

Booters Start Practice Drills For Tilt With Gettysburg

Dr. Elwood C. Davis, professor of physical education and athletics spent 12 weeks this summer at the University of Southern California. There he held the directorship of athletics, led a research seminar in the teaching of health and physical education, and taught administration of health education.

Wernermen Open Drills

Conditioning For 'Suicide Schedule' Now Under Way

By ED HALL

For a team with a schedule that's supposed to be the next best thing to tuning on the gas, ramming a knife in your belly or hanging yourself, the aptly named "suicide slate", Chick Werner and his "boys in white" are hearing up well against the oncoming stain.

Taking it easy during the first week, (fraternity rushing has occupied most of the time of the Blue and White's current crop of battle greats) the cross countrymen will concentrate on conditioning and will not work into the five-mile grind until the early part of next week.

Harriers Already Practicing

Heading the harriers already practicing are Captains Frank Maule and "Wild Bill" Smith, whose winged shoes took "first" in the IC-4A meet in New York City last winter. Lettermen Herb Nipson and Graham Miller are also working out daily as is Heiman Gottberg, standout on last year's freshman outfit. Jim Hostettler, Chet Snyder and Stuart Rhodes.

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Team Needs Forwards; Bigott Won't Return To College This Semester

Mont Alto Stars May Boost Hopes; Durain, IM Flash, Is Promising At Forward; Halfbacks Are Strong

By ED McLORIE

In quest of his seventh straight undefeated record as coach of the Nittany Lion soccer contingent, Coach Bill Jeffrey has begun intensive practice for the opening game with the Gettysburg Bullets, September 30.

One of the most difficult jobs the general Scot is confronted with is the rebuilding of his forward wall. Those veterans who will be missed most are Captain Fred Spylke, Gus Bigott, fiery sophomore sensation who isn't returning to school, Franny Megral, Dick Haas, goalie, and Walt Painter.

Sophomores Look Promising

Prospects, however, are not too dismal. Several lads from Mont Alto and some of last year's freshmen squad have reported for practice and show promise of developing. Woody King and Ned Corman, both sophomores, are likely men for the vacant posts along with Van Hartman, Charley Taylor and Bob Ernst of last season's squad.

Don Durain, a junior, played well in the intra-murals last year and will make a strong bid for one of the forward vacancies as will Dario deBodot, former Cub star.

At halfback Jeffrey will have his choice of Walt Hosterman, Bob Olmstead, sophomore Don Megral, brother of Franny, Dave Myers and Al Jones.

Captain Bob Schuler, all-American fullback, can be expected to lead that department as he has done capably in former years. Other standouts are Dutch Lange and Emmett Fletcher.

The gap left open by Dick Haas, at goalie will be a hard place to fill, but Zan Laskaus and Bud Kulenz look capable.

Although the Lions were victorious 5-0 in their Gettysburg battle last year, Coach Jeffrey is taking no chances on an upset. The candidates have been drilling on fundamentals and several scrimmages have been held. However, all the fellows have not as yet reported and Jeffrey has not made any definite decisions on a probable lineup. He particularly has stressed the fact that upperclassmen should not feel they don't have a chance. Several lads showed up well in the intra-mural games and Jeffrey hopes they will give the varsity a try.

During the next two weeks before the opening game is sounded the squad will get down to team work and a tentative first team will be picked.

Freshman practice has not yet begun, but a call for candidates soon will be issued. This year will mark the second season of regularly scheduled freshman soccer.

Billy Soose Hits Comeback Trail

Triumphant by TKO in the first fight of his comeback campaign, Billy Soose, sensational Lion intercollegiate boxing champion in 1937, will enter the ring again in Pittsburgh next Monday night. There he will face George Abrams, middleweight from Washington, D. C., in a 10-round semi-final to the Billy Conn-Mello Bethina light-heavyweight title bout at Forbes Field.

Back in the ring after resting an injured hand since last winter, Soose kayoed Joe Fedwiczki of New York City, in the second round of a headline bout at Rochester last Wednesday. Fedwiczki's purse was withheld by the referee pending an investigation by the Pennsylvania State Boxing Commission of charges that Fedwiczki was not in condition to fight.

Turning professional after he won the intercollegiate title as a sophomore here, Soose piled up a record of 10 straight victories before he lost a questionable decision to Johnny Duca and then was set back by Charley Builey, Pittsburgh negro headline.

After avenging the Duca loss, Soose went to a Chicago hospital where he was operated on to correct an injury to the big knuckle of his right hand which he had received in an early fight and aggravated in later battles.

FALL SPORTS SCRIBES

The following members of the Junior Board will cover fall sports for the Collegian:

- Football Dick Peters
- Freshman Football Bayard Bloom
- Soccer Ed McLorie
- Cross-Country Ed Hall
- Intramural Sports Bob Lane, Bud Smyser and Bill Fowler

Ray Conger and Earl Edwards, both of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, directed adjoining boys' camps at Seaside Heights, N. J., last summer.

Between The Lions

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mighty mite of the Nittany gridiron two years ago and assistant Lion backfield coach last season, was named assistant grid mentor at Alcona High. And Johnny Economos, former Lion guard and a teammate of Weat, starts this season as coach at Roaring Springs High. He follows Jim O'Loia, another former Lion, who moves to Mahoney City.

Three Nittany lacrossemen, Captain Ray Coskey, Alex Cowan and Co-captain-elect George Ritter, were named to the mythical 1939 All-State Team chosen annually by the Pennsylvania Lacrosse Coaches Association. Coskey was one of three out of ten to be selected unanimously. Incidentally, Bart Buser, chosen to help Ritter co-captain the 1940 stick squad, will not return to school this year. An excellent job at home prompted this decision.

Leo Houck, Nittany mitt mentor, was the third man in the ring at the Billy Conn-Gus Dorazio scrap early in the summer. The good doctor stopped the fight in the eighth round when Conn had his opponent draped helplessly over the ropes. Bernie Sanson, Houck's 155-pounder last season, has returned to school nursing a broken left hand—his best weapon! The break, a bad one, should be sufficiently healed by the beginning of the season, however.

Among those former Lion athletes who were working for degrees at Summer Session here this year were Tom Slusser, football and boxing '34 to '36, Mel Vonax, varsity first baseman '36, '37 and '38, Lou Ritzke, boxing captain in '37, and Joe Proksa, basketball captain in '37.

Sever Toietti, ferocious center for State's football Lions last season, will be located in State College as representative for a well-known insurance firm. Harry Harrison, triple-threat Lion quarterback for the past three years, Alex Barantovich, called one of the greatest ends in Penn State grid history, and Dean Hanley, gargantuan Nittany guard and three-spot man, represented Penn State on the eastern college All-Star eleven that bowed to the Philadelphia Pro Eagles at Philly on August 22.

What they did this summer, Red Stanko, 125-pound Lion boxer, worked at the Rathskellar. Buddy Sherwin, peppy Nittany second baseman, and Bob Schuler, All-American Lion soccer player captain of the year's team, attended Summer Session. Warren Elliott, heavyweight wrestler, recuperated at the Leach following a dangerous appendicitis operation.

Team Physician, Three Grid Assistants Named

The appointment of an additional physician to the College Health staff who will spend a major part of his time serving members of the varsity athletic teams, and the selection of three part-time assistants to the football coaching staff was announced recently by College authorities.

Dr. Alfred H. Gries, formerly a member of the health service at the University of Nebraska and also assistant team physician to the Cornhuskers, has already taken over his new duties here. Gries completed his medical work at the University of Pennsylvania. Three ex-Lion gridsmen and members of the 1938 squad are aiding now in the varsity drills and will be turned over to Freshman Coach Marty McAndrews when freshman footballers report on September 20. The new mentors are Johnny Patrick, a backfield star of the past three seasons, Victor Gentilman, another back who saw service to the Blue and White, and Sever Toietti, regular center last year, and veteran of three campaigns.

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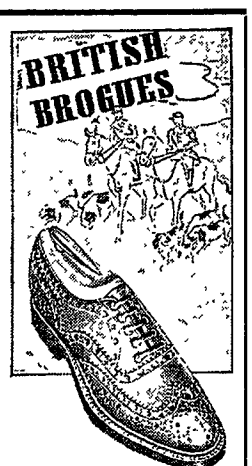
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