

## Between The Lions

With DON DAVIS

### Lions Sharpen Claws

In their final scrimmage session before Saturday's game, Penn State's Lions sharpened their claws considerably. Work on their passing attack was highlighted by two touchdown tosses by Sparky Brown—one to Cliff St. Clair and the second to Aldo Cenci.

Aldo might well be called the silent partner of the Nittany backfield. Unlike Banbury, St. Clair and Brown, who lack little in the chatter department, Big Aldo rarely opens his mouth. No one can deny, however, that he tends strictly to business. In fact, with the possible exception of lineman Johnny Jaffurs, Cenci is the Lion most likely to rate high in national pigskin circles at the close of the present campaign.

In the line, Bob Davis, Mike Kerns, and John Jaffurs showed up well, especially on the defense. Bucky Walters, who took Will Van Lenten's position at end on the varsity today, looked every bit as good as Van. That means we have three excellent ends. The three positions where injuries really would hurt are Cenci's, Sparky Brown's, and Lou Palazzi's center post.

### Benches Available

Bob Higgins mentioned last night that there seems to be some idea on the part of the faculty that football practices are secret and forbidden. He pointed out that several members of the faculty had expressed a desire to watch practice and thus gain more knowledge of and interest in the individual players.

Higgins explained that such persons are only too welcome at practice sessions—that the custom of keeping practice secret has long since been abandoned—and that benches will be provided for all those interested in watching the Lions in their mid-week workouts.

### 14 Sophomore Athletes Tapped By Druids

Fourteen sophomore athletes were tapped recently by Druids, sophomore athletic honorary, John C. Graf '45, president, announced last night.

The men tapped are Warren Stuebing, swimming and track; Stan Spurgen, tennis; Don Sandercock, baseball; Milton Stemler, track; Richard Schmidt, lacrosse; Robert Bacher, football; Robert McMinn, track.

Marshall Wardrop, baseball; William Boyd, football; Robert Gehret, baseball; Allan Hack, golf; Arthur Martin, track; William Suter, rifle; and John Pfirman, basketball.

Initiations will be held next Tuesday night, Graf announced.

### Manager Candidates

All first and second semester freshmen interested in trying out for soccer manager should report to Rec Hall or the golf course soccer field anytime after 3 p. m. today, according to an announcement by A. Edward Leitzinger '43, soccer manager. Those not able to report today should do so at the same time tomorrow or Friday.

## Nittany Lion Terminals



Football Coach Bob Higgins, himself an All-American end for Penn State back in post World War 1 days, can boast of two light but classy terminals in Bob Davis (left) and Wilbur Van Lenten (right). Davis tips the scales slightly below the 170 pound mark, and Van Lenten only goes 10 pounds better. The veteran duo will undoubtedly be in the starting lineup against Bucknell Saturday.

## Gridders Concentrate On Passing Attack In Preparation For Bisons

With only three days remaining until the 32nd renewal of their traditional tilt with the Bucknell Bisons, the Nittany Lion gridders went through a light scrimmage last night in order to have their single wingback attack working as smoothly as possible when the Thundering Herd invades Saturday.

Aside from the short scrimmage session, The Hig and Al Michaels concentrated on pass defense work—one department in which the Lions have not seemed too strong this Fall.

Equal emphasis, however, was placed on the pass-offensive work. Sparky Brown, Bob Weitzel, Hank O'Karma, and Chuck McFarland took turns heaving them to Davis, Walters and the remainder of End Coach Earl Edward's charges.

In the scrimmage itself, the pass work showed signs of improvement with two long heaves resulting in touchdowns. Sparky Brown connected with one to Cliff St. Clair that was slightly reminiscent of the last year's dependable Smaltz to Krouse combination. Another Brown pass found its mark in the arms of Aldo Cenci.

A previously unheralded quar-

### IM Football, Swimming Set To Start Next Week

Although a list of the competing teams is not yet available, 34 fraternities and seven independent organizations have entered the intramural football tournament scheduled to start next week.

Intramural swimming entries include 19 fraternity teams and two non-fraternity groups, according to Prof. Eugen C. Bischoff, School of Physical Education and Athletics.

## Time Trials To Cut X-Country Squad

All efforts of Lion cross-country hopefuls are pointing to next week's time trials. After the trials Coach Chick Werner will choose the squad that will represent the Blue and White in the season's opener with Manhattan October 17 in New York City.

The harriers will spend the rest of the week practicing the techniques of running up and down hills. New members of the squad have been divided in groups of five to ten members with a veteran teammate heading each aggregation and instructing the beginners in running techniques.

Following the Manhattan meeting, the Nittany hill and dalers appear at home for the only time during this season. They face the Orangemen from Syracuse October 24 between the halves of the Penn State-Colgate football contest.

The Orangemen will be out to avenge last year's 25-30 loss to the Lions.

The Blue and White will meet Pitt at Pittsburgh November 7 in the third and final dual meet this Fall. Last season the State runners upset the Panthers by a 15-40 count—a perfect tally in cross-country running.

For more than one reason the harriers will be pointing especially to the annual IC4-A meet in New York City on November 16. The three veteran members will be out to better last year's third place which many thought was a poor showing for a team that had lost to the champion New York University club by a 20-35 score earlier in the season.

Climax of the Fall season will

## Bucknell Coach Will Use Best Fresh As Reserves

LEWISBURG, Pa., Sept. 30—For the first time in two decades the outcome of a Bucknell football game depends upon the performance of freshman players. This was Coach Al Humphreys' prediction today, as he sent his men through their last intensive workout before the Penn State game Saturday.

Although no newly-eligible yearlings have won starting jobs, their calibre as reserves will make or break the Bisons on Saturday, Humphreys indicated. Even this admission constituted something of a reversal of opinion for the Bucknell mentor, who had expected to find able substitutes without dipping too deeply into the freshman ranks.

This expectation was jarred by the failure of sophomore and junior reserve linemen to round into top form in the Lebanon Valley fray. Coupled with this was the fine showing made by half a dozen first year men in the first game with Penn at Hershey recently.

As things stand now, freshmen appear to be the first-line reserves at both tackles and at one guard post. At tackle the first-string veterans, Walter Szot and Tom Rodgers, will be backed up by Bob Hammarberg, a 193-lb. six-footer, and Wilbur Forsythe, 205 pounds. The frosh guard from whom much is anticipated is John Mudd.

be the National Collegiate tournament at East Lansing, Mich. Last year the Statemen surprised the track world by placing second in this national meet.

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