

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

Of Lions, And Violets

"Roses are red, violets are blue, Lions are rough playmates for you."

A lion and a violet aren't exactly what you would call two objects which should be put together for an afternoon of frolicking over autumn's green grass. Yet, this afternoon you'll see them cavorting around together on New Beaver Field.

Whether or not lions eat violets and enjoy them, has never been proved by zoologists. Whether violets are poisonous to the inwards of lions is also an unproved theory. The only thing known to science in predicting the meeting of a lion and a violet is that the jungle animal will probably trample the flower and damage it seriously.

Especially savage, is a lion who has been given acute indigestion by an overdose of oranges—oranges with the peel still on them. Authorities on animal medicine report that nothing makes a lion grouzier and more annoyed than sickness afflicted by oranges.

Only one case is on record where a violet ever injured a lion, that was back in 1929. In 1927, a violet scared a lion badly and came out even with its animal foe.

The lion which goes forth in pastime with the violet this afternoon has thus far feasted nobly on bison, mountaineer, engineer, owl, and gamecock meat, whereas the violet can only boast of the shavetail and diplomat it has hurt of late.

Indications would lead to the belief that the lion might hurt the violet badly, in fact, by three or four touchdowns!

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A Pony Express rider, too late for Custer's last stand, rode into this office a few minutes past midnight, bearing dispatches that:

Penn will outshell the Army. Georgetown will bump off Boston College. Syracuse will topple Colgate. Nebraska will husk Pitt. Northwestern will wiggle in over Michigan. Texas A&M will polish off Rice. Stanford will coast along over Oregon State. Tennessee outmaneuver Virginia. Notre Dame will win scantily over Iowa.

Dr. H. C. Gossard, dean in charge of curricula at Eastern New Mexico college, has just finished a study on what professors do in their spare time.

Soccermen Near Eight-Year Undefeated Record As Game At Penn, Wednesday, Approaches

Always A Winner



If the Lion soccer booters defeat or tie Penn next Wednesday it will mean that Bill Jeffrey, above, will have guided his boys to their 60th consecutive game without defeat over a period of almost eight years.

Versatile Hosterman Captains Soccer, Wins Prize For Embroidery

"Hemstitching Hosterman" they call him . . . One of the happiest days in Soccer Captain Walt Hosterman's life was one summer day in 1936 when he was awarded second place in the Hobby Fair for his handiwork in embroidery . . . Defends his hobby by citing the former Prince of Wales' skill with the needle and thread.

Started his soccer career in high school under Coach John Serff . . . won his varsity letter in his sophomore year both in soccer and in track . . . was freshman track captain. One of the outstanding soccer players in the country, Hosterman was named to the All-Eastern soccer eleven in both 1938 and 1939 . . . chosen for the All-Intercollegiate team, Middle Atlantic District, in 1939.

"Mother's Dutch food" is always my favorite, says Walt . . . His course is Dairy Husbandry . . . wants to own his own dairy some day . . . belongs to Friars and Parmi Nous . . . works for Pe-Ro's in the summer . . .

Walt's biggest thrill is "playing under Bill Jeffrey" . . . a real tribute to the genial Scotchman who has turned out such amazing soccer teams for Penn State.

As to his romantic nature, Walt has had only three dates since he's been going to college . . . confines his worries to the approaching game with undefeated and untied Temple . . .

Cheer Section Enlarged

Walt Sottung '41 announced last night that the cheering section for the football game today will be enlarged five rows. The demand for more room in the cheering sections comes mainly from juniors and seniors, he said.

Victory Means 60 Games Without Loss For State

According to the mathematicians, every time the Penn State soccer team wins another game the probability of losing the next increases tremendously. In eight years the Lions have raised these odds to an almost unbelievable figure.

Bill Jeffrey's soccermen have compiled the most astounding record of any athletic team on record. During the past eight seasons, the Lions haven't dropped a single game, and have played the outstanding elevens in the country.

Should the Nittanymen top the Penn squad when the two teams meet in Philadelphia Wednesday, they will have attained the remarkable record of 60 games without defeat!

The streak began back in 1932 after the Syracuse Orange toppled the Lions in the last game of the season. Since then Penn State has methodically crubbed practically every team that they met, being tied only a few times.

Jeffrey came to Penn State in 1926 and in the 14 years since then his teams have won 83, tied 15, and lost only six. Eleven of the teams were undefeated. Thus, the batting average of Coach Bill Jeffrey, has reached an amazing .798.

Since 1926 Penn State teams have won three unquestionable EIS-FA championships ('26, '29 and '38); tied for honors with Penn in 1933 and Springfield in 1937; and tied with three other schools for the top award in 1936—six championship teams in 14 years! Eleven undefeated seasons in 14 years! A total of 59 games without defeat since 1932!

What's the answer! Well, if you don't know by now, maybe the inscription on the little scroll that was presented to Bill Jeffrey by his friends just last year will tell you:

To William Jeffrey—Varsity soccer coach at the Pennsylvania State College. Sportsman, Friend—We, in testimony of our appreciation of your splendid contribution to College Athletics, your service to Penn State, your wise and inspirational leadership which has produced winning teams without taking the fun out of the sport, hereby affix our signatures this fourth day of March A. D. 1939.

Ice Hockey Team Loses Opponents

Due to a break-up of the league in which it played last year, Penn State's varsity ice hockey team faces only a pending three game schedule.

An invitation to play a game with Lafayette at Hershey as a prelude to a major match has been accepted by Coach A. F. Davis. The other two games are with Carnegie and Lafayette on December 6 and 13 respectively, and are to be played at Johnstown, provided the dates are open for the other two schools.

The Philadelphia Gardens League, which has just recently been begun and which includes Lehigh, Lafayette, Penn, Drexel, and possibly Villanova and Temple, invited the team to enter, but the invitation had to be declined.

Forty-five candidates reported Tuesday for the second practice of the season, and Thursday, the team journeyed to Johnstown for its first practice on ice. Coach Davis has announced that Freshmen will be called sometime after the Thanksgiving holidays.

Columbia University's college of physicians and surgeons awarded 100 scholarships totaling \$36,675 for the academic year.

Harriers Leave For IC4-A Race

Fourteen Penn State varsity and freshman harrier will depart early tomorrow morning for the annual IC4-A meet to be held Monday afternoon in Van Cortland Park, New York City.

As a proof that the Nittany Lion cross-country team is not underrated, despite its four dual losses this year, sports expert in New York are picking the Lions to finish up among the first five of 30 competing colleges.

Little Al Bourgerie, Lions' second best harrier, has been partly responsible for this rating, because of his sudden return to the squad after a bad tendon injury. Another factor in the Lions' favor was their close defeats by Michigan State, Syracuse, and Manhattan, who are regarded as the best teams in the country.

"Ole Man Weather" may throw a wrench into Captain Bill Smith's championship hopes if it continues to rain or snow. Smith, who weighs about 130 pounds, is at his peak on a dry course, while Les MacMitchell, NYU ace, is a big, tireless runner who can eat up mileage without feeling the strain on a rainy day.

Another disadvantage to Smith, if it rains, will be the elimination of Van Cortland Park's treacherous Cemetery Hill, which has been a sore sport to most competing harriers, but a boon to the Nittany captain. It was on this hill, last year, that Smith made a great comeback after he had almost dropped out of the race with a stitch in his side.

Since Smith is a great hill-runner and MacMitchell noted for his speed on the harrier straightaway, the changing of the course may give the NYU harrier a better advantage.

Penn State hill-and-dalers who will make the trip are Smith, Bourgerie, Cnet Snyder, Vern Kotz, Dusty Rhodes, Pop Thiel, and Frank Burkhart.

The yearling squad, which has been showing better time-trials than most freshman teams, and is undefeated will consist of Tink Candy, Charles Hobbs, Curt Stone, Bob Hazel, Bob Faloon, Jerry Eno and Dick Cressman.

Football

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Johnny Patrick will be concluding their three-year varsity career on the home field. With Craig White still on the sidelines with an injured shoulder, the Lions' pass-receiving ace, Len Krouse, continues in the wingback slot. Bill Smaltz at fullback completes the starting backfield.

Dr. Mal Stevens, NYU coach, is planning on starting a strong offensive backfield paced by the Negro sophomore ace, Len Bates, in an attempt to dazzle the State defense. Aiding Bates will be Woody Wittekind, Jim Tighe and Jack Barnak.

Basketball Team Will Use Odd-Shaped Back Board

A smaller, irregularly-shaped back board—a radical change from the rectangular banking surface of previous years—will be used by the varsity basketball team at all home games this season.

The board has been cut away below the rim of the basket and the corners have been rounded. This arrangement, Coach Lawther has said, will enable players to shoot more easily from under the basket. He explained that it will stress accuracy and should help to eliminate wild shots.

Lawther doesn't think that the new board will make "much difference" in the style of play used by the Lion cagers.

The board is similar to the one with which the team experimented last year except that this board has a flat surface and the other was convex. The new board is optional equipment with all college teams.

Phys Ed Studies Conducted

Graduate studies are being conducted this semester by nine resident students. These problems will be presented at the doctor's and master's seminars. Those working for their doctorate are Edward Cubbon, John Nixon, and Bernath Phillips.

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