

Between The Lions

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Apology Needed

It isn't our intention to alibi our Lions after their defeat in Philadelphia on Saturday, but neither is it our purpose to apologize for their showing against a superior team. Even the most biased observer will contend that Temple had the better team.

We introduce the apologetic angle because some of the students following the game blamed our poor showing on the team's spiritless playing and the failure of the coaches to pull a rabbit out of the hat between halves. The fact remains that one team always has to be the loser and Saturday the Nittanymen had both a stronger team and the breaks against them. At that, we think they did well to hold the Owls to two touchdowns.

In Temple, our boys were up against one of the toughest outfits in the East and with last year's unexpected 18-0 setback still fresh in their minds, Tomasic and Co. were out to make amends. The Owl captain wasn't exactly the ball of fire he had been press-agented to be, but that was because our defense concentrated on him. He showed flashes of real gridiron greatness and may easily reach All-American standards.

When you put such an all-around halfback next to Sutch, a top flight fullback, and stick them behind two walls of fast charging linemen averaging 200 pounds, you have a very formidable combination.

Temple Better Team

State, on the other hand, had every possible break against her from the very start. Bob Higgins had only a very limited number of players available for the game and after several of the keymen were injured, the Blue and White were playing for a lost cause.

Bill Smaltz's injury in the first quarter was, in our opinion, the real turning point of the game. With State's only passer and best kicker out of action, all the Owls had to do was stop our running attack. This they did very effectively by playing both backers up close to the line and creating an eight-man line.

Then too, our first two centers were hurt early in the game and that, added to the presence of only three guards, established a weakness in the center of the line.

We know one thing, though. Only a real fighting team can stop a team like Temple 11 times in its own territory. It took a better team and breaks to batter the Higginsmen into submission and no Penn Stater need apologize for their performance.

Cub Booters Meet Navy In Season Opener Today

A squad of 16 freshman booters, touted as one of the finest in Penn State history, left yesterday for Annapolis, where it will open its 1941 season today against the Navy plebes.

This will be the first meeting between the Lion cubs and the Navy yearlings. The well-conditioned servicemen are expected to put up a tough battle.

The starting lineup, as released by Coach Clyde Underwood, will consist of Jim Edson at goal, Pete Snedecar at right fullback, Bill Dietrich at left fullback, Dean Hartman at right halfback, Tad Salon at center halfback, Jim Atherton at left halfback, Frank McGuire at outside right, John Moorshead at inside right, Frank Klase at center forward, Jerry McKenna at inside left, and Bob Gehrett at outside left.

Reserves also making the trip are Jim DiSalvo, Larry White, Dick Wesner, Bill Grimes, and Paul Bender.

Soccermen Face Jinx In Orange

When the Nittany Lion booters attempt to annex their 64th straight game without a defeat against Syracuse here on Saturday they will be meeting their most troublesome "jinx" team.

Although seldom listed among the top-ranking teams of the East, Syracuse always plays inspired ball against Penn State and is continually a stumbling block for the Jeffreyemen.

It was the Orange who were the last team to beat a Lion eleven. After battling to scoreless deadlocks in 1930 and 1931, they registered a 2-1 triumph in 1932.

Since then Syracuse has often threatened to cut short the Lions' sensational winning streak, and in 1936 they tied State, 4-4, in what was the tightest squeeze Bill Jeffrey's boys ever experienced.

With only 61 seconds of playing time left, Syracuse took the lead, 4-3. Then, as 1500 spectators were cheering a certain Orange victory, Nittany Captain Bill McEwan booted an amazing goal from 35 yards out to tie the score.

McEwan, incidentally, is the brother of John McEwan, Syracuse center forward, whose goal beat the Lions in 1932. Playing against Dickinson in 1934, Bill booted six goals to set an all-time scoring record, which was tied only last Saturday by Don Megraill.

Megraill's feat was remarkable in that he was playing his first game at the center forward position. Formerly a halfback, he was moved up the forward line to bolster the Lions' scoring punch.

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Varsity Lions Top Yearling Gridders In Practice, 24-6

To prepare the varsity Nittany Lions for Saturday's game with Lehigh, the freshman gridders tore at the throats of their big brothers yesterday in a scrimmage played to the hilt by each squad, the varsity emerging after a hard tussle, 24-6. Extra points were not tried.

Yearling linemen turned on their power repeatedly to stop varsity ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage and forced Coach Bob Higgins' charges to use all their craftiness in racking up gains.

Coach Higgins chose to rest his regular backfield in yesterday's session and exploited his reserve power. The coaching staff seemed to be watching each player's actions as corrections were numerous and frequent to gear the Lion attack for the encounter with Lehigh's Engineers.

Scoring punch was first unleashed by the freshman squad. After the Lion Cubs had marched from their own 22-yard line on four thrusts by Dave Alston, frosh tailback, Alston faded to the 50-yard stripe and tossed a pass to Fullback Bob Weitzell in the flat. Weitzell sped 42 yards for a touchdown.

A few minutes later Lou Palazzi, varsity center, intercepted a pass on the varsity 48, but the varsity could make no headway on three plays and Captain Len Krouse spiraled a quick-kick to the frosh 5-yard line. Dave Alston kicked back immediately. Bill Debler, reserve tailback, set sail off right tackle for 19 yards to the frosh 10-yard line. Jack Banbury crashed left guard and stopped at the goal line.

Both teams then battled back and forth with a common weakness of blocking for the ball carriers. However, the varsity grid machine began to roll with four first downs, starting on its 39. Debler broke through right tackle to the 45 and two plays later Charlie McFarland carried the ball off left tackle to the frosh 42. George McWilliams, reserve wingback, flashed his running power and went wide on a reverse around right end to the freshman 22 yard marker.

On the next play McFarland tossed a pass to Aldo Cenci, quarterback, who was downed on the 15. Three plays later Debler slashed off right tackle to score the second touchdown.

Despite the brilliant efforts of Dave Alston to step-up the frosh-offense, the attack bogged down and Alston kicked to the varsity 47. A lightning smash came next when McFarland slashed right tackle for a gallop to touchdown lane.

After the frosh eleven was given the ball and could make no sizable gains, the yearlings kicked to the varsity 31-yard line. At this point the freshman defense braced and held the varsity Lions for downs. The ball went to the freshmen on the varsity 25 when McFarland was tackled in kick formation. Two plays later Cenci reached high, snared a frosh pass and streaked away from the whole yearling team 83 yards for the final score.

Golf Tourney Advances

Jack Dorrance defeated Dave Robertson 2 and 1 in the quarter-final round of the second flight All-College Golf Tournament yesterday afternoon. Dorrance will meet H. J. Snowden in the semi-finals.



NEW DRIVER — Bill Debler, reserve tailback, is getting more power and drive behind his runs and has been piling up yardage on quick line thrusts. Concerning his improved playing, Coach Bob Higgins said: "Bill is developing into a real threat now since he has started to put some drive in his runs."

Intramurals

CROSS-COUNTRY

Men wishing to participate in the cross-country intramurals must complete their ten trial runs by next Tuesday instead of next Wednesday, Eugen C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics announced yesterday.

SWIMMING

Intramural swimming got under way last night at the Glennland Pool with Phi Sigma Kappa defeating Tau Kappa Epsilon 42½-14½. Gamma Sigma Phi won out over Pi Kappa Alpha by a score of 38-18.

FOOTBALL

Results of last nights play are as follows: Kappa Sigs defeated the Triangle, 20 to 0; Phi Kappa Tau defeated Theta Xi, 12 to 0; Alpha Phi Delta defeated Alpha Sigs on yardage; Pi Kappa Phi defeated AGR on first downs, 3 to 2.

Results of Mondays night's play are Delta Chi 20, Theta Chi 0; Phi Kappa Sigma 13, Alpha Chi Rho 0; Gamma Sigma Phi 1, Phi Kappa 0 (forfeit); Phi Kappa Alpha 1, Tau Phi Delta 0 (first down.)

Early in the Penn State-Lehigh football series the Engineers handed State the worst licking they have ever suffered, 106-0.

Trip To Colorado Considered For Skiers

Penn State's ski team is being offered the chance to be one of the few eastern teams to participate in Intercollegiate skiing in the West, Coach Max Dercum announced last night.

The skiers were invited by Thor Groswood of the Zipfelberber Ski Club in Denver, Colo., to meet several colleges in the vicinity of Denver during Christmas vacation.

The 1,700 mile trip is now being considered by the Athletic Association. If the Nittany Lions make the trip they will stand with Dartmouth as being the only colleges to travel that far West for skiing competition.

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