

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

The term "grand stand player" has been applied from time to time to athletes in practically every sport existent. Only in the field of cross country running has this application been lacking and it's very easily seen, without stretching the imagination, why this is the case. The poor cross country plodder has no crowd to show off for.

The football, baseball and basketball player can always swagger a bit and even outdo himself with good hopes of getting an extra cheer from the spectators. Now don't get us wrong. We aren't accusing him of showing off but it certainly spurs an athlete on to greater performances when he knows they are appreciated by his followers.

But take the hill and dale runner. From Monday to Friday he keeps in shape by jogging a mere eight miles or so over the golf course endangering his life every minute with golf balls flying at him from every direction except the one he's watching. (We almost put one of Chick Werner's boys out of commission last week with a well-aimed slice on the ninth).

He looks forward to Saturday even more than the All-American halfback because that's his day of rest. On Saturdays the dual meets take place and he only has to run five miles. That's like asking the marathon runner to jog down to the corner store on an errand.

On Saturdays too, if the powers that be are condescending enough, he gets a chance to be in the limelight for a few fleeting moments. During home meets he is permitted to finish on the Beaver Field track between halves of football games and gets a sweet, though short, taste of cheers.

To be truthful, we can't for the life of us see any sanity in the killing grind the cross country runner goes through every fall. But then anyone who has the ambition and guts to run five miles at a gruelling pace is out of our class. He deserves a permanent shrine in the Hall of Fame where even the All-Americans should be made to yield to him a place of honor at the altar.

Mat Call Issued

Candidates for the varsity and freshman wrestling squads should report to Coach Charlie Speidel at the wrestling mats in Rec Hall next Tuesday, it was announced today.



Brosky Injures Knee In Opener

Bernie Brosky, 210-pound tackle sprained his left knee in the Colgate game and will watch Saturday's Bucknell-Nittany Lion tilt from the sidelines, it was learned yesterday. Receiving the only major injury, Brosky developed a slight limp in the Colgate battle, and it turned out to be worse than expected.

Big Mike Kerns, Brosky's running mate at tackle, joined him in the infirmary after he twisted his right knee and ankle in yesterday's practice scrimmage. However, it is expected that Kerns will quickly recover, but he may not see much action against Bucknell.

The Lions went through light contact drills yesterday, seeking to perfect an airtight defense against Bucknell's running and passing attack. Jim Bonham, a guard who saw much service in the Colgate encounter, dislocated a finger but will probably be ready Saturday.

Another "scat" back was added to the Nittany backfield yesterday. Billy Mazzocco, last year's 127-pound boxing artist who was declared ineligible, reported for the first time. (Now weighing about 145, Mazzocco will probably seek action in the left halfback post.)

No longer does Ralph Ventresco's knee injury hamper him. The junior tailback ran several plays yesterday and will be a valuable asset to the backfield, Coach Higgins said. Higgins tested Ventresco against Colgate and decided that he is now ready to return to action.

One of the most pleasant surprises that Coach Higgins received in the season's opener was that Bill Debler is a shifty and talented runner, even against heavier and more experienced players. Debler tore off several damaging gains through the Red Raider secondary.

With Pepper Petrella, Ventresco, Debler and possibly Mazzocco at the left halfback post, the running-back spot promises to be a headache to the Nittany opponents.

Coach Higgins expressed his pleasure at the staunch showing of the Nittany forward wall in general. Especially did John Jaffurs, guard, play a hard game. Bob Wear at center was another standout, particularly on defense.

Strong Frosh Eleven Faces Bucknell Saturday

Coach Marty McAndrews expects to start a strong freshman team against the Bucknell yearlings on New Beaver Field Saturday morning. Especially in the backfield, the Lions will present a dangerous threat to the little Bisons.

Dave and Harry Alston will play at the left and right halfback positions, respectively. Ray Ulinski will occupy the quarterback slot and Bob Weitzel has earned the starting assignment at fullback.

The line is still indefinite, but Joe Cacovic, former All-State center, will undoubtedly be at center. Steve Suhey at guard and Red Moore at tackle are reasonably certain of starting.

All-College Golf Tourney Set To Get Underway

Thirty-one golfers will tee-off some time this week to begin the All-College Golf Tournament, Coach Bob Rutherford announced yesterday.

The seedings in the two-flight tournament were completed yesterday afternoon, and arrangements to get under way immediately were begun.

First round matches must be played by Saturday, but Coach Rutherford has requested that they be played as soon as possible.

Southern life and economy are to be interpreted in educational and dramatic films to be produced at the University of North Carolina.

GUNS FOR BISONS — Captain Charles Nagel, burly tackle, will lead the Bucknell Bisons into grid combat against the Lions on Saturday. Bucknell has a reputation of being in top form when it clashes with Nittany squads.

Early Spartans First Soccermen

When Bill Jeffrey's Nittany Lion booters take the field against Colgate Saturday, they will be participating in a game that is one of the oldest and most popular team games in the world.

The origin of soccer dates back as far as 500 B. C., when Spartans engaged in a hurly-burly sport with an inflated animal bladder and an army of players on each side. The Romans, too, took a fling at the game until Caesar Augustus abolished it in 28 B. C.

McFarland And Martella May Perfect Drop Kick

It seems that everyone has the drop-kicking fever on the Nittany football squad.

Before practice every day several players are trying their foot at the art just for the fun of it. But Charlie McFarland, reserve fullback, and Oriental Martella, reserve center, now send the ball over the goal posts with no uncertainty.

Coach Bob Higgins frowns upon using a drop-kick for scoring punch because it is too difficult to synchronize the drop of the ball and the player's toe. Nevertheless, Charlie McFarland was called upon to display his art in the practice game with Lock Haven Teachers two weeks ago and made good one out of two.

John Barr Gets Job In Defense Training

John E. Barr '41, has been appointed as an administrative assistant in the new Engineering, Science and Management Defense Training program.

Barr was captain of the varsity basketball team. In his new position he will assist J. Ewing Kennedy, the College extension representative in the central district of the state. Barr has been assigned to the York area.

Frosh Soccermen Beat Centre Hall High, 5-0

Proving that they are worthy running mates of their famous big brothers, the Lion cub soccermen registered an easy 5-0 victory over Centre Hall high school in a practice game yesterday.

After a slow first quarter in which the visitors narrowly missed scoring, the yearling booters had matters their own way for the rest of the contest despite some faulty coordination.

Red McKenna, nimble-footed inside left, scored the first goal at the beginning of the second frame. Then Frank Klase, center forward, took charge of the rest of the scoring, booting one goal in the second period, one in the third, and two in the fourth.

The frosh backfield did a commendable job of intercepting enemy passes, and Bob Gehratt's work in setting up potential scores from his wing position was outstanding.

Max Peters Joins X-Country Team

Sticking to his pessimistic prediction for a poor season, Cross-Country Coach Chick Werner sent his charges through a stiff three-mile time trial yesterday afternoon.

Even the decision of Max Peters to join the varsity in the opening meet against Manhattan didn't make a dent in the harrier mentor's opinions.

Peters, a senior letterman in track, and captain of the ski team, has been working out in the hill-and-dale sport since practice began over a month ago, supposedly to get in shape for skiing.

The short, squat athlete has been puffing around with the varsity quite well, keeping up with the leaders each day.

In yesterday's workout Peters placed third, behind Norm Gordon and Captain Alex Bourgerie. Gordon's time for the three-mile drill was 16:10, 26 seconds faster than the cross-country captain.

Peters was timed at 17:02, coming in ahead of Curt Stone and Bob Faloon. Pop Thiel and Herm Goffberg could not report for the drill because of late classes.

Johnny Fleming Shatters Record

It's getting to be a habit. Johnny Fleming, senior coed, broke her own course record again yesterday afternoon with a 75, three under the old record of 78, set last week on the College Golf Course.

Miss Fleming was playing in a three-some with Golf Captain Chuck Seebold, who also carded a 75, and Don Hart, another varsity golfer, who carded a 74.

The record which Miss Fleming broke last week was one which she set two years ago with a 79.

Miss Fleming's card:

Out:									
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Par	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	4
J. F.	5	4	3	4	4	3	6	4	4
In:									
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	3	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	4
J. F.	4	6	3	5	5	5	3	4	3

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