

### Higgins Optimistic Despite Injuries

When a football coach shows signs of optimism in face of a series of inopportune injuries, you can't help but admire him.

That's what Bob Higgins is doing. Where any other coach would be crying the blues after losing Bob Davis for the season, and Bailey temporarily, the Lion mentor remains optimistic and praises the squad for the spirit it has shown in the workouts.

Chuck Peters is rounding into playing shape but should his shoulder fail to heal properly, Higgins intends to keep him out of the Bucknell game next Saturday rather than risk a serious injury. The veteran halfback caught punts and kicked in yesterday's workout, but stayed out of any contact work.

For the second straight day the varsity was pitted against the freshmen. Marty McAndrews' boys were given the ball on the varsity's 10-yard line to test the latter's goal-line defense. Needless to say, it took the cubs quite a few tries to make the necessary yardage but their performance was commendable considering the little practice they've had.

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### Lion Soccermen Meet Gettysburg

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a Penn State soccer game is expected when the Nittany booters open the 1940 season against an all veteran Gettysburg eleven on New Beaver Field at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The Lion soccermen met the Gettysburg team in the opening tilt last year and started their seventh consecutive undefeated season by toppling the opponents, 4-1. All four of Penn State's goals were scored by sophomores who will have the opportunity to repeat the performance in tomorrow's game.

This year, having lost only three of the mainstays of last year's team, Coach Bill Jeffrey's lads will again attempt to preserve one of the most brilliant records in collegiate sports, a record of seven years standing during which 53 games were played without a loss.

Last year all freshmen were required to wear "Beat Pitt" and "Beat Penn" namecards before those grid contests and the Lion football team defeated both teams with what was termed an upset by leading sports writers. The frosh blossomed forth Thursday with "Beat Gettysburg" signs. Will the seemingly infallible tradition continue?

### Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

#### Perusing Propaganda

Along about this time prior to every football season, the editorial rooms of most every newspaper, including this one, become nearly submerged under the flood of gridiron propaganda, flowing in from all parts of the country. Tub-thumpers are beating out miles of copy every day, sending out colorful pictures of how Coach Glutz is whipping his Terrifying Tigers into shape for their opening game.

Here are a few facts and figures, pulled from the ever-growing pile of propaganda coming into this office, which concern some of Penn State's football opponents:

Pitt plays only two games out of its back yard this fall, the opening game against Ohio State and the windup with Duke at Durham, which certainly is a throwback to pre-Bowman days, when money talked in Panther circles, and a home schedule as attractive as this one would have meant a big payoff on the Stadium.

We here at State are thrilled at the dynamiting ability of diminutive Pepper Petrella, who can weigh in at 145 with his overcoat and ski boots on. Not to take anything away from Pepper, but NYU has a little lad, Joe Consagra, who has to jump on the scales to register 116. Our only prayer is that he and Ferky don't meet in the middle of New Beaver Field come November 16.

Among the freshmen present at West Virginia this fall are five members of the 1939 All-West Virginia High School team, which indicates that Bill Kern and his Mountaineer associates can plan to have something down in them that hills in a couple of years.

Speaking of Bill Kern, the blond Hillbilly skipper has remarked that "when you can't fit a boy into any other position, you can always make a tackle out of him." Bob Higgins wished the same could be done with ends.

### Frosh Gridders Continue Hard Defensive Play

The yearling gridders proved that their hard, smashing defense play against the varsity Wednesday was no flash in the pan as they set up a fighting goal-line defense against the Lions in a short scrimmage yesterday.

Coach Marty McAndrews is still

shifting the freshmen around but it looks like his starting team might be Jack Potsklan and Bob Walters, ends; Russ Montague and Dan Halpin, tackles; Jim Bonham and Jack Jaffurs, guards; Joe Kraynack, center; Dan Dimidio and Emil Mann, halfbacks; Aldo Cenci, quarterback; and Jack Banbury, fullback.

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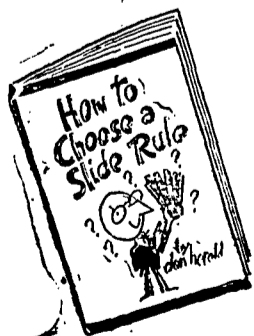
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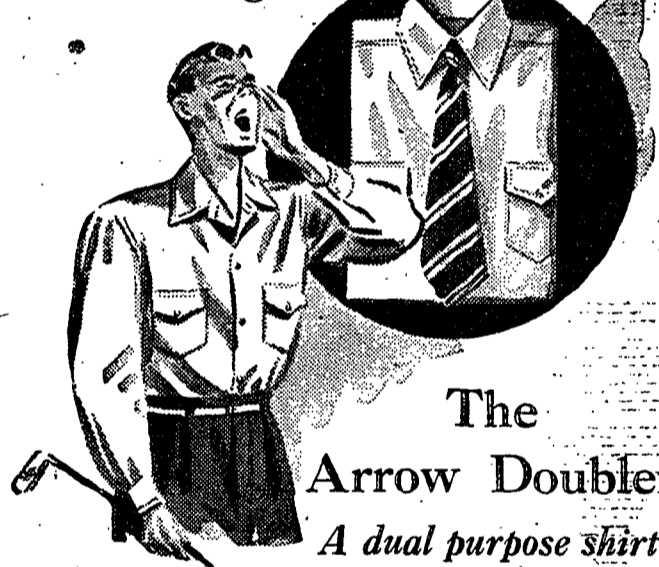
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