

Game With Mexico Adds Unusual Touch To Lion Cage Schedule

"I don't know if they'll be any good or not. At least, they'll be colorful," Basketball Coach John Lawther said yesterday referring to the game with the University of Mexico scheduled in Rec Hall on February 25.

Lawther said that he knew nothing at all about the Mexican team though it seemed to be his opinion that they play a wide open, spectacular brand of basketball.

Other opponents, not on last year's schedule, are Muhlenberg and American University in Washington, D. C., Mt. Union, Akron, Kent State, and Rutgers have been dropped.

Lawther explained that the customary Christmas trip has been eliminated in order to shorten the schedule. The Lions will play 21 games this year in comparison with the 23 played last year and the year before. However, those were the longest schedules in Lion cage history, the previous high having been 18 games in 1937-38.

The first two games of the season W&J here on December 7 and Bucknell at Lewisburg on December 11—will be among the toughest on the schedule if the 1939-40 record is any indication. W&J beat State, 44-27, and Bucknell won by a 35-26 score.

A Lawther-coached Lion team will play at Bucknell for the first time. The last that State played the Bisons at Lewisburg was in 1912. The Colgate gym will also be new to Lawther for the Red Raiders, with whom basketball relations were resumed last year after a five-year lapse, will be met at Hamilton, N. Y. for the first time since 1934.

It'll be a long, fast train-ride for the cagers after they battle NYU in New York City on January 10, for they are scheduled to play Pitt in Pittsburgh the next night.

The two service teams—Army and Navy—are both on the slate but both games are away from home. Army will be met on February 22 and Navy on January 8.

Penn State Harriers Speak For Their Captain

The Nittany cross-country team raised their voices yesterday to support Penn State's cheer for Captain Bill Smith who competes in his final IC4-A meet Monday.

Al Bourgerie said, "That last, long trek up Cemetery Hill will show Smith pouring it on."

"MacMitchell may be good, but our cap'n is better," quoted Dusty Rhodes.

"One of the greatest harriers I've seen will whip NYU's star," Pop Thiel promised.

Frank Burkhardt commented, "Billy-boy will bring home the bacon."

Chet Snyder remarked, "He's the best collegiate runner, best ever."

Vern Kotz concluded, "Smith and Cemetery Hill can't be beat."

Temple Coach Denies Making Newspaper Charges

Mr. Dick Peters
State College, Pa.
Dear Mr. Peters:

I received two marked copies of "The Daily Collegian," and I cannot blame you for your letter in the paper or your attitude in the matter if you can really believe I made such idiotic statements as I have been quoted as having made.

Believe me. I have the highest regard for Bob Higgins and Penn State College. Never have I stated to anyone that Penn State or Bucknell scouted us in any way other than in an honorable and sportsman-like way. No one could make me believe Bob Higgins would countenance anything other than that of the most gentlemanly and sportsman-like tactics.

Further, I have never referred to either Bucknell or Penn State as "lesser elevens," and I have had

our publicity director search all the press stories and we cannot find where the words were used. I certainly never used them nor could I have thought them. Frankly, I take off my hat to these two great-spirited, clean-playing, sportsman-like football teams. There is nothing "lesser" about them.

The thoughtless and misquoting gentlemen of the press have done me a great deal of harm that can never be entirely undone. However, your paper, "The Daily Collegian," can probably do more than any other paper to set the matter right in the minds of the Penn State students in denying for me these quotations.

I hope I may have an opportunity in the near future of being on your campus and meeting you and other members of the student body in order that I may, in per-

son, deny these quotations and express to you my very great confidence in Bob Higgins and Penn State College.

Please come to see me when you are in Philadelphia. I would like to know you as well as have you get a more honest picture of me.

Very sincerely yours,
Ray Morrison, Head football coach, Temple University.

Sports editors note—

We hoped at the time of our open letter to Mr. Morrison that the story appearing in the Philadelphia Record was not true. But circumstances being what they were, it was felt that to sit back and take such remarks without comment was not the manly thing to do. It is with much happiness we print this letter of Mr. Morrison's. We hope to unwrap the whole mess in the near future.

Veteran Tackle



Frank Platt, regular lineman, who will play his last home game against New York University tomorrow.

12 Seniors Play Last Home Games

Led by Captain Leon "Gates" Gajewski, 12 senior members of the undefeated Nittany Lion football squad will play their last home game when State clashes with the New York University eleven here tomorrow.

With only the game at Pittsburgh remaining on the Blue and White 1940 gridiron schedule, the battle between the Lions and Violets will give local followers their final chance to watch the last year players in action on New Beaver Field.

Including Gajewski at center, eight seniors will take the field at the opening kickoff tomorrow. Both the tackles and ends, Frank Platt and Carl Stravinski at the tackle posts, flanked by Tom Vargo and Lloyd Parsons will be starting their last home game. The other regular senior lineman will be veteran Wade Mori at one of the guard spots.

Chuck Peters, starting left half-back, and Johnny Patrick, blocking back and signal caller, will be the three-year veterans in the starting backfield.

Four other gridgers who have performed meritorious service for the cause of Penn State football will be making their last home appearance. They are halfback Craig White, regular handicapped with injuries all year, guard Jim Woodward, another hard luck player, tackle Walt Kniaz and extra-point specialist Ben Pollock.

All of the seniors aided by their teammates will be out to keep the record of not being beaten on New Beaver Field since 1938 intact.

Two regulars will probably be missing from the Lion lineup, Coach Bob Higgins announced yesterday. Mike Garbinski and Craig White, regular left guard and right halfback respectively are out with shoulder injuries and are not expected to see service tomorrow.

The University of Minnesota print shop has a staff of 33 linotypists, pressmen, cutters and binders.

Toe Specialist



Extra-point kicking star, Ben Pollock, makes his last home appearance against the Violets.

Violets Complete Grid Preparations

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 14—Dr. Mal Stevens, Violet coach, stressed defense in today's indoor practice session as the NYU squad completed preparations for the game with Penn State. The Violets will leave here tomorrow morning for Lewistown, Pa., where they will rest till game time Saturday.

Forced indoors for the third straight day, the NYU gridgers were put through a lengthy workout in an effort to form a forward wall capable of offering resistance against the highly regarded State line. Stevens studied the actions of his linemen minutely and interrupted proceedings often to point out flaws.

The defense program has already wrought two changes. Harry Peterit, the regular right tackle, has been assigned to right end, and Irv Hyman, the regular left tackle, has been named reserve center without being deprived of his original job.

The two tackles will be replaced by Stan Rosen and Bernie Jovans. Woodrow Wittekind, quarterback, is the only doubtful starter having suffered a leg injury in the last play of the Franklin and Marshall game.

Jayvee Booters Meet Lock Haven Varsity Today On Practice Soccer Field

Lock Haven State Teachers College will provide the opposition for the only junior varsity soccer game scheduled for this year. The game will be played on the practice field below the golf course at four o'clock this afternoon.

Fifteen booters will compose the Nittany Lion Jayvee squad. They are George Roy, Bob Donaldson, John Dufford, Alfred Arnold, Charles Lischer, Wally Patton, William Mills, Howard Jones, Jimmy Jones, Orville Everitt, Russell Bish, Max Chenoweth, Frank Yeaple, Charles Phillips, and Dave Boyer.

No definite starting lineup has been chosen as yet by Coach Bill Jeffrey. It is very likely, however, that all of the booters will see action during the skirmish.

The jayvee soccer team is not a separate unit but is made up of varsity substitutes and others who do not measure up to varsity calibre as yet. Today's game was scheduled as a courtesy to the Lock Haven team, which couldn't be classed as varsity competition for the Lions.

'44 Booters Down Army End Season Undefeated

Following in the footsteps of their victorious elder brothers, the freshman soccermen defeated the Army plebes, 2-0, at West Point Wednesday, to end their season undefeated and unscored upon.

Bill Prichard, freshman center forward, scored in the first period from a pass by Henry Yeagley in the neatest play of the game.

Bill Bechdel, State sub, scored in the third quarter. The game was a dismal affair as far as weather was concerned, with the ball soggy and hard to control.

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| L.H. | Etters | Richmond | |
| O.R. | Stauffer | Moore | |
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