

Soccer Team Will Strive For Eighth Unbeaten Season

Opener Scheduled Here On September 26

Faced with a task that becomes harder year after year—keeping its undefeated record, now seven years old, intact—Coach Bill Jeffrey's Nittany Lion soccer club will begin drilling some time during Freshman Week for its opening tilt here against Gettysburg on September 28.

Last year the booters won seven straight contests, the only blemish on the record coming in the last game of the season when a determined Temple Owl team battled the local outfit to a scoreless tie. For the seventh time the Lions were awarded the Eastern intercollegiate title, sharing honors with Princeton.

Toughest job for Coach Jeffrey will be finding a pair of fullbacks to fill the posts vacated by All-American Bob Schuler, 1939 captain, and Dutch Lange. Other losses because of graduation are Howie Wodock, Harry Peifer, Lionel Shaffer, and Bob Olmstead.

All-American Gus Bigott, flashy Venezuelan, may be added to the "missing" list because of ineligibility. He was out of school during the second semester and his status has not yet been determined.

Returning to the backfield will be Captain Walt Hosterman, Don Megrail, Gazi Green, and Goalie

Mild Scot



Soccer coach Bill Jeffrey, the mild Scot, will be sending his charges after an eighth undefeated season. He sometimes thinks the strain of winning is too much and one time last year told his boys to go ahead and lose a game. They didn't.

Zen Laskarus. The starting line of Don Durain, Van Hartman, Bob Ernst, Woody King, and Harry Cormon will be back intact.

Four boys are coming up from the '43 team with good chances of breaking into the starting varsity lineup. They are Bob Donaldson, Allan Heck, Bob Seavy, and Stan Prawdack.

The schedule this year will be almost the same as the slate which the Lions faced last year. Additions are Penn and Western Maryland, Carnegie Tech and Lehigh have been dropped.

Inspired by the interest aroused by a soccer clinic held by a group of Harrisburg newspapers last Spring, the College will sponsor two clinics of a similar nature this month. Jeffrey will take a squad of booters to Lancaster on Saturday and the second clinic will be held here one week later.

X-Country Has Bleak Outlook

"The competition will be tougher and we'll have a weaker team. We shouldn't win any."

That's the doleful prediction issued by Coach Chick Werner as he faces the task of guiding the Lion harriers through one of the stiffest schedules ever faced by a Nittany cross-country team. It sounds like the usual cautious pre-season prophecy but Werner really seems to have cause for complaint.

"An awful lot will depend on the juniors," he says. "If Herm Goffberg, Alex Bourgerie, George Harrison, Pop Thiel, Chet Snyder, and Harold Olsen come through we shouldn't fare too badly but if they're not in top form we won't have a chance. Right now, Smitty's the only one I'm sure we can count on to be up among the leaders."

On that point nobody should find any reason to disagree. Three years ago long-legged Bill Smith, now Lion captain, carried off top honors in the freshman IC4-A meet. As a sophomore he proved himself the standout harrier in the East by winning the varsity run. Last year he caught a stitch in his side but managed to come in third. In three years of competition Smith has lost only three races—the IC4-A's, the nationals in his sophomore year, and a dual meet with Michigan State last October.

Missing from the lineup this Fall will be a pair of familiar thinclads—Frank Maule and Len Henderson, senior stars on the 1939 hill-and-dale squad. They'll be hard to replace. So will Graham Miller, Herb Nipson, and Don Hostetler.

Swimming Tryouts Begin September 25

Swimming Coach Bob Galbraith will call for candidates for both varsity and freshman squads on Wednesday, September 25. Tryouts will continue until Friday.

Those selected as showing promise will begin an intensive three-week outdoor-conditioning period on Monday, September 30, with the exception of the divers, who will work out daily at the pool under Assistant Coach Bill Gaskill's tutelage.

As the sixth season for this sport resumes with indoor practice on October 21, Capt. Bill Kirkpatrick will lead the best-balanced squad that has represented the College.

With the first of eight meets scheduled for early January, the coaches and their veterans are relying on early training to prepare for tough competition from Penn, Pitt, Carnegie Tech, Cornell, Syracuse, Temple, Rutgers, and W & J.

The frosh will tangle with Mercersburg and Tech. Several outstanding prep and high school swimmers are registered and eager to match their natatorial skill with that of their opponents.

Lacrosse Co-Captain Named All-American

George Ritter, co-captain and center on Nick Thiel's lacrosse team last season, was named to the 1940 All-American lacrosse team during the summer.

Co-captain Bar. Buser was named to the third team. He played first attack and with Ritter was named on the All-North team that played the South in Baltimore.

Ritter's appointment marks the first time in five years that a State man has been so honored.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

The Fall athletic schedule including intercollegiate competition in football, soccer, and cross-country has been released with 36 contests scheduled for Nittany Lion sport enthusiasts. This includes for the first time a regularly scheduled junior varsity football game with Cornell here on October 12. Not to be outdone by its big brother football, soccer goes out in quest of the eighth consecutive year without defeat.

October 12 is one of the biggest athletic days for the campus. There are scheduled for that day varsity football with West Virginia, freshman football with Bucknell, junior varsity football with Cornell, varsity soccer with Western Maryland, and varsity cross-country with Michigan State.

Another feature of the football season will be an intersectional game with South Carolina on Beaver Field, Saturday, November 2. In addition to the Southerners, Bucknell, West Virginia, and New York University will appear on the Lions' stamping ground.

The complete athletic schedule:

Varsity Football
October 5—Bucknell here, October 12—West Virginia here, October 19—Lehigh at Bethlehem, October 26—Temple at Philadelphia, November 2—South Carolina here, November 9—Syracuse away, November 16—NYU here, and November 23—Pittsburgh away.

Freshman Football
October 12—Bucknell here, October 19—Colgate here, October 26—Syracuse away, November 2—Cornell here, and November 12—Army at West Point.

Squad "B" Football
November 1—Navy at Annapolis, and November 9—Pittsburgh here.

Junior Varsity Football
October 12—Cornell here.

Varsity Soccer
September 28—Gettysburg here, October 12—Western Maryland here, October 19—Bucknell here, October 26—Syracuse away, November 2—Navy at Annapolis, November 9—Army here, November 20—Pennsylvania, and November 23—Temple here.

Freshman Soccer
October 19—Syracuse here, November 9—Cornell at Ithaca, and November 13—Army at West Point.

Junior Varsity Soccer
November 16—Lock Haven Teachers here.

Varsity Cross-Country
October 12—Michigan State here, October 26—Syracuse here, November 2—Manhattan at New York, November 9—Pittsburgh away, and November 18—IC4-A at New York.

Freshman Cross-Country
October 26—Syracuse here, November 9—Cornell at Ithaca, and November 18—IC4-A at New York.

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