

## Between The Lions

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### 1941 Gets Under Way

Our own Lions are still three days away from the 1941 curtain raiser but last Saturday's gridiron clashes on the eastern front were of great interest to all of us nevertheless. Eight of our nine opponents opened their campaigns over the weekend and when the last whistle blew, all of them with the exception of Lehigh, who tied, continued merrily on their way undefeated.

And what is still more important than the scores, Bob Higgins' scouts came back with reports that spell a series of tough Saturday afternoons for the Nittanymen. Unfortunately for our untried eleven, probably the toughest foe of the campaign will be met on foreign soil this Saturday. But more about that later this week.

From the dope brought back by scouts Al Michaels and Danny DeMarino, Colgate has everything necessary for a great team. The Red Raiders have been grooming for the 1941 season for the past two years and are now all set to bask in the football limelight that was theirs in the early thirties. The manner in which Andy Kerr's minions rolled up a 66-0 score over St. Lawrence was very impressive.

### Opponents Loom Tough

Temple, South Carolina and Syracuse also came through in high gear. The Owls, led by Andy Tomasic, had a touchdown parade against Kansas on Friday night. The Columbia Gamecocks pulled one of the big upsets of the day by pushing over a last period score against North Carolina to win, 14-7. Syracuse will be stronger this year and while a 35-0 victory over little Clarkson doesn't mean much, the Orangemen are really priming for their Houseparty clash here on November 8.

We went up Lewisburg way with Marty McAndrews to watch the Bisons in the opener against Lebanon Valley and came back unimpressed. Bucknell squeezed through to a narrow victory and on paper doesn't show enough power to cause us any trouble. But the Bisons always play over their heads against State and this year promise to duplicate previous feats.

In the other clashes of interest to the Lions, West Virginia was slow in getting under way and merely edged out Waynesburg by a touchdown margin. New York University and Lehigh, the only opponents over whom the Lions can be rated as strong pre-game favorites at this stage of the season, beat Pennsylvania Military College and tied Hartwick, respectively. Pitt remained idle.

### Basketball Call

All sophomore candidates interested in basketball should report to Coach John Lawther at Rec Hall any afternoon this week.

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## Lions Seek To Throttle Strong Colgate Offense

### Geyer Provides Punch For Raiders' Attack

The Nittany Lion eleven is sharpening its defensive claws for Saturday's gridiron tilt with Coach Andy Kerr's Red Raiders from Colgate who can be trusted to use a bag full of razzle-dazzle tactics. Yesterday the varsity drilled against offensive thrusts by the freshman team.

Penn State's line still remains a question, according to Coach Bob Higgins who says that its real test will come when it stacks up against the big and heavy Colgate forward wall. To aid the line, the backfield has been concentrating on its defensive power.

Dangerous offensive players in the Colgate backfield, when the Red Raiders trounced St. Lawrence last Saturday 66-0, were Indian Bill Geyer, Ed Phinney, and Jules Yokopovich. Geyer is the "fastest back ever to wear the Maroon," according to Colgate dopesters. He shook himself loose half a dozen times in the St. Lawrence game and scored two touchdowns.

"We'll have to watch Geyer when we punt to him because he runs like a deer," Coach Higgins remarked.

Colgate will have a powerhouse backfield, if last Saturday's game indicated their true strength. One of the touchdown drives in the third quarter covered 75 yards in three plays. On the first, Geyer went 25 yards, on the second he broke loose for 31 yards and then Mike Micka, fullback, carried the ball 19 yards over the goal.

Because of a slight leg injury Mike Kerns is uncertain of starting at his tackle post on Saturday. Yesterday Coach Higgins decided to switch Ken Schoonover to the position if necessary. Schoonover was previously a tackle, but had been converted into an end.

Though the line has been burdened with heavy workouts for the last few days, the offensive power in the backfield has been strengthened by the improvement of reserves Jack Banbury in the fullback slot and Bill Debler at left halfback.

Players who will probably start, although Coach Higgins has not made his final choice, are John Potsklan and Bob Davis, ends; Schoonover and Bernie Brosky, tackles; Jim Bonham and Red Yoho, guards; Chuck Raysor, center; Paul Weaver, quarterback; Captain Len Krouse, right half; Bill Smaltz, fullback; and Pepper Petrella, left halfback.

### Ex-Penn State Boxer Undefeated In Army

Bernie Sandson, standout boxer on Penn State's 1940 championship Eastern Intercollegiate boxing team, is piling up an impressive record as an Army boxer.

The former Nittany boxer has been working for Uncle Sam the past three months at Aberdeen, Md. He has yet to lose a boxing encounter since entering the Army.

Sandson, who is in State College for a visit, has won five decisions, one knockout, and fought to one draw.

His latest victory came Monday night when he took a decision from Pat Vendrillo, a Manchester, Conn. puncher who had won 23 out of 24 starts.



**PUNT ARTIST** — Fullback Bill Smaltz will be counted on to do yeoman service with his punting ability in an effort to keep the Colgate Red Raiders from the Lion goal in Saturday's encounter at Buffalo.

### Lion Booters Win 116 Since 1911

One hundred sixteen victories against only 12 defeats—that's the Nittany Lion Booters' 30-year record which has made Penn State synonymous with sensational soccer.

Inaugurating soccer as a College sport in 1911, Penn State got off to a slow start, failing to register a triumph in the two games played that year. After seven more mediocre seasons, in which Penn and Haverford each beat the Lions twice and Girard won once, the Blue and White hit a winning stride in 1919 and have been consistent winners ever since.

When Bill Jeffrey took over the coaching reins in 1926, he was faced with the tough problem of upholding a .810 winning percentage compiled since 1911. But in the past 15 years the genial Scot's teams piled up the incredible total of 85 victories against only six losses for a .934 mark which boosted the 30-year average to .914.

Jeffrey's teams have never had a year in which they failed to record more wins than losses. The Lions bowed to Toronto and Navy in 1927 and to Princeton in 1930. Then in 1932 Jeffrey experienced his worst season, losing to Harvard, Springfield, and Syracuse.

It was following that memorable tilt with the Orange that the Nittany booters began their current 81 game streak—without defeat.



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## New Jayvee Candidates Boost Squad For Game With Cornell On Friday

Coach Alex Atty had an unusually small jayvee grid squad until yesterday when several new candidates reported to boost the roster to nearly 30 aspirants.

With the season's opener against Cornell scheduled at Ithaca on Friday, Coach Atty will be forced to field a team which has barely had time to learn the essentials of the Nittany Lion system. However, most of the jayvee players have had experience in high school football.

Head Coach Bob Higgins will allow Atty to use a few of the varsity third string members to bolster the jayvee attack.

## Pace Quickens In Harrier Practice

Getting ready to begin intensive practice, the harriers have been going through its paces in a more rapid manner the last two days.

Today, for the first time this fall, the ideal Penn State hill-and-dale course, "unique by its accuracy," as Coach Chick Werner puts it, was marked off completely. The trail will be lined some time next week.

Herm Goffberg and Captain Alex Bourgerie again led the pack of harriers to the finish line. The pair are rounding into mid-season form rapidly.

Coach Werner had high hopes for Norm Gordon until the runner returned to the campus on Sunday with a lame leg. Gordon was treated for it on Tuesday, and will be confined to mild practice for several days.

Although some two-score varsity candidates have already reported to Werner, the cross-country dozen or so tried and tested veterans to form the backbone of this year's squad.

## Entry Deadline Set For IM's

Deadline for all fall intramural sports entries has been set for Saturday noon, Eugene Bischoff, in charge of intramural sports, announced yesterday.

Physical examination cards for football, cross country and swimming must be turned in with the entries to 213 Rec Hall, before the deadline. Entries for horseshoe pitching must also be made at this office.

Cross country teams must have at least three men and are required to run at least ten times around the golf course prior to the meet.

Fees for entries are:

Touch football, \$1 per team; swimming, \$1 per team; cross country, 25 cents per man; horseshoes, 25 cents per man, doubles only.

## Reserve Soccermen Hurt In Scrimmage

A reserve forward was lost to the Lion's soccer squad when Tommy Rittenhouse '41, sprained his ankle severely in a recent practice scrimmage. He will not return to action for an indefinite period.

Johnny Dufford, reserve fullback, was a minor casualty in the same scrimmage when a booted ball struck his eye. The injury was not serious, however, and he is back at practice drills.

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