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Woodward May Replace Mori for Lehigh Battle

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Numbers Racket

It is a columnist's privilege to take a day off occasionally, on which he goes completely berserk and tries to figure out the score of a coming sports event. The usual method is to take comparative scores and solve the equation.

So today I roll up my sleeves, dust off the old adding machine, and jump headlong into a pile of figures to show you how bad Penn State will put the old slide-rule on Lehigh's Engineers Saturday, basing my predictions on scores of games in which the Lions and the Bethlehem team have participated thus far.

The Nittany eleven will either win by 61 or 76 points, according to which way the wind is blowing in Taylor Stadium Saturday afternoon . . . that is, if figures don't lie.

The shortest route to a Lion win prediction is by beginning with the State victory over Bucknell, 9-0; Bucknell topped Ursinus, 33-7; Ursinus and Dickinson fought to a scoreless tie; Dickinson beat out Delaware, 6-0; Delaware dropped one to Hampden-Sidney, 7-0; Hampden-Sidney edged Maryland, 7-6; Virginia trounced Maryland, 19-6; and Virginia smashed Lehigh, 32-0.

All of which indicates that Penn State could beat the Engineers by a score of 61-0.

Going the long way around, the Lions triumphed over West Virginia, 17-13; Fordham shellacked the Mountaineers, 20-7; the Rams licked Tulane by the same score; Boston College walked over Tulane, 27-7; Boston College also stepped on little Centre, 40-0; Cincinnati walloped Centre, 22-0; Navy took Cincinnati, 14-0; the Midshipmen also crumpled Princeton, 12-6; Princeton nosed out Vanderbilt, 7-6; and Vanderbilt tied Kentucky, 7-7.

Kentucky put the clamps on Washington and Lee, 47-12; Washington and Lee white washed Hampden-Sidney, 26-0; Hampden-Sidney squeaked over Maryland, 7-6; Maryland lost to Virginia, 19-6; Virginia blasted Lehigh, 32-0.

So you see, the Lions could also take the Engineers by 76-0. Take your pick, 61 or 76, either one will sound good to me, and to metropolitan newspapers.

Pepper Petrella Honored By Alpha Phi Delta

At the annual Alpha Phi Delta Alumni testimonial dinner Saturday, October 12, Pepper Petrella was honored by 30 fraternity brothers and 31 alumni.

As a token of their praise for his football skill the alumni presented "Pepper" with a set of silver plated, monogrammed military brushes. The brothers presented Petrella with a gold and blue mouse trap which speaks for itself. Mr. and Mrs. Petrella were guests of honor at the banquet.

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Jim Woodward, senior guard who has been trying to crash into the Lions' starting lineup for the past three years, may get his chance this Saturday when State battles Lehigh at Bethlehem.

The only change contemplated by Coach Bob Higgins at the present may involve the promotion of Woodward to the first team in place of veteran Wade Mori, out of action for the past three days with a blood clot on his shin. While Mori is expected to be in uniform and ready for action by Saturday, his presence in the starting lineup is problematical.

Winner of a minor letter award last year, Woodie has seen little varsity action to date because of the presence of talented and bigger guards during the past two years rather than lack of ability. The hard charging lineman stood out in spring practice this year and was slated for regular duty in the fall. Fate intervened, however, and he was sidelined for three weeks with an injured leg prior to the Bucknell game. Line coach Joe Bedenk rates him one of the most improved players on the team.

The rest of the lineup will probably remain unchanged. Earl "Sparky" Brown will retain his fullback post after the commendable performance he gave in his varsity debut last Saturday. Bill Smaltz, regular number three back, is still ailing with sprained ankle, while his understudy Ralph Ventresco will give his knee injury a rest until next week.

The Lion backs were put to a stiff test defending against Lehigh passes yesterday for the third straight day as the squad was rounding into shape for the trip Friday morning.

Nittany Lion Harriers Struck By Injury Jinx; Three Men On Sidelines

Hitting Chick Werner's cross-country squad worse than the local draft board ever could, the injury jinx has diminished the harrier squad to only four competent varsity starters.

Captain Bill Smith, a one man team in himself, Chet Snyder, Pop Thiel, and Vern Kotz, who hasn't fully recovered from a previous lame leg, make up the skeleton crew, the smallest squad in Penn State's hill and dale history.

Because last year's freshman harriers weren't even fit to compete against good high school teams, as Coach Werner terms them, not one man from this yearling squad has been able to plug the huge gap caused by the graduation of Frank Maule, Len Henderson, and Herb Nipson.

To make things worse, Al Bourgerie, second best varsity time-maker, Herm Goffberg, and Howie Wheeler upset the harrier appetcart when they received their injuries last week. Bourgerie, who was released from the College Infirmary yesterday, and Wheeler are expected to return in time for the Syracuse meet on October 26.

Goffberg's ailing leg may keep this sterling runner out of varsity competition for the second straight year after he placed second in the freshman IC-4A's two years ago.

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Varsity Soccermen Hold Scrimmage With Frosh; Gurcay Stars For Cubs

With Coach Bill Jeffrey starring for the freshman soccer squad, the varsity has been scrimmaging daily with the cub team in preparation for Saturday's game with Bucknell, the toughest outfit the Lions have encountered this season.

Playing the type of soccer Jeffrey likes is freshman Rimzi Gurcay, Turkish refugee, who displays excellent technique in handling and passing the ball.

Last year the Bisons held the Nittanymen to a 2-0 score, and with several lettermen returning and a wealth of reserve strength, Coach Merle Edwards hopes to avenge the gridiron defeat handed Bucknell three weeks ago.

IM Cross-Country Meet Postponed Till Next Week

The Intramural cross-country meet, originally slated today has been postponed until next Thursday at 4:30 p.m., Walter C. Parsons Jr., '42, intramural cross-country manager, announced late yesterday.

Seven fraternity teams and 12 independent teams will compete in the meet. All contenders must get in their eight practice runs before the meet, Parsons insisted.

Eppright Cops Freshman Harrier Time-Trials

Bill Eppright, stock freshman harrier, raced to a 16:01 finish in the first three mile freshman cross country time trial Tuesday beating Charles Hobbs by a few yards.

With a strong wind blowing, the freshman harriers ran a very slow three miles. Eppright, Hobbs, and Guyer Candy were the only three yearling harriers who managed to breast the tape in 16 minutes.

The summaries:
Bill Eppright, 16:01; Charles Hobbs, 16:04; Guyer Candy, 16:16; Curtis Stone, 17:05; Edwin Miller, 17:13; Bob Hazel, 17:17; Bob Falloon, 17:17; James Wright, 18:01; Gerry Eno, 18:02; Dick Cressman, 20:05; Speed Diamond, 20:05; Herb McVey, 21:05; Pete Kefalas, 22:28.

All Yearling Gridders See Scrimmage Action Against Varsity Teams

All freshman gridders scrimmaged yesterday—the first team against the varsity first-string, the second against the second varsity team, and the rest against the Jayvees.

The frosh passing combination. Quentin Peters to Jack Potsklan clicked against the varsity as the pair completed two long passes in the short time that the yearlings had the ball. The running attack, with Peters and Jack Banbury in the lead, also resulted in several good gains.

'44, Varsity Wrestlers Begin Practice Today

Coach Charlie Speidel has urged all varsity and freshman wrestling candidates to report to him for the first pre-season practice in Rec Hall at 4 p. m. today. Conditioning drills will be held twice a week and Speidel will start instructing newcomers on wrestling techniques.

Since the wrestling weights run from 121-pound to unlimited classes, Speidel plans to divide the grapplers into the regular eight weight classifications. However he pointed out, no training to make a certain weight will be permitted as yet.

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