

# Bucknell Bisons Point For Lions In 1940 Opener On Dad's Day

## Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

### Dear Dad:

Just got your letter saying you might not be able to get down for the weekend Saturday after next, so I thought I'd better let you know how much you'll miss if you don't make it.

I don't know whether they're just joking or not, but a lot of fellows here at school are talking Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and such. I've never heard that kind of talk at State before, so maybe there's something to it all.

Of course, Bob Higgins and the other coaches aren't talking that way, and you can't blame them. A coach can't just predict at the beginning of the season that his team will be basking in the sunlight of the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day. I never heard of a coach who did, and Bob is about as conservative a fellow as any I've ever met.

So on Saturday, October 5, the Lions will begin this highly anticipated year against a questionable Bucknell team. Most everyone here can't see anything but a Nittany victory by at least three or four touchdowns. I want you to be on hand to see our boys get off on the right foot.

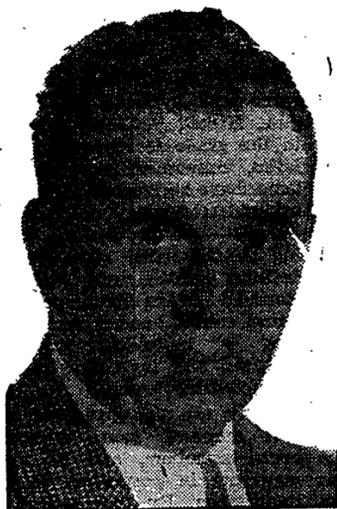
And they should because when you read up and down that lineup—Vargo and Parsons at ends, the tackles Stravinski and Platt, Mori and Garbinski at guards, Captain Gajecki at center, you wonder what short of a Panzer division could penetrate it. And the backfield of Smaltz, Patrick, White and Petrella is one which should pass, run, and kick the Bucknell Bison into a period of suspended animation.

But don't think that the football game will be all in store for you that weekend. There'll be plenty of smokers, etc., around to take in. So don't let me down Pop, because it's going to be a great weekend and planned just for you.

Give my love to Mother and I'll be seeing you next Saturday.

Your son,  
Dick.

## Hopeful Coach



COACH BOB HIGGINS

Bob Higgins, Penn State grid coach, directs his Lions into their first major objective, Bucknell, on Dads' Day, October 5. (For story, see column three.)

## State Pries Open Lid In 10 Days

Ten more days and the 1940 football edition of the Nittany Lions will pry open their season with the tough Bucknell Bisons. The date is Saturday, October 5, Dad's Day, and a record crowd of proud fathers is expected to accompany the students to the New Beaver Field for the opener.

Great things are expected of the State team this year. Some nationally known experts even go so far as to predict an undefeated campaign for the Lions and rate them as high as thirteenth in the nation. The basis for this assumption is that nine of the regulars from last year's strong eleven are back in action. But, while Coach Bob Higgins will be able to field together a veteran eleven this year, he's already beginning to worry about the first hurdle on the schedule.

Bucknell will be as tough as ever. Coach Al Humphreys is moulding together a well balanced unit as is evidenced by the fact that no less than three good candidates are competing for each varsity berth. An even distribution of experience is in prospect since the varsity group which forms the nucleus of the squad is composed of 10 sophomores, 11 juniors, and 11 seniors.

On the broad shoulders of Jim Brandt rests the fortunes of the Bucknell team according to reports coming out of Lewisburg. The triple-threat, 190-pound sophomore back was a sensation until he injured his knee last year. His playing can make the Bisons a good team, instead of only a fair one. If his knee survives the pre-season preliminary bumps, the Lions will have their hands full holding Brandt in check.

This will be Bucknell's 55th season of intercollegiate football, and although they play State in the opening game of the 1940 schedule, the Bisons will be geared up for this game more than any other.

## Peters Returns To Lion Lineup

The return of Chuck Peters to the squad yesterday afternoon was the one bright note in the Lion camp after the three serious injuries suffered Monday.

Peters, regular tailback, has been out of action for two weeks with a separated right shoulder and though he won't get any contact work for several days, he might be ready for the opener with Bucknell, October 5.

Any hopes that Bob Davis, sophomore end, might be of service to the squad this year were dispelled by the report that the diminutive Monongahela wing was out for the entire campaign with a broken left collarbone. Davis will probably drop out of College for the semester.

To the reported injuries of Davis and Bayley was added that of Earl Brown who turned up yesterday with a separated left shoulder. The scrappy fullback will be out of action for ten days.

Coach Bob Higgins converted Len Krouse, junior wingback, into an end for the time being to fill the vacancy left open by Davis' injury. Krouse is noted for his pass receiving ability and may be just the man to help the Lions out of a hole. Another end who might develop is John Egli, regular on the freshman team last year. Egli returned to the squad after a three week absence and Higgins liked the boy's work.

The first two teams finally clicked in yesterday's scrimmage. Both the running and passing plays functioned smoothly against a picked array of reserves and the coaching staff was well satisfied with the day's workout.

Two hamburger shops on the University of Minnesota campus served up 542,000 hamburgers last year.

## 'Dean' Of Equipment Marks 20th Anniversary

Shoulder pads, lacrosse sticks, footballs, baseball bats, injury pads, track shoes, javelins—for 20 years one man has passed out all the countless pieces of equipment used in Penn State sports.

This one man is 'Dean' Burrell, in charge of the stock room in Rec Hall. He is now marking his 20th anniversary as friend and confidant to Nittany Lion athletes.

Dean came here in the fall of 1920 and worked for a year as a laborer on the football field. Then he was given charge of the stockroom in the old track house which was located in back of the Chemistry and Physics Building.

In addition to serving as a locker room, stock room, and gymnasium, the old track house quartered between 35 and 40 athletes. Dean says, "We had a great, wild time. It was fun."

Those were the days, too, when Penn State football was in its prime and the College attracted athletes from all over the east. "One year," says Dean, "I equipped 205 freshmen. The average size of the varsity squad was 100 men."

In 1928, construction on Rec Hall was completed and the stock room, Dean included, was moved there.

Dean Burrell is of the opinion that a football team, or any team, can be "no better than its equipment." His stock room is considered a model from the standpoint of efficiency and has been copied by colleges and universities from all over the country.

In one small corner of the stock room Dean has a shop where he manufactures all sorts of injury pads, harnesses, braces, and clipping pads. "Most of the things you buy," he says, "were made for women, not men."

## Outgoing Managers Elect New Intramural Board

The new intramural board managers elected by the outgoing members are Charles L. Albright '41, president; James A. Ritchie '42, secretary; Elbur C. Purnell '41, fall manager; Robert L. Batchelor '41, winter manager; Leo P. Russell '41, spring manager; and John S. Moffatt '41, independent representative.

The deadline for fall intramural entries has been extended until tomorrow at 5 p.m. The fall sports include football, cross country, horseshoes, and swimming.

## All Lion Games Will Be Broadcast

Penn State football fans who won't be able to attend the Lion games this fall will get the opportunity to hear the games broadcast over the radio. All eight tilts on the schedule will be on the air.

The Bucknell game on October 5 will be on station KDKA, Pittsburgh, and WKOK, Sunbury. The West Virginia game October 12 and Lehigh battle October 19 will be on KDKA.

The game with Temple in Philadelphia October 26 will be aired over WFIL, Philadelphia, WEEU, Reading, WCAE, Pittsburgh, WLEU, Erie, and WFBG, Altoona. Houseparty game with South Carolina will be broadcast over WCAE, and WLEU.

The November 9 fracas at Syracuse and the New York University game here November 16 will be on KDKA. The closing game at Pittsburgh November 23 will be aired over WCAE, WLEU, and WFBG.

## Seven J.V. Gridders Report To DeMarino

Jay-Vee football got off to a slow start yesterday when seven candidates reported to Coach Dan DeMarino.

The squad will be augmented by "17 or 18" varsity reserves later in the season, DeMarino said. He hopes to have a squad of 35 before the first game with Cornell here on October 12.

Those who reported yesterday are Ed Gales, Elbur Purnell, Walt Sottung, Gail Updegraff, Tom Tate, Joe Valla, and Al Waters.

Although all three of Bucknell's football coaches—Al Humphreys, Bus Blum and Johnny Sitarsky—are left-handed, only one player on the 29-man grid squad is a southpaw.

## Eddie Sapp Dodges Jinx To Become Lion Captain

Eddie Sapp, hard-working second baseman of Joe Bedenk's Nittany nine, finally dodged a year's hard-luck jinx when his baseball teammates appointed him captain for the '41 season.

Forced to quit basketball because of a knee injury after he had established himself as the leading contender for Charley Prosser's shoes, Sapp continued his jinx by breaking a wrist-bone at the start of spring baseball.

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