

Lion Booters To Strive For Eighth Consecutive Unbeaten Season

Will Gus Bigott be back? And if he does come back, will he be eligible? These are the questions that Penn State's soccer-minded fans are asking themselves as practice begins for the 1940 season and the status of the All-American remains undetermined.

Wide Recreation Facilities Offered

Penn State's recreation facilities seems to equal those offered by any other college in the nation when we consider the opportunities offered by the local environment.

Starting early in October, College groups sponsor hikes to the numerous scenic points about State College. On most hikes, lunches and, where necessary, transportation are provided at a cost of 10 to 20 cents per person.

An 18-hole golf course, maintained by the College, offers many hours of outdoor enjoyment for both the tyro and the pro.

Some of the tennis courts are converted into an ice skating rink during the winter months. Nimrods find happy hunting in the surrounding hills, and fish abound in numerous streams. For skiers, the ski trail at Shingletown Gap offers thrilling winter sport.

Available to student groups is Ralph Watts Lodge, the PSCA cabin. Arrangements for the use of the cabin may be made at Room 304 Old Main.

Most of the facilities are free to students. A 10-cent charge is made for the use of the ice skating rink.

Ski Coach Has Been Actor, Rope Twirler

From Hollywood to Penn State, movie actor to forestry instructor, such is the record of Max Dercum, coach of skiing.

He has taken part in several movie shorts on skiing, and has appeared as an extra in scenes requiring an expert rope twirler, for he is accomplished in this line, too.

Coach Dercum not only initiated skiing here as a major College sport but also sponsored the first Pennsylvania Invitation Ski Meet here last winter.

With the loss of Dutch Lange, All-American Bob Schuler, last year's captain and fullback, and five others by graduation, Coach Bill Jeffrey will be faced with the difficult task of deciding who will fill the vacant posts.

Upon the shoulders of these new recruits and the returning regulars will rest the burden of preserving Penn State's record of no defeats in seven seasons.

Returning to the backfield are Captain Walt Hosterman, Don McGrail, Gazzy Green, and Goalie Zen Laskarus. The starting line of Don Durain, Van Hartman, Bob Ernst, Woody King, and Harry Corman will be intact.

The soccer club schedule remains almost the same as last year with Penn and Western Maryland being added to the list of opponents and Carnegie Tech and Lehigh dropped. The first tilt of the season is slated for September 28 when the Lions meet Gettysburg.

The College is sponsoring two soccer clinics this year as a result of the interest aroused by a similar clinic held last year by a group of Harrisburg papers. The first was held at Lancaster last Saturday and the next will be held here this Saturday.

Werner, Track Mentor, Broke World Records

Chick Werner, a graduate of the University of Illinois in 1927, has been varsity track coach at Penn State since 1934 and has coached varsity cross-country from 1933 to the present.

As an undergraduate at Illinois, Werner was one of the nation's leading hurdlers. During his last season there as captain of the team, he broke or equalled some record in every meet in which he competed.

Running under the colors of the Illinois Athletic Club, he established world records in the 50-yard low hurdles and the 60-yard low hurdles. He was also credited with world marks in the 60 and 75-yard high hurdles.

Daily Collegian Names Sport Scribes For Fall

Fall sports for the Daily Collegian will be reported by the following members of the Junior Editorial staff:

Varsity football: Pat Nagelberg
Varsity cross-country: Ross Lehman
Varsity soccer: Bill McKnight
Freshman football: John Baer
Freshman soccer: Stan Pokempner
Freshman cross-country: Stan Pokempner

Coach Higgins Begins 13th Year

Bob Higgins is beginning his 13th season as a Penn State football coach and his typically cryptic opinion might be that "the first 12 years are the hardest."

That statement seems to be true for its looks like the Nittany eleven is approaching the top of the heap for the first time since Higgins, himself, played 21 years ago.

When Higgins entered Penn State in 1914 he immediately made the varsity as an end for there was no freshman rule then. During the next two seasons State won 15 out of 19 games. In 1916 the Nittany end was named on Walter Camp's second All-American team and was elected State's captain for the 1917 campaign.

Then came the World War and his football career was interrupted. Higgins entered the Army as a second lieutenant and was sent to France. While overseas he played football on the championship 89th Division team and was selected by Grantland Rice as an end on the "All-A.E.F." team.

When he returned to Penn State in 1919 Bob was again chosen grid captain. His team won seven, losing only to Dartmouth and he was chosen on the first All-American team.

In 1920 Higgins became head football coach at West Virginia Wesleyan. In 1921 he joined the Canton Bulldogs as player-coach. He returned to Wesleyan in 1922 and his team won eight games of a difficult 10-game schedule. In 1924 the Bobcats won nine out of 11 encounters.

The next year Higgins went to Washington University in St. Louis. In 1927 his team had the best season the Bears had ever experienced.

Frosh Soccer Starts Saturday

Freshman soccer will get under way with a soccer clinic here on September 14 in which all freshmen interested in soccer are invited to participate.

Coach Bill Jeffrey, wary of making predictions for which there is little foundation, hopes to see every interested freshman, whether or not he has played soccer before, on the field Saturday.

With soccer on the rise as a high school sport, more and more freshmen with previous experience are reporting yearly. Still, emphasizes the wary Scot, many of our better players develop from boys who have had no experience in fancy footwork.

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Lloyd Ickes Sees Action In Eastern All-Star Game

Lloyd Ickes, star fullback of last year's strong Lion eleven, saw considerable action in the eastern college All-Star lineup which defeated the highly touted New York Giants, 16 to 7, in the annual New York Tribune Fresh Air Fund game Wednesday night.

The erstwhile State sparkplug played in the third and fourth quarters, and while he carried the ball only once, for a four-yard gain, he saw yeoman duty as a blocking back. Ickes is the first Penn State player ever to perform in this eastern gridiron classic.

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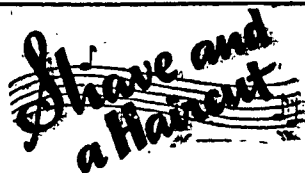
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