

BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BEN BAILEY, Sports Editor

Today I punch the clock for the first time as new sports editor of the Daily Collegian. With this introductory column I join the ranks of that breed of Americana that goes to bed with its hat on and sleeps with a roll of Annie-Oakleys under its pillow.

Frankly, I'm a little hesitant about this business of writing sports, especially when faced with the prospect of warming up to the job on the tail-end of a football season. Up until last week I was about as familiar with the inner realm of athletics as the Hottentot would be with the modern zipper—which may be to my advantage, who can tell? Save for a little Black-Jack and Mumble-Peg at the age of 12, my early years were devoid of things athletic.

During the past several days, however, I have done quite a bit of eleventh-hour cramming and am proud to announce that there are eleven men on a soccer team, that Bill Jeffrey is a Scotsman and not a Scotchman, that moleskins are trousers, and that a full-house will take a straight.

I see no necessity for a sports policy at the present time, nor will I crawl any branches for any athletic crusades. Risking a few more inches of nape than did General-Governor-Elect Martin, I'll try to be just a little more than "half as good" as my predecessors.

To be conventional I'll consult the other world occasionally and make sports predictions just like other writers do. When I tell you that I lost with four-to-one odds on Penn State against W. Virginia the other week, however, you can obtain a rough idea of just how infallible the "experts" can be—and how damaging school spirit can be to a fellow's pocketbook.

About this game with Penn Saturday, which I understand several students plan to remain here to hear by radio . . . Penn State CAN beat Penn. An in-and-out Navy eleven last week proved that the Penn running attack (its sole successful offensive weapon to date) could be stopped when it held for downs on its own 4-inch line.

In four games the Penn passing attack has netted an impressive total of four yards. (But they don't talk about that—in Philly)

State's team has always been pictured as a great defensive line with a backfield hung on to balance it. Last week against Syracuse that line proved it could work just as effectively in the other direction, and now the Lions emerge with a surprisingly strong and even deceptive offense.

Another factor on the State side of the ledger is the quarterback trouble which is currently troubling Penn Coach George Munger. Dick Martin, who has called the signals for the Quakers in every start this season, may be replaced by Jerry McCarthy. Far from satisfied with Martin's quarterbacking, Munger has been working McCarthy at the post in scrimmage this week.

Philadelphia papers to the contrary, I'm convinced that Penn State CAN beat Penn. Naturally State will enter the game as the underdog—it has done that in its last three Penn tussles. But it always plays its best ball when the chips are down.

My feet are beginning to tire, so rather than risk losing potential readers so soon I'll quit along about here somewhere and put the typewriter back in the safe with the coffee and the landlady's girle.

Paul Campbell '30 Former EIWA Champ To Coach Wrestlers

Paul Campbell '30, local attorney and EIWA champ his senior year under Charlie Speidel, has been appointed varsity assistant wrestling coach, the School of Physical Education has announced.

A standout on the '29 and '30 grappling teams, Coach Campbell has already assumed his duties and has been putting the 35 hopefuls who have reported so far this year through conditioning drills.

Since Bob Higgins, who was appointed to take over Coach Charlie Speidel's job after he accepted a commission with the Navy, will be occupied with his football team, Coach Campbell will take most of the responsibility for the wrestlers.

Coach Campbell will serve on a part-time basis.

Preparing for their first dual meet during the early part of January, Coach Campbell stated that all students interested in trying out for the team are to report to Rec Hall at 4 p. m. every day.

Wrestling aspirants must present a health certificate from the dispensary before starting practice.

Captain of this year's wrestling team, Charles H. Ridenour '43, who graduates in December, will not see action as a team participant this winter.

Higginsmen Work-Out Against Penn Plays

Starts Again



Leo Nobile, rugged sophomore guard, who replaced injured Bob Perugini in the starting lineup against Syracuse, will probably start against Penn Saturday. Although Nobile will start, Perugini will also see plenty of action.

Munger Changes Quaker Backfield

Nittany Lion gridiron followers can be sure that if thorough scouting wins football games (unfortunately, it doesn't), the Lions will be victors over Penn on Philadelphia's Franklin Field Saturday.

Quite evident in last night's practice session was the guiding hand of Joe Bedenk, line coach, who has watched the Quakers in no less than five games this Fall.

As one writer expressed it, "Bedenk knows everything about the Penn team except the kind of breakfast cereal they eat."

Throughout most of the three hours of practice Bedenk and Higgins had the Lion regulars work-

WCAU To Report Tilt

A play-by-play account of the Penn State-Penn football game will be reported over WCAU (1210 kilocycles) Saturday afternoon. As yet the station, Philadelphia's most powerful, has not released the name of the announcer.

ing on defense against the much-talked-about Penn offense.

Against a team which has run roughshod over Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Army, been tied by Princeton, and defeated by Navy and Georgia Naval Cadets, the Lions' biggest job will be stopping such backs as J. Bertram Stiff, Jackie Walsh, and Bob Odell.

Munger Changes Backfield
Word from Philly has it, however, that George Munger, head coach, wasn't too well satisfied with his team's showing last week, and has made some changes in the backfield.

Senior Dick Martin will replace Gene Davis as the first-string quarterback when the Quakers take the field against the Lions. The shake-up, hopes Munger, will give new life to the offense which has tallied 127 points this year.

Captain Bernie Kucaynski will team up with sophomore Joe Swan at the terminal positions. Two towering giants, John Donaldson and Cleo Calgani, will lead an array of six tackles for the Quakers.

Ed Grain and Morton Shiekman, described as excellent blockers and brilliant defensive players, will hold down the guard slots.

At center, Don Bitler, playing his second season as a regular, will play opposite the Lions' captain, Lou Palazzi, at the pivot.

Collegian Frosh To Meet

All freshman candidates for the editorial staff of the Collegian should meet at the Collegian office this afternoon at 4:30 p. m. to receive special assignments, Larry T. Chervenak, news editor, announced last night:

Delta at 7 p. m., Phi Sigma Delta and Pi Lambda Phi at 8 p. m., Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Tau at 8:45 p. m.

National Collegiate Harrier Run Date Set Up To November 21

'Not So Good'



Harrier coach Chick Werner was more pessimistic than usual when it was learned last night that veteran Mac Smith may be hampered with a leg injury for Monday's IC4-A classic.

Mac Smith Turns Up With Sore Leg

Originally scheduled for November 23, the National Collegiate Cross-Country tournament has been moved up to Saturday, November 21, it was revealed by harrier coach Chick Werner last night.

Tournament officials gave the reason for the change as "transportation difficulties." "The later date," officials explained, "is too close to Thanksgiving, and that would place an extra burden on the transportation system in and around Michigan."

The meet is still scheduled to be held in East Lansing, Michigan, on the Michigan State four-mile course. Arrangements for the trip have been revised and the team will leave State College Thursday, November 19, and return Sunday, November 22.

Injuries hit the thin-clad squad for the second time this year when Mac Smith, who had just returned from a four-day absence because of a cold, turned up at practice last night with a sore leg. He will, however, run in Monday's IC4-A meet in New York City although his chances will be hampered by the injury.

Werner said that if Smith's leg did not respond to treatment, Penn State's chance of finishing in the top five will "not be so good."

Monday's meet will be the thirty-fourth renewal of the annual classic. It will be run on the famous Van Cortlandt Park course in the Bronx.

Favorites for the meet will undoubtedly be Rhode Island State, defending champions. The New Englanders have four of last year's first five returning for this year's competition. Only number five man, Charles Tingley, was lost by graduation.

Professors Now Able To Enter Politics

College professors and employees will now be able to participate in politics, through revision of the Hatch Act, which had previously barred them from all active political activity.

As a result of this new legislation, any member of the faculty will be permitted to run for local, state, or federal office, and also use his influence to nominate and elect any candidate to office.

SAE, AXSig Win IM Swim

In the first Intra-Mural Swimming contest of the current season, at the Glennland Pool Tuesday night, Sigma Alpha Epsilon nosed out the Delta Chi swimmers 29-21; Lambda Chi Alpha forfeited to Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Sigma ignobly dunked the Kappa Sigs 41 to 9.

Results of the meet are as follows:

60-yard swim: 1. Taylor, Delta Chi; 2. Hutchings, SAE; 3. Matain, SAE.

120-yard free style: 1. Hirsch, SAE; 2. See, Delta Chi; 3. Edwards, SAE.

60-yard back stroke: 1. Pittenger, Delta Chi; 2. Sleck, SAE; 3. Dandois, Delta Chi.

60-yard breast stroke: 1. Krugg, SAE; 2. Pittenger, Delta Chi; 3. Hirsch, SAE.

120-yard relay: 1. Edmunds, SAE; 2. See, Delta Chi; 3. Leicos, Delta Chi.

Alpha Chi Sigma 41
Kappa Sigma 9

60-yard free style: 1. Morback, AXS; 2. Greene, AXS; 3. Neavling, Kappa Sigma.

120-yard free style: 1. Larsen, AXS; 2. Watts, AXS; 3. Goldstein, Kappa Sigma.

60-yard back stroke: 1. Dawson, AXS; 2. Urling, AXS; 3. Neavling, Kappa Sigma.

60-yard breast stroke: 1. Wills, AXS; 2. Larsen, AXS; 3. Robinson, AXS.

Diving: 1. Robinson, AXS; 2. Blackwood, Kappa Sigma; 3. Wills, AXS.

The schedule for next Tuesday is Phi Kappa Sigma and Tau Phi

Ensigns At State Fought In Major Sea Battles

The ensigns training here at Penn State have been through the baptism of enemy fire.

The exploits of the officers in blue who are stationed at State for a ten weeks instruction period should fill many colorful pages in future history books. Of the approximately 60 men in the senior class, which started August 10, many participated in important sea engagements only a few short months before returning to the U. S.

In fact, the battles they have taken part in sound like a chronology of the sea war to date. Prior to this country's entrance into the world conflict, several were on the Atlantic patrol conveying lease-lend supplies to England and helped establish the U. S. naval base at Londonderry in Northern Ireland.

After December 7 and the tragic episode of Pearl Harbor, others were in the attacking force that struck back at the Japs by shelling

the Marshall and Gilbert Islands. One of the ensigns was a crew member of the U. S. S. Marblehead, which was "bombed to hell" by Jap bombers off Java.

Listing so heavily that a bucket brigade had to aid the ship's regular pumps to keep the vessel afloat, the Marblehead made a voyage half way around the world to safety. The story of that voyage is one of the greatest sea epics of all time.

Another officer was on the "fighting ship in the world," the carrier Yorktown, when Jap torpedo planes swept in to attack and scored hits that damaged the mighty "Y" and caused huge fires below her decks.

Even before the thought of World War II entered the minds of most people, several of the men were already veterans of the sea. In World War I, one officer was aboard a sub-chaser operating in the Mediterranean. Another has a medal that he received for his actions during the Nicaraguan

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