

Between The Lions

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Frosh Roll On

We recall penning a column earlier in the year about State's 1941 freshman football team. Looking ahead toward the Lion's strenuous schedule in the next two years, we were concerned about our yearling gridders.

At that time, Marty McAndrews' eleven was of unknown caliber although rumor had it that the best frosh team in many a year had entered our portals of learning. By this time, any doubt as to its ability has been removed from the most sceptical observer's mind.

Starting with an easy 18-0 win over Bucknell, the Nittany Cubs rolled over Colgate, 20-0, Syracuse, 20-12, and Cornell, 20 to 6, successively. That's a pretty stiff order for a bunch of boys just out of high school and with the Army Plebes the only remaining obstacle, the freshmen should go through undefeated to claim the mythical yearling title in the East: **Dave Alston Standout**

What makes the team such a standout is not only its impressive record but also the presence of a really great football player in the backfield. Dave Alston is at the present stage of his career one of the best players in State's history.

In the four games to date, he has scored seven touchdowns, in addition to playing a stellar kicking and passing game. Alston doesn't look big but he packs 195 pounds on his six foot frame and is plain poison in the open field or bucking the line. Bob Higgins went so far as to say before the New York sports writers that the Midland boy was one of the best backs he has ever seen. And when you consider that the Hig has lived around a gridiron for the past thirty years, that's saying a heck of a lot.

In addition to Dave, Marty McAndrews has in the backfield Dave's brother, Harry, and the two have developed into a forward passing combination which take the place of the Smaltz to Krouse duo next year. Combine these two with a fullback like Bob Weitzell and blocker Harry Ulinski and you have a versatile backfield.

Frosh vs. Varsity

The promising material doesn't end with the quartet. In the forward wall are a couple of centers and a trio of guards who'll

more than earn their uniforms next year. The linemen are of the tall, rangy variety, a delight to a coach's eye.

For some strange reason, the freshmen have looked anything but impressive in scrimmages with the varsity, saving their explosions for their Saturday excursions. Against the experienced big team, they seem to go through the motions without the necessary incentive. Time after time the upperclassmen have run roughshod over them.

Experience is a great factor in football and the lack of it has probably been responsible for the 45'ers poor showings in mid-week skirmishes. But if they ever get their dander up, the varsity would be in for a tough afternoon.

Soccer Defense Among Tightest

Not only has the streamlined 1941 model of the Penn State soccer machine shown powerful scoring punch in rolling over Colgate, Bucknell, Syracuse, and Navy, but also is one of the most effective defensive units in Nittany history.

In goalie Johnny Struck and fullbacks Hap Freeman and Alan Heck, Coach Bill Jeffrey has a trio of alert players capable of demoralizing any opponent's offense. And in last week's game with Navy, halfbacks Charley Arnold and Johnny Dufford played brilliant soccer to help throttle the high-geared Middle attack.

This year's record compares very favorably with those of past Lion teams. Only one goal has been scored against the Jeffrey men in four games, while the strong Lion forward wall has piled up 17. Since the current 65-game streak without defeat began in 1932, a total of only 31 goals have been tallied by opponents as compared with 268 for Penn State.

Oddly enough, the only goal charged against Struck this season was made by Bucknell, a team which previously had never dented a Lion net. Warren Lewis, Bison captain and center forward, entered some sort of hall of fame by slipping a freakish corner kick past the Nittany goalie.

The best defensive record ever compiled by a Penn State eleven was in 1935, when it was unscored upon all season. In 1933 and 1937, opponents were held to a single goal. The highest number of goals the Lions have ever allowed was seven, in 1936. In that year a 4-4 tie with Syracuse was followed by a 3-3 deadlock with Western Maryland the next Saturday.

Since 1932, Penn State, scored upon in only 20 games, has applied whitewash jobs in no less than 45 contests. Navy has enjoyed the best success offensively against the Jeffrey men, averting shutouts on four occasions.

300 See State-NYU Football Game Movies

A crowd of about 300, representing faculty, townspeople, and male and female students, saw movies of the Penn State-NYU football game sponsored by the Independent Men's Association last night, it was announced by Elden T. Shaut '42, IMA president.

He said also that the coaching staff, who made comments on the movies, was very pleased with the turnout and because of the enthusiasm shown planned to show movies of the remaining games.

"I am very well pleased with the results," Shaut said. "I hope it will start a Penn State precedent, especially where games away from home are concerned. They are both educational and interesting."

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Pitt X-Country Team Boasts Star Harrier For Saturday's Meet

Advance reports from the lair of the Pitt Panthers talk of another star runner that will take over the haunting tactics of NYU's Les MacMitchell when the visitors invade the Lion's den for the cross-country meet Saturday.

Coach Carl Olson's harriers don't boast a very impressive record—two losses and one victory. However, from all indications the Blue and White will have to contend with another star or two come this Saturday.

Rumblings from the other side of the Alleghenies have it that a certain sophomore is burning up the hill-and-dale courses. The newcomer in cross-country circles, Bill Curtis, is undefeated so far in harrier competition.

The Panthers also have a couple of better-than-average runners in Captain John Brosky and Marcus Allias.

Pitt ranks as Penn State's second oldest cross-country rival. The feuding began in 1924. Since then the Nittany Lions ran off with the bacon 14 times, and Pitt won twice. The visitor's only victories came in 1936 and 1940.

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Petrella Leads Nittany Scoring

Statisticians started to chew their pencils as they gazed upon Pepper Petrella's scoring spree this season. The 160-pound "pepper pot" surpassed last season's scoring efforts by a touchdown when he tallied his 30th point against NYU last Friday night to lead the Lions in that department.

Bill Smaltz, veteran placement artist, is head and shoulders ahead of the remainder of the team in extra-point placements. The big fullback has sent ten tallies between the goalposts and has also added a touchdown to his scoring trophies for a total of 16 points.

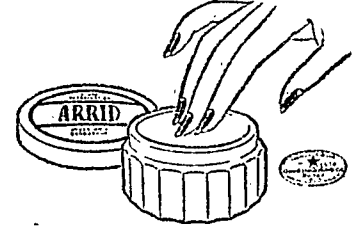
Tied in the touchdown department for second place are reserves Jack Banbury and Bill Debler who have accounted for 18 points each.

Captain Len Krouse has snatched two touchdown passes from the arm of Bill Smaltz. Also the toss-and-catch pair have collaborated for numerous long aerial gains. Captain Krouse has not been forced to bear the brunt of touchdown snatching because backfield reserves got the call for the sake of experience.

Charlie McFarland, reserve fullback, and Bob Halpin, tackle, broke into the scoring column

when they pushed across the goal line once each against NYU.

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