

Nittany Lion Harriers Edged Out By Syracuse In Tight Duel, 27-28

Captain Bill Smith and Chet Snyder were not enough to stave off a superior Syracuse cross-country team when the Orangemen edged out the Nittany harriers, 27-28, in the last home dual meet held here Friday morning.

Snyder ran the best race of his career when he fought off Wes Stansbury and Lynn Radcliffe in a close finish. Smith, diminutive Lion pacemaker, led the way with a fast 26:23 five-mile time over a muddy course in his final home appearance.

Without the aid of a well-balanced squad because of an epidemic of injuries, the Lion harriers struggled to seventh, eighth and tenth positions with Pop Thiel, Vern Kotz, and Dusty Rhodes finishing in that order.

Jaffurs Hurt As Frosh Bow To Syracuse, 20-12

Paul Schlegel will probably take over the right guard spot on the frosh grid team in place of John Jaffrus who will be out for at least a week suffering from severe cuts about the face received as the yearlings lost to Syracuse, 20-12, Saturday.

Chappy Peters was instrumental in scoring both Lion touchdowns against the little Orangemen.

Between The Lions

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Weekend Recovery

Thoroughly satisfied with the Lions' power-laden win over Temple, chief speculation now in the minds of Penn State grid enthusiasts is, without doubt, whether the Nittanymen are headed for their first undefeated season since 1920.

At the halfway mark in their schedule, a clean sheet behind them, Bob Higgins' lads find themselves in a really tough spot. Unbeaten teams are the apple of every football opponents' eye.

South Carolina, Syracuse, NYU, and Pitt, yet to be met by the up-rushing Lions, will all be pointing to their clash with the local gridmen. All of them have tasted defeat at least twice, and a win over the potent State gridgers would be a feather in their helmets. In fact, records to date would indicate that the locals should have smooth sailing . . . but records can be wrong.

Undefeated football teams usually lick themselves. They get overconfident. They let down. They get careless. They take it easy against underdog opponents. Penn State's Lions must guard against this.

Another danger lies in the don't-give-a-hoot attitude which South Carolina, Syracuse, NYU, and Pitt will inject into their offenses. The four remaining Nittany enemies will throw every caution to the winds in an effort to outscore State. They'll pass the Lions dizzy, and even you'll admit the locals' aerial defense looked a little shaky against the Owls Saturday.

But looking at it from State's angle, the Temple fracas showed more than ever the strength of the Lions' forward wall and potency of the running attack. The combination of the two is what may make an undefeated season a reality, but don't take that as a prediction.

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Missing fire on the Fordham-St. Mary's and North Carolina-Tulane game, and being stymied by the Georgia-Kentucky deadlock, BTL predictions for the year dropped two percentage points to .785, now a grand total of 44 good guesses, 12 bad ones, and four ties.

Lion Booters Crush Syracuse, 7-0, Saturday

The Lion soccermen took one more step toward their eighth undefeated season Saturday as they completely outclassed Syracuse and blanked the Orangemen, 7-0.

Van Hartman led the Nittanymen by tallying three of the Lions' total, and Gringo Galindo was close behind with two. The other scorers for the Jeffreyemen were Captain Walt Hosterman and Don

Durain who each booted into the net.

Alan Heck suffered the only serious injury of the game when he twisted a knee and pulled a tendon. It is doubtful if he will be able to play in the tilt with Navy at Annapolis Saturday.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "A Dispatch from Reuter's"

STATE: "Hit Parade of 1941"

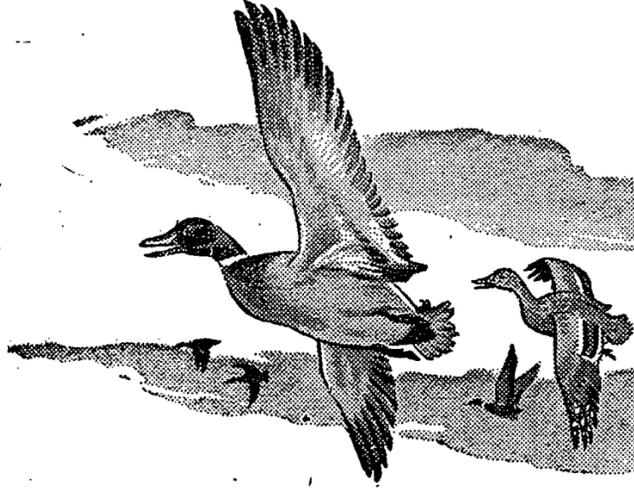
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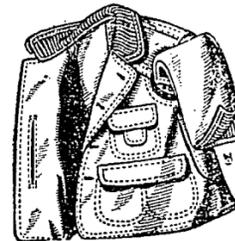
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