

Lion Footballers Hampered By Numerous Injuries

I.M. Sports To Start Soon

Football, Cross-Country, Golf-Putting, Swimming, Horseshoes Are Slated

Fall intramural sports are expected to get under way shortly after a meeting of the intramural board next week. Director Eugene C. Bischoff has announced.

The fall program will include touch football, swimming, golf putting, cross country, and horseshoe competition.

Entry fee for football teams will



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Higginsmen Show Fine Spirit; Two Scrimmage Sessions Are Held

Petrella Shines In Long Practice Run; Frketch Reports To Lion Drills

By DICK PETERS
It ain't no fun!!!!
That's the way the Nittany Lion football squad SHOULD be feeling about their practice drills, because as each day goes by a new batch of injuries seems to spring up to bog down the progress of the Blue and White grid machine.

he one dollar. For golf putting the fee will be 10 cents per man, horseshoes 25 cents per man and swimming one dollar per team.

Cross country fee will be 25 cents per man, with only the first three men of a team crossing the finish line considered in the scoring.

The fall program may be slightly handicapped by lack of available fields. Bischoff indicated. The new field on the golf course will not be available for intramurals until spring.

No outstanding changes are contemplated in this year's program. Football shooting and other activities may be added to the winter program, it has been announced.

Between 50 and 60 teams are expected to compete for the 1939 intramural football cup.

Fans, who have been watching the Lions in their daily double workouts will attest to the fact that the '39 edition of pigskin warfare is right in there when it comes to the old college spirit, especially in the two scrimmage sessions which were held last Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

But all the spirit in the world won't prevent injuries to the squadmen. Just run over this list of casualties and then wonder, if you must, why blue is the favorite color of the Lion coaching staff right now. The most serious is Chuck Medlar, sophomore tackle, who is having leg trouble and won't be able to get back in uniform for at least a week. Ankle and leg injuries seem to be the style for the Nittany gridgers, with Captain Spike Alter, Craig White, Bill Smaltz, Leon Gajek, all having that sort of trouble.

Kniatz Has Bad Cut

Walt Kniatz, counted on as one of the best tackle bets, is sporting a nasty gash on the left side of his nose, and has been forced to take it easy for the past several days. Ted Nemeth and Jim Woodward, guards, pulled out of the line in Friday morning's drill and accidentally charged into each other, which resulted in head injuries to both men. Although the injuries are numerous, none are so serious as to cause the permanent loss of any of the players. However, the casualties hamper the drills and have slowed the Higginsmen up considerably.

A bright spot in Wednesday's scrimmage session was the play of Pepper Petrella, diminutive sophomore halfback. On the first play after he entered the skirmish, the Pepper swung around end, picked up his interference, threaded his way along the sideline and cut back down the center of the field to score on an 80-yard jaunt. It was one of the headiest pieces of running this writer has ever seen. Petrella may turn out to be a big "little" asset to the Lions this fall.

Frketch Reports

The Lions got another boost when Len Frketch, gigantic sophomore tackle prospect, reported last week. Frky had been ill at his home and was unable to report earlier, but is expected to make a lot of trouble for the veteran tackles for a starting berth.

Coach Bob Higgins issued a fresh call for candidates for the newly-inaugurated "JayVee" team which has two games scheduled—Cornell here and Navy at Annapolis. The present plans are to use a number of the varsity third and fourth stringers, but more men are needed to fill out the "B" team roster. All upperclassmen who would like to try out for the squad are asked to report for physical examinations and get uniforms. The new men will work out with the varsity until time comes for selection for the JayVee squad.

Frosh Gridmen To Begin Drills

With approximately 35 men in uniform and out every day for informal practice sessions, Freshman grid Coach Marty McAndrews expects to get organized practice drills underway on Thursday. Coach McAndrews has been avoiding the regular practice sessions until after the conclusion of Freshman Week so as to not interfere with the players' schedules.

The Cubs open with the Pitt freshmen team but three weeks hence, so Coach McAndrews and his all-State assistants will have to work fast to whip an eleven into shape for the opener.

John Lawther, Lion basketball coach, spent the summer teaching a coaching course in basketball and a course in safety education at the University of Texas.

The earth is 33,900,000,000 years old, according to Dr. Alois F. Kovarik, Yale University physicist.

BETWEEN THE LIONS

"This is the year!"
There, in four short words and an exclamation point, is the season's most hackneyed phrase and the perennial battle cry of Nittany Valley.

To the green-as-grass freshman entering State this old idiom holds some exciting and mysterious meaning which will in time be disclosed to each and every member of the Class of '43.

To the suspicious sophomore this sentence is still a ponderous and perplexing problem—the answer to which may present itself by the end of football season.

To the hardened junior the expression holds little more significance than Dewey's utterance at Manila or the town and campus slogan "You can get it at Getzgers!"

To the barnacle senior the phrase is a four-word fairy tale that will never come true, an absolutely impossible motto, and a dirty lie.

To "The Higg," as Coach Bob Higgins is known around some of the more fashionable Turkish baths, the expression is a horrible hoodoo. But you can mark this down right now: The Higg is in there plugging doubly hard this year to produce a team that will make this paradox a reality. And from all I have seen and heard at practice sessions for the past week, he has a bunch of boys that are going to hate like hell to be losers at anything from a quilting contest to a Latin-American revolution.

To me (if you have read this far) the passage "This is the year" provides a convenient beginning for the gridiron propaganda and football fiddle-de-dee that will appear at intervals in this space for the next few months.

Plotsam and jetsam from the summer sports tide Eddie Dooley, in his annual football mar, names Lion captain Spike Alter, end, and Leon Gajek, center, to the All-American check list. Another list predicting the sophomore stars of the 1939 season includes Bill Smaltz, triple-threat fullback, Len Frketch, 300-pound tackle; and Mike Garbinski, rugged guard. Whitey Rhoda, former Lion football and boxing star, was named head coach of all sports at South Williamsport High School. He succeeds Lou Barth, another former Nittany gridder who resigned for an assistant's post at Lower Merion High School. Rhoda was selected from a list of more than 50 applicants.

Jack Brand, Nittany golfer and younger brother of Fred Brand, former Lion basketball and links captain, recorded a hole-in-one at Edgewood Country Club near Pittsburgh this summer. Using a Number 7 iron, Jack scored his ace on the 138-yard 14th hole. Windy Weather.

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Seven Lion Grid Battles Certain To Be Broadcast

With seven of their eight games already certain to be broadcast this fall, the Nittany Lion football team is set to enter their second year of gridiron airings. Negotiations are still hanging fire for a broadcast of the Army game at West Point on November 18.

The games this year are being sponsored by the Atlantic Refining Company, with Jack Barry, who handled the Lion home games last season, scheduled to describe the goings-on during the Bucknell, Lehigh, Cornell, and Maryland battles.

Tom McMahon will be at the microphone for the Syracuse game, Paul Douglas, now on with the Fred Waring program, will handle the Pennsylvania game in Philadelphia, while a last minute change finds Woody Wolfe broadcasting the Pitt game.

The stations which will handle the broadcasts of the Lion contests follow:

Bucknell—WWSW, Pittsburgh
Lehigh—KDKA, Pittsburgh
Cornell—WESG, Syracuse
WGR, Buffalo, WHEC, Rochester
WIBX, Utica, WSYR, Syracuse
W N B F, Binghamton, KDKA
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Syracuse — WFBL, Syracuse
W G Y, Schenectady, WWSW, Pittsburgh

Penn — WCAU, Philadelphia, WPG, Atlantic City, WHP, Harrisburg; WKOK, Sunbury, KDKA, Pittsburgh, WGBI, Scanton
Pittsburgh — WCAE, Pittsburgh, WFBG, Altoona; WLEU, Erie; WTBO, Cumberland, Md
Maryland—KDKA, Pittsburgh

ROTC To Start Sept. 25
No ROTC classes will be held before September 25. On and after that date the uniform must be worn for all drills.

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