

COURTMEN RIP BISONS, 51-21

Polish Rough Edges— Aim Of Lion Coaches

By JOHN A. TROANOVITCH

They were just like a typical October day—smooth in the middle but crisp around the edges.

Held without a score during the first two minutes although continually flirting with the hoop, John Lawther's 1938 advance special suddenly steamed out of port, burying Bucknell's bewildered Bisons under a barrage of old goals to win, 51-21, in a demonstration game highlighting the first annual basketball clinic before 2,500 spectators here Saturday night.

Tribute to Lawther

Whizzing down the middle on a well-screened sucker play, ripping the cords with amazing backhand and overhead flips, and tightroping Bucknell's passing attack with a gap-plugging zone defense, three complete Lion teams paid a pre-season tribute to the basketball cunning of Lawther.

Shifty, snake-hipped Sol Miehoff, his soccer tops just recently discarded, paced State's scorers with five double-deckers for 10 points. Runner-up was stocky Milan Buchan with seven points. Every one of the other 13 Lion courtmen garnered at least one point, with the exception of tall Sandy Kranich, still handicapped

with an ailing elbow. Thwarted by State's tight defense, Bucknell's mediocre machine made only four field goals but added 13 of 18 foul-shot tries to run up the score to 21. Never throughout the game were the Bisons even within striking distance of the Lions.

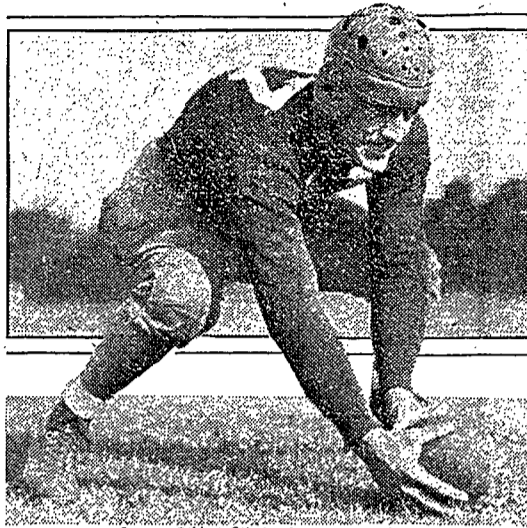
Augurs Well, But—

All this augurs well for State, but to Lawther and Freshman Coach Nick Thiel, who is assisting Lawther, it means three more weeks of polishing the rough edges that at times jettied out like Jimmy Durante's nose. The Lions open their season with a three-day circuit to Akron, Kent, and Western Reserve on December 30, 31 and January 1.

Lawther's starting lineup included Miehoff and Joe Proksa, forwards; Charley Frosser, center; Jake Reichbach and Acting Captain Max Corbin, guards.

Comprising the No. 2 array were Sonny Hoffman and Joe Hetra, forwards; Bill Stopper, center; Howard McWilliams and Kranich, guards. On the No. 3 combine were Herb Peterson and Bill Shira, forwards; Rhodes, center; Buchan and George Chalmers, guards.

Pitt Just A Warmup For Pros



CAPT. CHUCK CHERUNDOLDO - PENN STATE

Chuck Carries On Iron Man Role With Rams

We knew he was good, but nobody else seemed to think so.

Last year when All-American teams were flooding the press columns, the name of Penn State's Chuck Chierundolo was usually found buried in the honorable mention list. This despite the fact that he was acclaimed almost unanimously by opposing coaches as one of the greatest centers they had ever seen.

Last spring Chuck's name dominated the poll conducted by a Philadelphia paper picking a team of eastern college stars to face the Philadelphia Eagles in a pre-season all-star game. Viewed this time by scouts who were interested in individual ability and not in team records, Chuck's usual fierce tackling, hard charging, and dependable playing with his adeptness at diagnosing the moves of the offense, gained him a professional football contract with the Cleveland Rams.

Averages 55 Minutes a Game Since then he has played an average of 55 minutes a game in the toughest racket of them all—pro football. The center Penn State fans will never forget stopped over in State College this week end on his way to his home in Old Forge, and had many interesting things to say about his impressions of the pro game. "Any college player who is concentrating on football coaching as a career should play at least one season on a pro team," was his first comment. "I believe I learned more about the game with the Rams than in all my college playing experience."

Pitt Not So Tough Chuck roomed with Julian Alphonse, halfback and co-captain of last season's great Minnesota team. Their typical day called for an early breakfast with field practice from 9:30 to 10:30 o'clock. A half an hour was then devoted to skull practice in which scouting notes were gone over thoroughly. At 11 o'clock the day was over as far as football was concerned.

Chuck verified the generally-accepted fact that the pro game is much tougher than collegiate football, but he enjoyed it almost as much. Regarding a scribe's opinion that Pitt's powerful Panther parade was better than most professional teams, Chuck, who played against Pitt's present junior team when they were sophomores last year, said "Pitt's almost as tough, but any National League club could really knock the tar out of 'em."

minutes to give State a 21-14 victory. Then, of course, there were the defeats of Gettysburg, Lehigh, Bucknell, and Penn. No matter what the calibre of the latter, the whitewashing of the traditional foe, the Quakers, by a 7 to 0 count, was more than welcome, coming after an eight-year wait. The loss to Pitt will remain on the books as an indication of the true superiority of that all-American student aggregation.

Flashy Lion Gridders, Paced By Wear, Pleased Followers

By HERB CAHAN

The biggest disappointment to Penn State football followers this past season was the fact that Harry Harrison, Windy Wear, Johnny Patrick, or Steve Rollins didn't dash off for any touchdown runs from kickoff's as was accomplished twice, and almost three times, last year. The answer: all our opponents were prepared for the only threat of the weak, "we're seniors" outfit of 1936.

But, with very few exceptions, Nittany Lion fans were much pleased with the showing of Bo Higgins' peppy 1937 squad. They gave exhibitions of some of the flashiest, most thrilling football witnessed this year. And, of course, it goes without saying that the man most responsible for this showing was the 135-pound jack-rabbit pepper-pot, Wendell W. Wear.

Lifted Lions From Doldrums Not to slight the sterling performances given by the entire State squad, Windy did more toward pulling the Blue and White out of the gridiron doldrums than any other player, a fact acknowledged by his teammates and coaches. His brainy field-generalship, especially in "tight spots," was almost perfection itself; his dashing, ball-carrying abilities rate him among the best; and his pass slinging ability stands unquestioned.

Not to be lost in the continued, worthy praises being showered on Windy, are the brilliant performances registered by his partner-in-trouble—making-for-opponents, Harry Harrison, who has been named on six all-opponent teams, and with the Rabbit was given all-American mention by the Associated Press. It seems a shame that the powers-

that-be in all-American selections have overlooked an end who has the defensive and offensive abilities of the Wysockis, Hollands, Souchaks, and Sweeneys, and was completely forgotten in the annual "all" selections—Alex Barantovich, who rates as the most consistent performer on the Lion squad, offensively and defensively.

Will Miss Seniors

The team will, no doubt, miss the services next year of the graduating veterans, Co-captains Sammy Donato and Johnny Economos, Danny DeMarino, Dud Enders, Joe Adessa, Carl Waugaman, Frank Sills, and Tim Wible, but with the juniors and sophomores on this year's squad and the more-than-promising group of freshmen, things should be still a little brighter for Nittany football in 1938—barring, of course, injuries and other losses.

The season will go down in the record books as one of five wins and three defeats. But what posterity will not know is how close two of those losses were to victories or ties; and how near one of those wins was to a loss or a tie. The Cornell and Syracuse games were lost in the dying minutes of play by 20-19 and 19-13 scores, respectively; and Windy Wear and Harry Harrison combined to push over the winning touchdown of the Maryland game in the last two

Gridders, Co-Eds Clash In Hockey

Nemeth, Tor Torretti, and Bernie Briggs rolled up a score of 4-0 against the weaker sex. The boys didn't know the rules, Miss Haidt, the referee shouted herself hoarse, and a couple of dogs who insisted on joining the game added to the confusion prevalent.

The girls were a bunch of softies and the football players who opposed them in a field hockey game on Holmes field undoubtedly accounted for more than one bloomer button as Ted

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