

# Ineligibility Threatens Nittany Grid Squad

## 40 Try Out For Soccer

A large turnout of 40 players, about half of whom are members of V-12 units on campus, has begun intensive scrimmaging in preparation for the soccer season's opener with Cornell October 2.

Anyone interested in a novel game requiring skill and coordination should come out to the golf-course field any afternoon to watch Coach Bill Jeffrey and his soccermen playing at "soccer-volleyball." This mixture of the two sports is very helpful in teaching inexperienced booters how to use their feet and their heads, both inside and outside, Jeffrey claims.

By pitting V-12 candidates against civilian and ROTC hopefuls, Jeffrey has created the friendly rivalry needed to spark practice scrimmages. Standouts in this series have been Jim Irwin, ROTC fullback; John Wrynn, goalie Marine from Dayton University; Bill Shellenberger and Frank Klase, V-12 linemen; Bob Clauser and Jim Atherton, halfbacks; Earl Stauffer and Andy Garber, wings, and Jose Lombanos, All-American lineman.

Tallest men on the Penn State football squad are end Bill Smyth, Cincinnati; tackle Bill Kyle, Pittsburgh; and tackle Wally Allwoerden, York. All are six feet, three.

Threat of scholastic ineligibility of the vast majority of Penn State's football squad veiled the 1943 grid outlook today, with but one week remaining before Penn State's opening game with Bucknell.

Possibility of mass ineligibility results from a new Navy-Marine V-12 ruling, placing eligibility for intercollegiate athletics on a month-to-month basis, and providing that a single failure in any subject for any month would knock a student out of sports competition during the next month.

Uncertainty about the future springs from the fact that the final month of the semester does not begin until next week, so there is no way of determining beforehand who among the Marine-Navy grid candidates can be counted on at game time next Saturday.

Since grades for the current month would reportedly have made at least 30 of the Marine-Navy candidates ineligible, Coach Bob Higgins' newest training technique is being concentrated on such topics as physics and mathematics—both V-12 "musts"—rather than on ordinary football essentials. Special tutors have become a regular part of the 1943 practice schedule, according to members of the Nittany coaching staff.

Helping compensate for the sudden ineligibility threat was the return this week of sev-

## Phys Ed School Trains Recreation Leaders

Looking forward to more abundant leisure in the post-war years, the School of Physical Education is training boys and girls to be municipal and industrial recreation leaders.

In a special, intensive, post-session course, under the direction of Ray M. Conger, assistant professor of physical education, class committees are planning workable recreation programs for schools, communities, summer camps, and industrial plants. In addition, each student is developing an individual plan for some special hobby or activity in which he is especially interested.

eral of the injured players whose inactivity has kept the team at part strength for the past several weeks.

Unless further mishaps occur between now and next Saturday, only two Lions will be sidelined with injuries for the opening game. Charley Stapel, freshman tailback whose grid performance in early practices has attracted the attention of the entire Nittany coaching staff, will be out of action for at least a month with a wrenched knee.

## Frosh Loses Starting Post

The former Avalon High School star had just about sewed up a place in the first-string back before he was injured while carrying the ball on a weak side buck in a scrimmage two weeks ago.

Only other injury likely to remain on the docket for more than a few days is the shoulder separation of Dante Terzi, former Dayton University player.

## Higgins Prepares Frosh

With large-scale ineligibility still impending, meanwhile, Higgins and Company are developing a number of possible replacements among the freshman candidates.

At tackle, Marino Marchi of Glassmere is outstanding among three eligible freshmen. Other prospects are George Slater, Asbury Park, N. J., and Wally Allwoerden, York.

For the center of the line the

## Higgins Has Strong Man

Although Coach Bob Higgins recently was faced with the temporary loss of 30 V-12 potential footballers, he still has on the roster a man who has literally proved his strength. Marine Private Milton McGuire of Toledo, O., made top score in the strength test given to 600 Navy V-12 students.

McGuire, the winner, was a member of the Penn State baseball team this summer and currently is making a strong bid for a starting halfback berth on the football team. A former University of Dayton athlete, he is five feet, nine inches tall, and weighs 162 pounds.

The test is given periodically to indicate the degree of improvement achieved by each trainee, and in the most recent test McGuire compiled a score of 69 against an average of less than 45 for the entire corps.

The test is divided into a series of five events, namely sit-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, squat jumps, and squat thrusts. The tests as a whole are designed to determine the strength, endurance, and agility of the trainees.

## Between The Lions

Only male stronghold of next semester's Collegian will be the sports department. All other positions are to be handled by women. Apprentice Seamen Rem Robinson, Art Miller, and Tom Wheatley will take it from here. We're merely to help out a little in the remaining weeks before graduation.

With no predictions in the sports future—despite Grantland Rice and Williamson's rating system—we leave this column to the next staff. We had a lot more to say but the advertising staff had a field day.

## V-12 Sports News

By ART MILLER AS. USNR

Bob Wetherill, V-12 Tar from Barracks 26, late of Barracks 29, was crowned all-service golf king when he carved out a 5 and 3 victory over Dick Ross, ROTC entrant.

In the semi-final round of the tourney, Wetherill advanced by defeating Peterson of Marine Barracks 13 on the 19th hole, 1 up. Ross moved up to the final bracket by gaining a victory by forfeit over A. S. T. P. golfer Van Cura.

Wetherill is the second V-12 man to take a title in all-service competition. The first was Marine Pvt. Mike Sweeney who won the 165-lb. crown in the recent service boxing tourney.

In the net sport four V-12 men advanced to the semi-final round in the tennis tournament eliminations during the week. Kraus, Barracks 36, whipped Hamilton, Barracks 9, by 6-3, 6-4, while Fink from Barracks 20 took the measure of Shaeffer 6-0, 6-2. In two defaulted matches, White of Barracks 29 was given the decision over Smith, Barracks 41, and Stonaker, Barracks 22.

Traeger Barracks 62, won over Prof. G. E. Bischoff, in charge of the tourney, urges all men to consult the Rec Hall bulletin boards and show up at the appointed time for the matches.

After a short lull, On-Campus and Off-Campus league softball teams are tuning up this week for the final push for the V-12 championship tilt to be played sometime next week.

Barracks 9 and Barracks 13, tied for leadership in the On-Campus sector, battled through five innings trying to decide which was the superior club, only to end up in a 2-2 deadlock, Barracks 9 pushing across a run in the bottom of the last frame to tie the count. Barracks 41 and Barracks 20 are even up in the other league.

The leaders will probably play tomorrow or Saturday to decide the representatives to the Little World Series, scheduled for early next week.

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