

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

Remember how worried we all were last spring as to how the draft would effect Penn State athletic teams in the near future? Well, now that we definitely know just who is back and who was claimed on waivers by Uncle Sam, we can clean house and call the roll.

First of all, the Lions as well as other colleges throughout the country got a terrific break when the age limit for draftees remained at the original 21-year bracket instead of being lowered to 18 as was expected. If any single factor could give intercollegiate sports a knock out punch, that would be it.

As it is, most college athletes don't reach voting age until their graduation or senior year. So while the Selective Service Act will claim a few standout players here and there, on the whole the great majority already in college are pretty safe bets to see varsity action for two years at least, unless Congress changes the rules of the game before the final whistle blows.

Penn State is also fortunate in having a large engineering school and a ROTC unit, one of the biggest in the East. Where other institutions have lost key men, ours have been deferred because of advanced ROTC or through their training which is deemed indispensable to our national defense.

Through a stroke of luck athletes like Len Krouse, Dick Grimes, Elmer Gross and many others are technology students, and as such are subject to deferment by their local boards. So where we expected to find our casualty list heavy for the coming fall and winter

Untried Nittany Line Remains Big Problem

Brosky, Bonham And Jaffurs Improve Fast

No players are trying harder to develop into a fast and hard-charging aggregation than the Nittany forward wall. They seem to know their trade, but only the heat of battle with strong opponents will give them the real test.

As October 4 draws nearer for the Lions' encounter with a fast and heavy Colgate eleven which boasts that "this is the year," for them, post assignments on the line are still uncertain. About the only player who has clinched a position on the starting team is Mike Kerns at tackle and he must train into better condition.

Since Ken Schoonover was moved to a terminal post, Bernie Brosky, 215-pound tackle, looms like a tower of strength. Brosky was slated for a reserve position but his rugged defensive play during

schedule, we find only a handful of established athletes missing from the files.

The two most serious losses were Mike Garbinski and Bob Baird. Mike played plenty of guard in a senior line which packed an impregnable defense and a hole opening offense from end to end. This year with a bunch of green sophomores and untried upperclassmen to take their place, his loss will be felt greatly.

Baird, runnerup in the nationals, was one of the very few things from last year's boxing team Leo Houck could beam about. With their capale captain gone, the mitmen will find a rough road ahead.

the past few days has improved quickly.

Two sophomores, Jim Bonham and John Jaffurs, have shown rapid improvement at the guard posts and have been spending a lot of their time on the first team. With Bob Davis' consistent play at the other end post, pairing with Schoonover, the line looks like one capable of supporting the first string backfield of Captain Len Krouse, Paul Weaver, Bill Smaltz and Pepper Petrella.

If these eleven players draw the starting assignments, the Nittany Lions will field a shorter team than in the past few years. Only five of the team will be six feet tall—Brosky, Schoonover, Krouse, Smaltz, and Weaver.

In yesterday's practice in pass defense, punting, and signal drill Sparky Brown looked like his old shifty self as he returned a kickoff for a touchdown and turned in other bits of nice running.

Noticing Jack Banbury's speedy talent in the fullback slot, Coach Bob Higgins said: "That boy is a real runner and we expect big things of him this year."

Sophomore Soccermen Pressing Veterans Hard For Starling Positions

When seasoned holdovers from last year's Eastern intercollegiate soccer championship squad returned to practice sessions this week, they learned that their starting positions are endangered by a number of clever, nimble-footed sophomores.

Although unwilling to venture even a guess, at this early stage, on the lineup which will open the season against Colgate on October 11, the Lion coach said that goaltender Johnny Struck was the most likely of last year's unde-

feated frosh eleven to earn a regular berth.

Speedy Sammy Schnure and Boyd Efters, a smooth kicker with either foot, will fight it out for the vacancy at left halfback, and Bill Prichard, a former forward, may crash the varsity at the center halfback spot. Sophomores Wayne Bechdel, Lloyd Black and Smiley Williams are also likely prospects.

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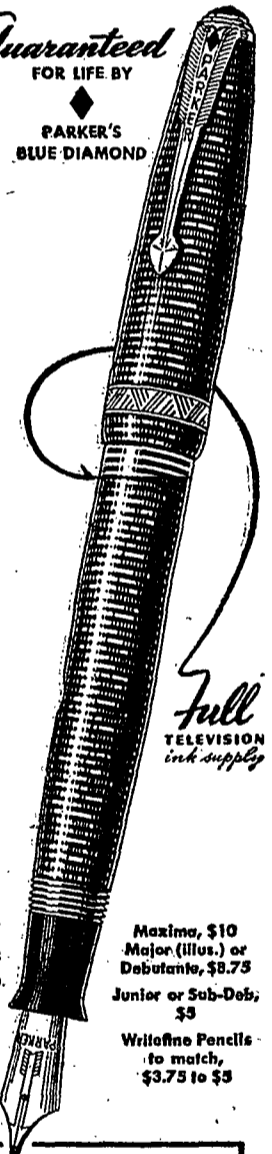
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