

Booters Face Undeclared Temple Squad Here Tomorrow

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

The Lions' Last Stand

Tomorrow may be a great day for Penn State. Also it might be a sad, sad one.

Tomorrow will see two Lion athletic teams staking all to finish their 1940 seasons without defeat, Bob Higgins' powerful gridders and Bill Jeffrey's perpetual soccermen.

In Pitt and Temple, the footballers and booters are respectively taking themselves on an afternoon of hard labor. Granted the Panthers have no impressive record, with but two wins out of six attempts this fall, but consider their opposition—Ohio State, Missouri, Southern Methodist, Fordham, Carnegie Tech, and Nebraska.

As for the Temple bootmen, who face the Lion kickers on New Beaver Field, just count them as plenty tough, for they, too, are unbeaten this year, and remember also that they deadlocked the Jeffrey men last season.

For the Nittany pigskin crew a Panther defeat would mean a lot—Penn State's first unblemished grid record since 1920, and—that hope eternal which forever burns in a football player's heart—maybe a bowl bid. Add to that the breaking of the long-standing Pitt Stadium jinx, and another much-coveted victory over that dear-old rival—Pittsburgh.

For the Lion boot kings, a plucking of the Owl eleven, would mean an extension of the most amazing intercollegiate record ever known—eight successive undefeated seasons, which include 61 games without going down under fire.

So there's a lot at stake tomorrow for both gridders and booters, and blame it if you will, on my belief on the old adage "seeing is believing," I pick both Nittany teams to finish their 1940 slates unbeaten.

Add 1—Predictions

Disregarding all usual methods of crystal ball gazing, almanac reading, picking from a hat, etc. BTL merely proclaims that:

Cornell will give Penn an attack of acute indigestion. Stanford will add California to its string. Nebraska will bump Iowa State. Tennessee will put the bug on Kentucky. Michigan will bounce back against Ohio State. Minnesota will overpower Wisconsin. Northwestern will take Notre Dame's measure. Harvard will out-ivy Yale. And, if you want an upset, Auburn will do it to Boston College.

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Produces Champs



Unbeaten Booters Play For Fun

Our much renowned soccer team, undefeated in 60 straight games, has been viewed and written about from many angles. Let's get a fresh approach and look at "Bill" Jeffrey and his boys through the eyes of an assistant soccer manager, Tom Culp, '42.

"I don't know," Tom said, "but it seems to me when I watch Bill and the boys out practicing they're just like a bunch of kids out playing for the fun they get, or maybe the exercise. You'd think that a team, undefeated in 60 contests, would be under great strain and tension to keep up such a record, but on the contrary," the soccer manager continued, "there is no strained atmosphere, everything is run on the most informal terms."

Continuing, Culp explained that a typical afternoon's practice session would probably begin by having the team warm up, kick the ball around, and of course, Coach Jeffrey would be right in there. "Bill always seems to have a helping remark or a funny one to keep 'his' boys laughing, and incidentally," Culp added, "Bill's attitude is as though they really were 'his' boys."

"They always end up by playing a game and if their coach is on the losing team he takes a lot of good natured kidding," he said.

To sum it up, we at Penn State have undoubtedly the greatest soccer team in the country, and a team to be proud of. But Bill and his boys haven't gained these heights by means of "high-pressure" practice and playing. They have attained this because they love the game, and because they get a lot of just plain fun and exercise out of it.

Only Varsity Tilt Here Tomorrow

By BILL MCKNIGHT

Penn State's traditionally victorious soccer Lions will expose their record at 2 p.m. tomorrow afternoon to the most formidable opponent they have encountered in many years, the undefeated and untied Temple Owls, who last year battled the Nittanymen to a scoreless tie.

The starting lineup may find Goalie Zen Laskaris on the bench due to an injury received in the Penn game Wednesday. Zen will see his last game along with four other Lion booters who will attempt to carve their names in Penn State's hall of fame by completing another undefeated season.

So far this year the Owls have downed every team they met, including Maryland, last year's Southern Conference champions, who were swamped by the Temple eleven, 5-0. Maryland had been undefeated until that tilt.

Flashy center forward Billy "Blitzkrieg" Bathgate has been the Owls' titleholder in scoring honors, booting two in almost every tilt this year. Also outstanding for the invading team are inside right Pete Lorenc and Sam Fogel who both consistently hit the net.

Temple coach Pete Leanness teaches his boys in almost the same manner as our own Bill Jeffrey, emphasizing strategy and clever passing rather than rugged playing and power kicking. Tomorrow's game will see two of the greatest teams in the country stage a fight to the finish, both battling with every ounce of strength to determine whether Bill Jeffrey will chalk up another undefeated team or the mighty Penn State eleven will at last be forced to end their remarkable record.

The Owls will definitely be out to upset the Nittanymen, but in this writer's opinion, they will have to rise to unprecedented heights to outplay the Penn State eleven, and especially the five seniors who will be out there playing their last game for one of the greatest athletic teams that ever went on a soccer field.

The lineup:
Pos. Penn State Temple
G.....Seavy.....Halpen
R.F.....Freeman.....Connely
L.H.....Dearborn.....Brewer
R.H.....Hosterman.....Davis
C.H.....Corman.....Laverson
L.H.....Green.....Brigadier
O.R.....Hartman.....Aiken
I.R.....Galindo.....Lorenc
C.F.....King.....Bathgate
I.L.....Megrail.....Fogel
O.L.....Durain.....Neprash

Many Stellar Booters Developed At State High

This year's captain of our undefeated soccer team, Walt Hosterman, is a State College boy. However this is not the limit of the booting talent from this town of 5,000.

Also on the varsity are three other outstanding players who were on the soccer team at State High, Van Hartman, Hal Jones, and Gazy Green. Amazing as this large representation may seem for such a small town, State College boys have even a greater monopoly on the frosh team.

Freshman captain and goalie John Struck, who let only one ball get past him this year, is a State High product. Another is Wayne Bechdel who scored a good share of the frosh goals. Hank Yeagley, who was captain of the State High team last year, also broke into the scoring column for the Lions. Two other regulars from town are Dick Miller and Lloyd Black.

Maybe the State High soccer coach, John Serff, should take a little credit for the remarkable soccer aggregation which Penn State turns out each year.

Soccer Team Will Play On New Beaver Field

Coach Bill Jeffrey announced last night that if the weather permits, tomorrow's game with Temple will be played on New Beaver Field. Arrangements are being made for the use of an amplifying system to explain the play.

The soccer field will then probably be devoted to the Central Pennsylvania high school championship game. Indications are that a record soccer crowd will attend the game tomorrow which promises to be the best in many years.

Penn State Rates High In Grid Lists

Undefeated Nittany Lions rank high in the nation according to three outstanding rating systems. However, in two of the listings the Penn State gridmen are 12th strongest in the land while the third authority rates the Blue and White in the 20th position.

The Williamson System ranked the Nittany Lions in the first dozen behind Texas A. and M., Stanford, Minnesota, Tennessee, Michigan, S. M. U., Nebraska, Cornell, Boston College, Georgetown, and Northwestern. The teams were ranked in that order. Penn was 13th.

Harry Grayson, NEA sports editor, listed virtually the same teams ahead of the Nittanymen, but placed Pennsylvania in the tenth slot and dropped S. M. U. from his first dozen.

According to the Weekly Associated Press survey Penn State shares the 20th position with Texas Tech.

Minnesota's undefeated-untied Gophers were still at the top of the list. Cornell's Big Red dropped to fifth.

The standings (points figured on 10-9-8-7-6, etc., basis):

	1st Place	Votes	Pts.
1. Minnesota	68	1,544	
2. Texas A. and M.	59	1,485	
3. Stanford	24	1,331	
4. Boston College	12	1,043.5	
5. Cornell	6	885	
6. Tennessee	3	851	
7. Michigan		821	
8. Nebraska		329	
9. Georgetown		318.5	
10. Northwestern		105	

Second Ten—11, Mississippi, 86.25; 12, Penn, 84; 13, Washington, 60; 14, Notre Dame, 59.25; 15, Fordham, 57.25; 16, Mississippi State, 47.25; 17, Alabama, 47; 18, Southern Methodist, 46; 19, Santa Clara, 33; tie for 20, Penn State and Texas Tech, 25 each.

Also Rans—Lafayette, 15; Duke, 7; Ohio State, 6; Hardin-Simmons, 5; Pacific Lutheran and Utah, 4.

Like Varsity, Frosh Soccer Team Undefeated

Following in the footsteps of the varsity, the freshmen soccer team went through their regular three game season unbeaten and unscored upon.

The Little Lion booters took Syracuse, 1-0; the Cornell frosh, 2-0; and the Army plebes, 2-0. In an unscheduled game Coach Clyde Underwood's charges nipped Mont Alto, 2-1.

Several frosh players who have shown great promise for Coach Jeffrey next fall are Bill Pritchard, center forward; Tom Williams, inside left; Charles Horvath, left fullback, and Henry Yeagley, inside right.

The unbeaten Nittany Lions rank sixth nationally in total defense with an average of 118.8 yards per game. In defense against rushing the Blue and White hold eighth place with an average of 56.2 yards per tilt.

Temple Last Game For Five Seniors

When the Jeffrey men take the field against Temple tomorrow five varsity seniors will be playing their last game for Penn State. They are Captain Walt Hosterman, Don Durain, Bobby Ernst, Van Hartman, and Zen Laskaris.

Hosterman will conclude his third year of varsity soccer with tomorrow's game. Walt, an all-around athlete, is a star track man in the spring. Teammate Zen Laskaris says of Walt that "he is a good a captain as any team ever had. We all enjoy playing with him." Walt sparks the team from the right halfback post.

Don Durain never played soccer before coming to State. When Don came out for the team in his junior year he hardly knew how many men there were on a team. He soon found out, however, and made the varsity the same year. Durain, a major in commerce and finance, expresses the feelings of all the booters when he says that "playing under Bill Jeffrey is really swell. I doubt if I'll ever play soccer after I graduate. It won't be the same game without Bill."

Bobby Ernst, a forestry student, is playing his third season on the varsity. Bobby played at Northeast high school in Philadelphia and knew what the game was all about when he went out for the team. His skill earned him a halfback position in his sophomore year and he's held it ever since.

Van Hartman, who taps the ball around from the outside right spot, also "doubles" in sports. Van is captain of the track team and runs a flashy quarter-mile. Hartman is one of State's best offensive players and has scored more than his share of the 30 goals the Nittany booters have tallied this season.

Zen Laskaris has really made a name for himself as the Lions' unpassable goalie. His prowess is proven by the fact that all of State's opponents combined succeeded in scoring just two goals this year. When questioned about tomorrow's game, Zen voiced the opinion of all the boys when he said that "Temple seems to be becoming our 'jinx' team. They always give us a terrific battle. Despite their record and everyone else, however, I think we'll take them."

Lion Booters Win 80 Since 1926

Eighty victories and only eight defeats over a 14-year period—that's the record that has made the Penn State soccer team perennially one of the best in the country.

Since Bill Jeffrey took over the coaching reins in 1926 the Nittany booters have never had a year in which they failed to record more wins than losses.

During the seven seasons preceding the start of the current 60 game streak-without-defeat, the soccermen amassed a total of 79 wins against eight defeats. Thirteen contests ended with the score tied.

Even then the Penn State soccer teams were good but since 1932 the Lion booters have never once come out on the short end of the score. The seven consecutive unbeaten seasons represent 4 victories and five ties.

Since 1926 the soccermen have booted 359 goals and held opponents to only 78. In 1935 the team was never scored on and in 1933 and 1937 there was only one goal chalked up for the enemy at the end of the season.

—BEAT PITT—

Galindo Predicts Three More Undefeated Seasons

Anibal Galindo, who scored two of State's goals in Wednesday's 3-0 defeat of Penn and helped to keep the Lion's 60-game streak unbroken, stated yesterday that he expects State to have at least three more undefeated soccer seasons.

"I base this prediction on our present strong freshman team," Galindo contended, "of which Prichards and Williams are probably tops."

Galindo's home is in the Colon Republic of Panama, of which his father is governor. Before coming to State he attended the Canal Zone Junior College. When asked why he came to far off Penn State, he said, "I came to State because it was recommended to me as a good school with a beautiful campus. Penn State's undefeated soccer team probably also influenced me, since I have always liked to

play. I have not been disappointed in anything; the school, the campus, or the soccer team."

Coach Bill Jeffrey got no end of praise from his star player. "Bill can take a boy who has never played soccer and in a year make him a great player. For example, Don Durain never kicked a soccer ball before Jeffrey got hold of him last year, and this year he is, in my opinion, the best outside left in the country."

"We're so sure of ourselves when we go on the field, I don't see how we can ever lose," he added. "A game for us is just like any practice session. Bill just says a few words before the game, pictures to us how the opposing team plays, and without any tension or excitement we go on the field to play, and win."