeping changes designed to open up the game and minimize the possibilities of injuries.

In short, highlights of the new program include: Unrestricted eligibility regarding pass receivers. Legalization of passes from any point in the field.

Elimination of crouching stances in scrimmage.

Prevention of charging and hip-and-shoulder blocking.

Augmentation of penalties, especially in case of interference by or with pass receivers.

Extension of the "dead ball" rule to embrace fumbles, punts, and kickoffs.

Adoption of an extra four-down period to decide tied games.

Substitution of a five-man line and four-man backfield for the regulation 11-man team.

Perhaps the most revolutionary of the changes is the one permitting a pass—forward, backward, or lateral—to any player from any position on the field provided the man in possession of the ball has not been touched.

In the case of an incompleting forward pass, even though preceded by a lateral, the ball will be declared dead and returned to the original scrimmage line with only the loss of a down. However, the rule adds, an incompleting lateral or backward pass is a free ball. "If the defense recovers the ball," the rule says, "it is dead at the point of recovery. If the offense recovers the ball, the player has the option of making another regulation play."

In line with the policy to open up the game, a new "reciprocal" penalty for interference in pass plays also has been adopted. Interference with a pass receiver will give the offense possession of the ball 10 yards beyond the point of interference. On the other hand, interference on the part of the offense will be penalized by the loss of a down and 10 yards from scrimmage.

Also adopted was a stringent "blanket" penalty, giving the defending team possession of the ball at the "spot of violation" should the offensive club break any of the rules for which a specific penalty is not provided. A defensive violation will re-

turn the ball to the offense at the spot of violation.

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Maker Of Champs



BILL JEFFREY

Subs Reinforce Lion Soccermen

By ROY B. NICHOLS
"Penn State's soccer team is just as good, just as strong as last year's team was at this time of the season."

This is Coach Bill Jeffrey's opinion of the team that will line up against Gettysburg here on Oct. 2. Said Bill: "If anything, the team is stronger, for we have some good reserves."

Injuries Bother Men
Although injuries are bothering Borda, Weddell, and Megrail, all three will probably be in shape long before the opener. Many of the other players are suffering from the usual run of bruises, sore feet, and charley horses.

Jeffrey is pleased with the improvement shown by Carl Wacker, wingman, in scrimmages. . . . Ab Taylor and Jack Mallory look good at half-back and outside left, respectively. . . . Harriet Kalar, Chi O, is the team's nomination for mascot this year. . . . she replaces Jo Hobart who was graduated last June. . . . Ab Taylor practices with a mullah in the Phi Kappa Sig house. . . . the other day he successfully dribbled past two armchairs and a davenport and sank a scorching shot in the fireplace. . . .

Scoring four times against a weak Centre Hall high school team, the frosh soccermen allowed the visitors only one goal in a practice game on Wednesday afternoon. The stellar performance of Spellman at center half highlighted the game.

Taylor, center forward, tallied twice for the freshmen. Hartman racked up the third score and the last goal bounced from a Centre Hall player in a scrimmage in front of the net.

Other players in the freshman lineup were: Davidson, goal; Miller, right fullback; Beamer, left fullback; Luellen, right halfback; Bigott, left halfback; Meisner, outside right; Bradford, inside left; and Rittenhouse, outside left.

The frosh will kick off against Centre Hall again next Tuesday in another practice game.

Both Cornell, State Employ Warner's Single Wing-Back

(First in a series of articles on the football systems of Penn State and its opponents).

By AL McINTYRE

Lining up against Cornell tomorrow, the old Warner system a la Higgins is ready, willing, and able to make a successful 1937 debut on the shores of Lake Cayuga.

Fans at tomorrow's game will see a battle of two almost identical systems. Both Carl Snavelly and Bob Higgins use a dyed-in-the-wool Warner single wing-back formation. This form of offense is used by many of the most successful teams in the country, and it is always a subject of controversy as to whether it is more effective than the Rockne system.

A balanced offensive line is employed only on kick formations, whereas an unbalanced line is used for the regular offensive formation. The center is weakened on offense because he must first pass the ball before he can block, a difficult handicap.

For greater strength at the focal point of attack, both tackles play beside each other on the same side of the line. The forward wall then lines up: end, guard, center, guard, tackle, tackle, end. The side on which the two tackles play is known as the strong side. In right formation the strong side is to the right, and to the left on left formation.

The weak side end plays about a yard apart from his guard. The rest of the line is closely knit. The guards are used quite often as running interference, pulling out of the line and leading the play. The tackles are right in the thick of things on every play. The strong side end usually teams up with the wing-back in taking out the defensive tackle.

In the offensive backfield, the wing-back, or No. 1 back, plays behind and to the outside of the strong side end. He blocks, receives passes, and carries the ball on reverses. The No. 2 back lines up about a yard behind the tackle, and is known as the block-

ing back. He seldom, if ever, carries the ball, but blocks on every play.

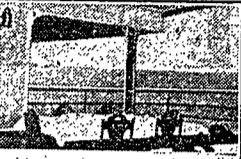
Three yards behind the strong side guard, the No. 3 back takes his position. Usually the line-crushing full-back, he takes the ball on line bucks, spinners, and reverses. The No. 4 back is the triple-threat man if the coach can find one. He lines up four yards behind the center, carries the ball often, does most of the passing, and is the punter on quick-kicks.

Both Cornell and State use a 6-2-2-1 defensive formation. State's strong side end crashes, the tackles and the guards are on their own, and the weak side end sifts into the backfield. The center plays out of the line except when inside his own 25-yard line. A combination zone and man-to-man pass defense is used.

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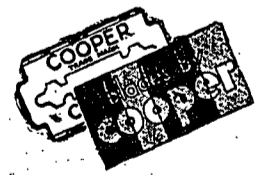
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