

Soccer, Jayvee Football Scheduled For Only Home Tilts Today

Between the Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Be happy you reside as far from State College as you do this morning. Penn State students are hot under the collar over your criticism of the Lion football team, and you wouldn't last long enough in this usually quiet village to blow your nose.

Chief reason for this sudden dislike for you reverts to two statements you made yesterday:

1. That your grid outfit "was stopped cold by such lesser elevens as Penn State and Bucknell."
2. That Penn State stole plays from your erstwhile Owls.

In rebuttal of your first accusation I refer you to the national ratings of the State and Temple teams. You'll have to look loud and long for any ranking system which puts the Owls anywhere within striking distance of the Lions, whereas the locals are in the upper bracket, both nationally and in the East. Your statement doesn't make sense, Ray.

As for the Nittany crew stealing your plays during practice sessions, I doubt that very much, too. There are gentlemen in the world of football, Mr. Morrison, and Bob Higgins is one of the finest.

Personally, and I think most everyone agrees, you are seeking a damn good alibi for the unsuccessful season you have had to date, but this one isn't it, because it puts you in the class with a certain fellow from Ohio State, who made such a laughing stock of not only himself, but his whole team and university, only a few weeks ago.

Really, I guess, we here at Penn State should laugh at your childish accusations. It is funny, Ray, except that we don't like to see the name of Penn State taken in vain.

Shall I send along a gross of handkerchiefs? We hope you'll need them.

Yours,
Dick Peters.

Syracuse Scribe Gives Inside Dope

By DICK KOEPKE

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A badly beaten ball club last Saturday when they bowed, 28-6, to Georgetown hustling Hoyas, Syracuse's Orangement have been completely revamped for this week's skirmish with Penn State.

Stories and scouting reports drifting back to Syracuse from the bailiwick of the Nittany Lions indicate that this year's edition is the best ball club the Staters have fielded in the past 20 years, and Coach Ossie Solem is overlooking no bets in whipping his eleven into the best possible shape for the talented Lions.

Although State is rated more than a two-touchdown edge over the Orange at the moment, Syracuse has not been counted out of the picture by the gambling boys yet. The in-and-out tendencies of the Piety Hillers make them a poor club to bet against and the season records indicate that this will be an uncertain week to ride your money on the opposition team.

Since the beginning of the 1940 campaign the Orangement have been turning out alternately good and bad Saturdays, and this is due to be a big weekend for the Saltine Warriors.

After trimming Clarkson Tech in the opener, the Hillmen took a 40-0 beating from Northwestern's Wildcats. They bounced back the next week and carted off an easy win over NYU, but the following Saturday it was the same old story—another loss, this time to Cornell. A victory at the expense of Columbia followed by Georgetown's win brings the story up to date, pointing to a red-hot Saturday when Penn State invades Archbold stadium.

Of course, a series of coincidences of this nature will by no means insure an Orange victory, especially when Penn State has such a powerful team. However, the whole idea is rather interesting. After all, you can't blame a guy for dreaming when his ball club is in the dumps.

Although the Orange squad has been trimmed down by injuries suffered in the Georgetown contest, Ossie Solem has scrimmaged his charges for the first two days this week to iron out flaws shown by

Coach Speidel Issues New Call For Wrestlers

Although about 100 candidates have reported for wrestling practice held every Tuesday and Thursday in Rec Hall, Coach Charley Speidel has announced that he is anxious to have all men interested in wrestling report on these practice days.

Starting from scratch, Speidel will spend most of these drill sessions in explaining the simple holds and technique of wrestling.

BTL Predictions

Hoping to better the .833 average made to date, we close our eyes and say that: Penn State will trounce Syracuse by two touchdowns. Cornell will keep on against Yale. Penn will outmaneuver Harvard. Michigan will edge Minnesota in the game of the day. Notre Dame will take it out on Navy. Tulane will strangle Alabama. Clemson will upset Auburn. Stanford will push Washington out of the way. Fordham will sneak past Purdue. Pitt will stagger Carnegie Tech.

the Hillmen. Many of the regulars have been hobbled by minor bruises and hurts, but all of them, except Dick Banger, should be ready for State. Banger, regular tailback last season, has been playing wingback and blocking back this year and doing most of the passing.

It now appears that Gerry Courtney, Leo Canale, and Joe Watt will get the opening backfield nod with either Red Rodiek or Cliff Wilson calling the signals. Courtney, stylish broken field runner last season, hasn't shown much this year, and he may be due this weekend. Canale, a terrific bucker, will start at fullback, and soph Joe Watt will be the wingback.

Dick Weber and Johnny Congdon have retained their guard berths, and Ray Tice is still at center, but the tackle story has a different slant. Bill Eschenfelder has displaced Tom Kinney at left tackle and right tackle Joe Rigan is getting a tough scrap for his job from Dick Ransom and Ernie Ascherman.

Whitey Piro is set at left end, and Paul Berthold has passed Les Dye at the other flank. A third-stringer till the Georgetown contest, Berthold played brilliantly after replacing Dye and sewed up a regular berth.

Booters Meet Army In Only Varsity Game

In the only varsity contest here this weekend, the Penn State soccer squad will attempt to score their 59th victory without defeat when they meet the Army eleven on New Beaver Field at 1 p. m. today.

Fans will have an excellent opportunity to see in actual play the power system of playing soccer as opposed to Bill Jeffrey's system. The Cadets use the power kick and rushing type of play as against the short, placement kicks and strategy stressed by Jeffrey.

Only regular missing from the Lion lineup will be Alan Heck, sophomore right fullback, who is still recovering from injuries received in the past two tilts. Heck suffered a leg injury in the Syracuse game and received a dislocated knee when the Lions battled Navy last week. Dick Dearborn, who has shown up very well as a substitute this year, will take over the position.

Don Megrail, center halfback, has had a charley-horse for the past week but will take his place in the opening lineup this afternoon.

Outstanding for the West Pointers is, strangely enough, a substitute, Bob Claggett, who tallied the Army's two goals against M.I.T. Wednesday. Also a power man in the Army lineup is Len Guckeyson, center halfback, who has paced the Cadets in almost all their encounters this year.

The lineups:

Penn State	Army
G. Leskaris	Hayduk
RB Freeman	Weeks
LB Dearborn	Stern
RH Hosterman	Koslowski,
CH Mcgrail	Guckeyson
LH Green	Marks
OR Hartman	Bowlin
IR Balindo	Walters
CF King	Stillson
IL Corman	Deshert
OL Durain	Frankosky

Frosh Booters Seek 2nd Win At Cornell Tomorrow

Sixteen freshman booters left yesterday for Ithaca, New York, where they will meet the Cornell freshman soccer team this afternoon in an attempt to avenge defeats suffered at the hands of the Little Red booters for the past two years.

Defeating Syracuse early in the season, the Little Lion soccer men will be midway in their season and out for their second victory. Next Wednesday the freshmen will close their schedule, playing Army's plebes at West Point.

Accompanied by Coach Clyde Underwood, the following freshmen made the trip: John Struck, Charles Horvath, Harold Framm, Sam Schnure, James Irwin, Boyd Ethers, Earl Stauffer, Henry Yeagley, William Pritchard, Tom Williams, Lloyd Black, Dick Miller, Len Fruchter, Wayne Bechdel, Sam Landis, and Logan Gerheim.

Football

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eleven it has faced this year. Flashing a powerful running attack at times, the Orangement have bowed to Cornell, Northwestern, and Georgetown, all rated among the ten best in the nation. With a victory over State so important towards their season's success, Coach Ossie Solem's minions will spare nothing in an effort to upset the dope.

Ed Rodiek will direct the Orange attack aided in the backfield by halfbacks Gerry Courtney and Joe Watt, and fullback Leo Canale. Courtney and Canale have been the home team's best ground-gainers all year. Syracuse's ace in the hole will be its counterpart of the Lions' Pepper Petrella in 147-pound Bunky Morris, ace passer and kicker.

Captain Smith, Snyder Enter Final Dual Race Against Pitt Harriers

Captain Bill Smith, foremost Nittany Lion harrier for four years, and Cet Snyder will race their last five-mile harrier grind in dual competition when Coach Chick Werner's cross-country squad runs its season's finale in Pittsburgh today against the Pitt Panthers.

Only defeated once in his dual career, the slightly built Nittany captain will be gunning for his 14th dual meet triumph against "Zeke" Sterner and Mac McCable, Pitt's top harriers.

Surging to two IC-4A championships in his freshman and sophomore years, Smith blossomed into the nation's No. 1 harrier. Last year, suffering from a stomach illness and a few bad breaks, "Mysterious Bill" lost his only dual race to Michigan State's Captain Fehr, who nosed him out in a spirited break for the tape.

As a disappointing climax to his junior year, Smith was defeated by Les McMitchell, NYU harrier, in the IC-4A's when a stitch in the side of the Nittany leader slowed him up near the finish line.

Werner will send Smith, Chet Snyder, Pop Thiel, Vern Kotz, Bob Kingtigh, Bill Jameson, and Archy Hyson into this final tilt, as both the Nittany Lions and Panthers are seeking their season's first win.

Lions Rated Third in Nation In Total Rushing Defense

According to the latest figures compiled by the American Football Statistical Bureau, Penn State ranks among the country's first ten in offense, defense, and rushing defense.

The Nittany Lions' rushing defense average of 38.8 yards per game rates the Staters third in the country.

Penn State's average of 99.8 yards per game for total defense rates fourth, and an offensive average of 313.2 yards puts the Lions in the tenth spot.

Jayvees Meet Panthers Here At 2 p.m. Today

Fully aware that their game with Pitt shares the sports limelight on Beaver Field with the soccer game today, the Jayvee gridders are prepared to whip up a real battle and do a fancy job of Panther taming. Danny's Demons will see action at 2 p.m. on the varsity field.

"Cap" Bailey, who was scheduled to travel to Syracuse with the varsity, has been recalled for service against the Panther Jayvees. His kicking and passing from the tailback position should greatly strengthen the Demons' attack. Against Navy last week, Bailey booted a punt 60 yards and rolled it out on the three yard line.

Quent Deidrich, stellar back whose 94 yard touchdown run against Navy was called back because of a penalty, will again star for Danny DeMarino's gridders at the fullback spot. Frank Silvestri will call signals at blocking back. Either Ted Phillips or Bill Shut will start at wingback. Phillips returned to action recently after being out for a week with a knee injury sustained in the opening game against Cornell.

The forward wall will line up with Walt Sottung and "Smoky" Mall as ends, Pete Kroner and John Hall at tackle, Joe Valla and John Tessieri at the guard posts, and Lou Palazzi whipping the pigskin back from center. Ed Gales and Sam Kopach will both be out of action because of shoulder injuries sustained in the Navy skirmish.

'44 Cross-Country Team Meets Cornell Tomorrow

The freshman cross-country team will be looking for its second victory of the season when they run against the Cornell frosh at Ithaca, N. Y., today.

Members of the team who left yesterday for Cornell are: Tim Candy, Charlie Hobbs, Bob Haze, Curtis Stone, Bob Faloon, Dick Cressman, and Jerry Eno.

Be sure to see the soccer exhibit in the Athletic Store window today. Varsity player, Hap Freeman has done all the lettering for the display.

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