

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

History Lesson

With all apologies to the editors of LaVie, 1908, today's lesson deals with a Penn State football team whose record is one of the best ever compiled by a Nittany grid machine, the team of 1906.

Glancing through old copies of LaVie, instead of boning for that Com 20 bluebook, I ran across the unique record of a Lion team, which though it only scored an average of 9.3 points per game, won 8 of its battles, lost but one, and tied another.

Here are some excerpts from newspaper clippings of several of the 1906 team's victories:

Williamsport, Pa., October 6—"For one year we have waited to get a smash at you, and now the time has come, Red, for the White and Blue." Thus echoed the opening stanza of one of the songs howled by Penn State's 900 happy students this afternoon on Seminary Field, as their gridiron heroes, led by Captain "Mother" Dunn, literally swept the famous Carlisle Indians off their feet, winning one of the most signal gridiron victories ever achieved by Pennsylvania State.

Annapolis, Md., November 3—By fine generalship and a remarkable series of line plunges by Hershman, Pennsylvania State defeated Annapolis here today by a score of 5-0. The game was a good one and the Penn State players did nothing to justify the reports of their rough playing sent out by Yale.

"Battered and bruised by the hardest and most trying gridiron campaign that any State eleven has ever experienced, our invincible Varsity went to Pittsburgh for their final battle and achieved a Thanksgiving Day triumph that put a glorious finish to the most successful season in our gridiron history."

I hope that in 34 years, the Collegian sports editor will glance back through the 1940 LaVie and find such successful history.

Freshman Cider Party Will Be Held Friday

A Freshman Mixer, in the form of a cider party, will be held in the Old Main Sandwich Shop, today at 8 p. m. The governing board and executive committee of the Industrial Education department drew up the plans at their meeting recently.

A probable program for the mixer will include a welcoming speech by Professor F. T. Struck, head of the Industrial Education department. A speaker for the evening event will be contacted, and movies of last year's State football games will be shown. All students and faculty of the Industrial Education department are requested to be present and all Freshmen in that school must attend the affair.

The governing board also made plans to show free movies every two weeks of interest to all Education students. The time and place of these movies will be posted on bulletin boards.

Higgins Selects Twenty-nine Lion Gridders For Game With Lehigh

Injuries Keep Ventresco, White, Wear Out of Game

Twenty nine Nittany Lion players have been selected by Coach Bob Higgins to make the Lehigh trip for the first away game of the season. The travelling squad will leave by bus for Allentown this morning, where State will make its headquarters over the weekend.

Unable to make the trip because of injuries will be Craig White, regular right halfback, Ralph Ventresco, sophomore fullback, and Bob Wear, reserve center.

The following players are listed to leave here at 8:30 a.m. today:

Ends—Vargo, Parsons, Schoonover, Egli, and Van Lenten; tackles—Stravinski, Platt, Frketic, Kniaz, and Pollock; guards—Mori, Garbinski, Kerns, Woodward, and Yoho; centers—Gajecki, Raysor, and Palazzi; quarterbacks—Patrick and Weaver; left halfbacks—Peters, Petrella, and Rice; right halfbacks—Krous, Day, and Bailey; fullbacks—Smaltz, Brown, and Gramly.

The squad will hold a brief workout on the Muhlenberg College field this afternoon.

Stay-At-Home



Ralph Ventresco, above, sophomore fullback, who is unable to make the Lehigh trip with the Lion squad leaving today. The burly back suffered a recurrence of an old knee injury last week and will remain on the sidelines indefinitely.

Syracuse Harrier Meet Moved To Friday, 11 a.m.

The Penn State-Syracuse cross country dual meet will be run next Friday at 11 a. m. instead of Saturday afternoon, Coach Chick Werner announced late yesterday after he had received a communication from Syracuse proposing the schedule change.

Because the Syracuse-Columbia football game will be played on that weekend and the Orange harriers have missed seeing a football game each time they traveled this far, the authorities asked to move the race to Friday.

This switch in time also allows the Nittany Lion squad to attend the Penn State-Temple football battle in Philadelphia on the school's official half-holiday.

Captain Bill Smith is pointing toward the Orange duel with more than usual fervor, because this harrier race will be his farewell gesture to Penn State fans. It will not only be his final appearance on the New Beaver Field track but a climax to the greatest four-year cross-country record ever made on the Penn State course.

"Mysterious Bill," as he was dubbed by New York City sports writers after his unexpected runaway in the 1938 IC-4A harrier championships, has never been defeated in a home cross-country meet. Smith also established the course record, 46 seconds ahead of Pete Olexy's best time in 25:24 minutes.

Smaltz Leads Lions In Completed Passes

Bad ankle and all, Bill Smaltz continued his great exhibition of passing in the West Virginia game completing two in six tries. Big Bill now has nine completions out of 20 attempts, to lead all other Lion heavers in both games.

The summaries:

Passer	A	C	I	YG
Smaltz	20	9	2	110
Brown	3	2	0	16
Ventresco	6	1	0	5
Peters	1	1	0	0
Day	2	0	0	0

A-Attempts C-Completions; I-Interceptions; YG-Yards aGined.

Chick Werner Predicts Another 'Mysterious Bill' To Bid For Harrier Fame

Chick Werner is getting on the bandwagon again for the second time in his coaching career. The first time Werner roared out a challenge to opposing cross-country teams, he sprung Penn State's frail-looking Bill Smith into the limelight as the nation's leading harrier.

This time it's another Bill . . . Bill Eppright.

Going out on a limb and predicting an IC-4A champion is like pulling a tooth to cagey Chick Werner, but Werner is taking no chances. He knows what he's talking about.

Eppright, ineligible for freshman cross-country because he spent a semester last year at Penn, flashed to a national 1000-yard interscholastic championship in Madison Square Garden in 1938, held the All-Philadelphia records for the mile, half-mile, and quarter-mile, and Penn's yearling harriers in every meet last year.

"Bill is one of the finest runners that I've ever watched in action," Werner said, "and right now I have that much faith in him that I'm predicting he'll take next year's IC-4A harrier crown."

Showing the same stamina and running form that Captain Bill Smith exhibited as a freshman, Eppright has been practicing daily with the yearling group and, through his competitive spirit, has bolstered the freshman team morale, according to Werner.

"Just as Captain Bill Smith served notice on the cross-country world that he intended to capture the nation's No. 1 harrier spot, so will Eppright become another 'Mysterious Bill' to the metropolitan papers. Only this time the name will be Eppright," Werner concluded.

Frosh Lineup Unchanged For Game Tomorrow

The same frosh lineup that started against Bucknell will take the field at the opening whistle of the Colgate game on New Beaver Field tomorrow, Coach Marty McAndrews said last night.

Bob Wallace will again start at right end in place of Bucky Walters who is still on the injured list. Walters' shoulder is better, however, and McAndrews said that he will undoubtedly see some action.

The Colgate yearlings will come here almost an unknown quantity. The only indication of their strength is a 7-6 victory over Cornell last week.

Bisons Point For Upset of Lion Soccermen Tomorrow For First Bucknell Win From Nittanymen

Bucknell's Bisons will be trying for their first soccer victory over the Lions when they come here tomorrow to attempt what many other teams have tried during the past seven years but failed, namely, the upset of the undefeated Nittanymen.

Last year when the two teams met, the Lions were held to a scoreless tie until the third period when Gus Bigott managed to slip two into the net to edge the opponents, 2-0.

Four veterans are among the 20 candidates vying for positions on this year's Bucknell team, which will compete this season for the first time as a member of the Intercollegiate Soccer Football

Association of America. In addition to losing his varsity halfbacks by graduation last year, Coach Merle Edwards had to find capable replacements at inside right and right wing.

Results in past years:

P. S.	Bucknell
1930-3	0
1936-6	0
1937-6	0
1938-1	0
1939-2	0

Kappa Sigs Beat Phi Psis; Enter IM Quarter-Finals

Kappa Sigma entered the quarter-final rounds of the intramural football competition by downing Phi Kappa Psi, 12-0, last night.

Montz starred for the Kappa Sigs with his accurate passing. The Kappa Sigs will meet Delta Chi in the quarter-finals.

Other intramural results were not reported.

To Represent The College

Prof. Carroll D. Champlin, School of Education, will represent the College tomorrow at the inauguration of Dr. Felix Morely, president of Haverford College.

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