

BETWEEN THE LIONS

Bob Wilson

Today marks two weeks since Between The Lions appeared on the front page of this paper heading an open letter to one Mr. Higgins. Today also marks two weeks since this department has said anything at all concerning the coaching situation here at State.

During that time I have received innumerable letters referring to the situation—some haughtily denouncing, others extolling the virtues of what I shall call (purely for convenience sake) the "Higgins system."

A Former Pitt Star Writes

Among this increasing batch of mail was one letter from a former University of Pittsburgh tackle I quote from that letter:

Dear Mr. Wilson:

"It was very disappointing to read the other day that you had unfairly criticized the strategy developed by Coach Higgins. You stated that he had a very poor system. Speaking from experience, I can say that Penn State has one of the best offensive systems in the country. I played with Pitt in 1935-36 '37, and feel that I can speak for the majority of the Pitt men. It is our opinion that Penn State gave us the most trouble with its offense. By this I mean, perhaps the team did not have the material, and the physical capabilities of the men were not sufficient, but as far as the system was concerned, it was there, and gave us many a headache. "Among the teams that we played, such as Fordham, Notre Dame, Nebraska, Ohio State, West Virginia, Southern California and Washington, Penn State is the only team from whom we have taken several plays. We even had one play called the "Penn State Sneak." It was a winner for us and we used it to score against Notre Dame and Carnegie Tech and it gained a lot of yardage for us. Don't you think it's a tribute to your coach to have Pitt, one of the leading teams in past years—year in and year out, take plays only from Penn State? Yet you say he does not have a system. "The trouble lies not with the system, but with the material, the defeatist attitude, and the campus sports writers. "I have never had the pleasure of meeting your coach, but we all respect his system."

Yours very truly,

George D. Delich

Thank you, Mr. Delich. I can't say that I agree with all you have said, but I will say that your mention of the "defeatist attitude" is more than justified. I would certainly like to know just what it is behind it.

More Pittsburgh Propaganda

No less than 14 people sent me clippings of Eddie Bleacher's column from the October 31 issue of the Pittsburgh Press. Under the heading "Sports Stew—Served Hot," Bleacher wrote:

"These Penn State fans hoping for Bob Higgins' coaching scalp again may have the record book to back up some of their charges—but when it comes to criticizing the 'Higgins' system' of play they might do well to check back and find that old Marse Bob has one of the finest creative heads in the game. No less than four of his pet plays have been picked up by Pitt and worked to advantage the past several years—the famous 'Penn State Sneak,' a short reverse play with the back man taking in the direction opposite that in which the play is to go, a smart 'Sucker' play, and a variation of the short reverse."

All of which is, of course, true. Penn State has always been a great reverse team. And simply because teams like Pitt and almost all of the rest of State's opponents have adapted Penn State plays to their own particular attack, the Lions have had to pigeon-hole for the next couple years nearly every play the creative genius of Bob Higgins has invented.

A Possible Solution???

Why, then, if Pitt, Cornell, Syracuse and even Harvard can borrow Penn State plays to win ball games, can't Penn State borrow Pitt, Cornell, Syracuse and even Harvard plays for the same purpose? It's as broad as it is long.

Send any and all reasonable answers to me in care of the dead letter office.

Women in Sports

The junior hockey team held the sophomores to a 2-2 tie in the inter-class hockey tournament Thursday. Sally Faber and Gertrude Helmer scored a goal apiece for the juniors and Midge Taylor and Bernice Mauer for the sophomores. The game will be replayed Thursday to determine the winner.

who will play the freshman team Junior Sophomore
RW—Dot Pierce Jean Penior
RI—Jane Hoskins Betty Ziegler
CF—Sally Faber Bernice Mauer
L I Betty Schoch Kay Loresch
LW—Gertrude Helmer M. Taylor
RH—Lenore Heinz Helen Gordon
CH—Marge Cutler Dot Wagner
LA—Harriet Dayton Pat Patton
RF—Ruth Widger Nancy Seeds
LF—Ruth Kistler Dot Radcliffe
Goal—Marge Harwick Mary Poole
Substitutes for the juniors were Vivian Smith, Rhylis McCarragher. (Continued On Page Four)

Dr. Yeagley Calls Mars War Theory 'So Much Humbug'

Astrologers' claims that the present war-mindedness and European War can be blamed on the nearness of the planet Mars to the earth, are "so much humbug" according to Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, assistant professor of physics at the College.

Mars Theory Bunk
"The relative closeness of Mars to the earth—4,000,000 miles nearer now than it will be in October, 1941, can have no physical effect upon us, unless the peoples of nations can be persuaded into believing this fallacy, which may cause them to be influenced in their critical judgments," Dr. Yeagley continued, "since no astronomical phenomena, the revolution of stars in their orbits, will have any effect upon human society except through the mental hallucinations occurring by such beliefs."

Dr. Yeagley is supervising the construction of nine units of a new multiple observatory system here at the College, the first of its type in this country. These units are being furnished with telescopes made at the physics laboratory in connection with a course in telescope making.

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Frosh Eleven Tramples Bucknell Yearlings In Easy 14-0 Triumph

After getting as many consistent unlucky breaks in their last two tilts as Notre Dame has been getting lucky breaks, Penn State's powerful yearling football squad finally hit their stride, and completely dominated a fighting Bucknell Cub eleven here Saturday to triumph 14-0.

The hard-driving Nittany Cubs scored once in the first quarter when rugged little Earl Brown culminated a 58-yard Lion drive by hopping over the goal from the 9 yard marker, and again in the second quarter when substitute end James Scarr (alias George Rumsey) snared a 15-yard touchdown pass from back Galen Bailey to tally Ventresco and Fallon kicked the extra points.

McAndrews had he not grabbed Bailey's 15 yard heave from out of the groping hands of three Bucknell players in the second stanza to score the second Lion touchdown incidentally, it was the first football game Scarr has ever played.

Coach McAndrews used three complete eleven to subdue the battling Bisons. After the starting team of Ventresco, Rice, Brown and Weaver in the backfield, Davis and John Egli at the ends, Joe Marcus and Ken Schoonover at tackles, Bob Perugini and Bill Hamilton at guards, and Bob Brooks at center had scored easily in the first quarter, they were removed at the opening of the second.

Second Stringers Shine
The incoming second-stringers scored even more easily than their predecessors. Inheriting the ball on their own 35 at the opening of the second period, they never lost trek downfield to the Bucknell 15 possession throughout their 14 play yard stride, where Bailey passed to "Rumsey" Scarr, the "Little Man who wasn't There," for the second, and final, Lion score.

Pos.	Penn State	Bucknell
LE	Davis	Weinberg
LT	Schoonover	Bingham
LG	Perugini	Anderson
C	Brooks	Fischman
RG	Hamilton	Fennell
RT	Marcus	Buzub
RE	Egli	Hart
QB	Weaver	Sokol
LH	Rice	Podd
RH	Brown	Woods
FB	Ventresco	Thomas

Score by periods	
Bucknell	0 0 0 0—0
Penn State	7 7 0 0—14

Touchdowns Penn State	
Brown, Scarr	Point after touchdowns
Fallon	(placements)

Substitutions Penn State—Adessa, Bailey, Berline, Dufford, Fallon, Gales, Grace, Gramly, Marshall Maslow, Noll, Palazzi, Payton, Reagan, Richards, Shrom, Stabler, Steinbacher, Thompson, Walker, Bucknell—Whittam, Van Sant, Chilton, Schulman.

Officials: referee, Sellers, Mt. Union; linesman, Come, Pennsylvania; umpire, Hancock, Otterbein; field judge, Lehecka, Lafayette.

Harriers Defeat Pitt, Finish Dual Season Saturday Smith Places First As 3 Lions Set Best Times

By ED HALL

With three cross-countrymen turning in the best time of their college careers, a Lion harrier team, like the prodigal son, returned to the Nittany fold Saturday by outtripping Pitt's hill and daleers on the five mile college course to win 22-33 before a houseparty crowd of 7,000 in their last dual meet of the season.

Len Henderson, Frank Maule and Arnold Olsen all broke their previous marks set for the five mile grid. Maule ran the distance in 26:39 with Henderson's and Olsen's times being 26:51 and 27:26 respectively.

Smith Wins Easily

It was a ferocious and hungry Lion also that finished up its dual season. Bill Smith came in 14 seconds ahead of Walter Sterner, Pitt ace, and Captain Frank Maule easily took third place.

It took a great surge on the part of Al Boulanger, IC-A two mile champ to beat out Len Henderson for fourth place. Henderson led almost until the finish line where Boulanger put on a sprint that carried him a hair's length ahead of Henderson over the finish line.

Sterner Leads At Mile

The race over the golf course was, Sterner led the pack at the mile where Bill Smith pulled away from him to take and hold the lead. Frank Maule was ahead of Sterner several times during the race only to have the Pitt ace win out at the finish tape.

Maule's attempt to beat Sterner was spurred on by a rivalry which has existed between them during their college careers.

With his dual meet brought to a winning if not successful conclusion, Coach Chick Werner had this to say about the Lion harriers yesterday.

Werner's Comment

"This year's team is the best we've ever had. The squad that we had this year would have been intercollegiate champions several years ago. The competition in cross country is just getting tougher and we met the top flight of the nation this year."

The hill and daleers will end their current season when they go to New York City on November 20 to engage in the Eastern IC-A's.

HOW THEY RAN

Bill Smith	26 01
Walter Sterner	26 37
Frank Maule	26 39
Al Boulanger	26 51
Len Henderson	26 51
Arnold Olsen	27 26
Graham Miller	27 34
Frank McKib	27 50

Art Lecture Series Starts November 15

Because of the success of a group of three lectures sponsored last year by the department of fine arts, the group of three gallery talks will be repeated this year.

The first talk in the series will be given at 7:30 p. m., November 15, in 107 Main Engineering when Francis E. Hyslop, Jr., instructor in fine arts, will discuss "Peter Brueghel—A Modern Old Master."

The audience will go to the College Art Gallery in 313 Main Engineering where an exhibition of Brueghel's paintings will be on display and will be explained by Hyslop.

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IM FOOTBALL NEARS FINALS

Intramural Swim Tourney Advances

Intramural football today neared the final round with nearly ten games completed since last Tuesday.

Kappa Sigma, winner of the trophy two years ago, turned back a strong Pi Kappa Alpha team to complete one of the six brackets in the fraternity league, while Phi Kappa Psi sparked by Fletcher Byrom defeated Pi Kappa Phi to complete another bracket.

The other results: Alpha Phi Delta 2 1st downs, Delta Sigma Phi 9 1st downs, Watt Hall "B"—O. Met 41-7, Jordan Hall—6, Louest Lane Lodge—0, Forestry Society—3 1st downs, Blue and White—1 1st down, Lions Club was defeated by Fairmont Hall.

In a Fraternity League IM swimming match Thursday, Kappa Sigma eked out a 27 to 23 victory over Theta Chi. In an independent League meet, also on Thursday, Watts Hall swimmers defeated the BRB Club, 31-19.

Swimming Results
In the opening intramural swimming meet Tuesday, Sea Lions A. C. overwhelmed the Blue and White Club, 29-10, to gain the second round in the Independent League.

In two Fraternity League meets, Acacia won from Beaver House and SAE from Theta Chi by forfeit.

AAUP Holds Open Meeting Tomorrow

The American Association of University Professors will hold an open meeting in Old Main Sandwich Shop at 8 p. m. tomorrow. The program will include reports by the treasurer, the Forum Committee and the Traffic Committee, as well as a discussion on the Chapter policy for the year.

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Spindly Billy Soose Hits Tough Comeback Trail

Victory Over Munley Proves Hands Are In Good Shape; Wins Scribes' Praise

It is the story of "The Man Who Came Back." It concerns young William Soose, who if present indications hold true, may become one of the most perfect pugilistic machines ever to be developed in the Nittany Mountains.

A rangy youth with neatly-chiseled features, Billy is the type of a person whose astic prowess is belied by his tooth-pick physique. After completing a brilliant record in amateur circles and terminating a Penn State ring career by special request, William entered the professional ranks in the Fall of '37.

He caused the same sensation that an earthquake does on the Pacific Coast, and Eastern promoters burned telegraph wires with tempting offers for a Soose invasion. Finally Billy accepted a lucrative offer and appeared in Pittsburgh in the Summer of '38.

Defeated Al Quail

The "Smoky City" fans turned out to see Al Quail blast this "young upstart" from the ring. Quail almost fulfilled their desire when he dropped the former Penn Stater for a nine count in the second round, but Billy recovered and the next eight rounds proved to be

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measured up more first downs than State, ended in the red as far as yardage gained was concerned. The nearest Dixieland band came was in the final period when they moved to the Lion 25 marker on passes from Mondorff to Bernie Ulfman. But as usual, the Terp offensive crumbled before a hard-charging Nittany line and on the next series of downs, they lost 21 yards.

Wade Mori, at right guard, played a smashing defensive game for the home team and Leon Gajack, still this writer's choice for anyone's all-American center, was up to his old trick of getting to the opponents' ball carrier as soon as the ball.

WELL, - - - OKAY

Penn Mary-State Land	
First downs, rushing	10 6
First downs, passing	0 5
First downs, penalties	0 0
Total first downs	10 11
Yards gained rushing	249 117
Yards lost rushing	25 126
Net yardage rushing	224 -9
Forwards attempted	11 16
Forwards completed	1 6
Yards gained passing	10 94
Passes intercepted	1 1
Number of punts	8 7
Total yards of punts	282 271
Avg. dist. of punts	35 39
Yards runback of punts	59 98
Number of kickoffs	3 1
Yards runback of kickoffs	0 35
Number of fumbles	0 5
Ball lost after fumbles	0 0
Number of penalties	8 3
Yards lost by penalties	70 25

only a question of whether Quail would be in a perpendicular or horizontal position when the fight was over.

In that fight Soose hurt his hands and although he fought such outstanding middleweights as Charley Burton, Freddie Lenn, and Al Duca after the injury, he irri-



BILLY SOOSE

tated his hands, which finally necessitated a year's lay-off.

George Abrams, high-ranking middleweight, was the first opponent on Billy's comeback path two months ago. After William had pounded George from pillar to post and had hit him with everything except the water bucket, the judges, as they have done before, decided against him.

Larrups Scranon Fighter
After a breather in Rochester, Billy took on Jackie Munley, hard-core region king in Scranon. Munley thought that a coal mine had caved in on top of him after five rounds of near murder.

Spindly Mr. Soose is on the comeback trail, and from the flowery compliments boxing writers are casting upon him, it is beginning to look like the former intercollegiate champion will have trouble securing opponents unless he consents to have one arm in a sling and the other amputated.

Bernhard Visits Exposition
Dr. Rudolf Bernhard, professor of mechanics, returned Wednesday after visiting the National Metal Congress and Expositions at Chicago. While there, Dr. Bernhard attended the meetings of the American Society for Metals and the American Welding Society.

Lions Overcome Middies 3-2 In Overtime Fracas

Woody King Scores In Extra Period As Nittanymen Keep Streak Intact

Still gasping for breath after that 3-2 close shave at Navy, Saturday, Penn State's undefeated soccer Lions head for West Point tomorrow in quest of their seventh straight victory of the season.

The Army booters, perennially strong, have had a rather seasonless season this year, but have shown additional strength lately by downing Brown. For the past seven years the Lions have triumphed on every occasion except one tie.

Going into the Navy fray with a chip on their shoulders, the Nittany soccermen encountered unexpected difficulty in a better-than-reputed Middie outfit. It was only through the brilliant play of Woody King that the Lions kept intact their undefeated streak.

King talked to break a tie in an extra period. Woody's goal was scored after four minutes of the extra period when he followed up a rebound after Refo, Navy goalie, had blocked Bob Ernst's hard drive. With this wide-awake play, the Lions hung up their fifty-first game without defeat.

Refo Thwarts State

Throughout the opening period the play was very close with the State forwards being thwarted on every onslaught before the goal by

Cub Booters Face Cadets Tomorrow

Rested up from a hard-played 4-3 win over the Central Pennsylvania High School All-Stars in Sunbury Saturday afternoon, Penn State's soccer Cubs are priming for a tough battle with Army's Piebes in West Point tomorrow.

This game along the Hudson tomorrow marks the first time that a State freshman soccer team has ever invaded the Point and also the third game on the Cubs' schedule. They previously had won from Syracuse and tied with Cornell.

Score by periods	
Penn State	0 1 1 1 0—3
Navy	0 0 1 1 0—2

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