

Gridders Meet Bisons In Season's First Test

(Continued from Page One) Brown, Cenci, and Jaffurs who are in college pending call to Officers Candidate School.

Brown was the Nittany Lions' standout ground gainer last season when he piled up an average of 5.7 yards per try from his half-back position. A consistent line buckler, Sparky was a touchdown threat to opposing teams accounting for many of State's longest gains.

Serving his final season as the first string quarterback is Aldo Cenci, 230 pound blocking back whose talents in backing up the line have thwarted offensive thrusts for three years.

Johnny Jaffurs attracted attention as a capable guard in his sophomore year and merited All-American honorable mention as a junior. The coaching staff is counting on him to provide much of the line power until he leaves at the end of this term.

A probable second team would include Dick Trumbull and John Misiewicz, ends; Bill Kyle and Marino Marchi, tackles; Jim Mariades and Joe Berry, guards, Larry Davis or Mike Slobodnjak, center; "Frenchy" LaFleur, quarterback; Jim Graham and Cass Sisler, halfbacks; and Allen Richards, fullback.

Bisons Sharpen Offense

Following last week's close 7-6 defeat by Cornell at Ithaca, Coach Johnny Sitarsky has been sharpening the ground offense of the Bisons in preparation for tomorrow's encounter with State. The Big Red line allowed only 29 yards from rushing and the Bucknell team was unable to score a single first down on the ground. Timing and precision drills have been the order for the past week.

Spearhead of the Bucknell offense is 170 pound Gene Gubka, swift tailback, whose specialty is the open field. Hubka never had a chance to open up in the Cornell game since plays in which he carried the ball were consistently smothered at the scrimmage line.

Other mainstays in the Bison backfield are George Lefkandinos and Bobby McDaniel. Lefkandinos, 175 pound halfback performs as either a passer or a runner and McDaniel is a light weight scat back who will bolster the offense if academic restrictions which kept him out of last week's game are remedied.

Plays involving Elting Johnson and Ray Tyler who alternate at fullback were also emphasized in this week's drills.

V-12 Trainees, Veterans, Freshman Booters Train For Initial Soccer Tilt

With the season's opener with Cornell less than two weeks away, Penn State's soccer men are rapidly approaching top form. Daily scrimmages, tilts with the Naval ensigns, as well as a series of games between V-12 players and the remainder of the squad, give promise of a soccer team well up to Coach Jeffrey's usual high standards.

Ineligibility doesn't present as great a hazard to the booters as to the football squad, since fully half of the group are regular students. Sam Schnure, Jim Atherton, and Bob Clauser, halfbacks; Jose Lombana, Earl Sfauffer, and Andy Gaber, linemen, as well as a host of freshmen, show the civilian's side of soccer.

Not to be neglected is a group of V-12 trainees who are fighting hard for berths on the starting eleven. John Wrynn and Tubby Crawford keep the goal well guarded, while Mark Frederick and Ted Reichwein are fullbacks hard to beat. Dick Schmodel, Jim Heinold, and Jim Wollenhaupt form a fast trio of halfbacks, well suited to the charging V-12 line of Bill Shellenberger, Frank Klase, Red Kramer, Jack Bates, and Ivan Frey.

Knee Injury Benches Stapel for Opener

Charley Stapel, 178-pound freshman halfback from Avalon High School who impressed the Lion coaching staff as a valuable ball carrier from the start of the practice sessions, is still nursing a wrenched knee and will be out of action for at least two more weeks.

Eager to play, Stapel has been hovering around the field at practice each night although he is not permitted to don a uniform and is waved off the field by the coaches when he even attempts to pick up a football.

Between The Lions

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Probably you can blame this on the war too, but undoubtedly this is the first football season at Penn State that Coach Bob Higgins has had to worry about Avagadro's Hypothesis, British Thermal Units, specific heat, the law of cosines, the Beaufort wind chart, occlusion, and the like.

We can see the team huddled together in the dressing room now. Higgins is charting a play on the gnomonic projection, but is having trouble figuring out what wind resistance will be present in the Bucknell line if a heavy sheet of stratiform clouds is covering the town tomorrow morning. It is also very possible that a cold air mass may come in some time tonight, bringing with it a sky covering of cumulonimbus clouds.

One of the managers gets out the sling psychrometer, and finds that the air has a temperature of 76 degrees, and there is a wet bulb depression of 18 degrees. One of the ends then figures out that there will be too much water vapor in the air to attempt the pass plays, so all attention is directed toward a game that could be played in a continental tropical zone, providing there are some fair weather cumulus in the sky.

"Hig," says one of the backs, "suppose we try that XYZ formation we used against Penn last year."

"Young man," grimly answers the Lion coach, "you must remember that day that forgot that every action is accompanied by an equally opposite reaction. We will have no such luck with these men coming up from Lewisburg tomorrow."

The embarrassed pigskin ner hangs his head in shame, and resolves to study his physics a little better before the next game.

Suddenly a third string tackle (he has been studying five weeks in preparation for this game) blurts out Newton's law of univer-

sal gravitation, with the idea that since the attraction between a body and the earth is directly proportional to weight, only men under the weight of 118 pounds should be used, thus making it harder to knock a little man to the ground than one who weighs over 200 pounds (90,718 grams).

Before one of the assistant coaches has a chance to explain that this is very true, but you must take into consideration that there is a force against the man before he is tackled, so gravitation does not play too great a part in the matter, the phone rings, and a graduate chemist, who has been working night and day on the composition of the ball, tells the gymnasium technician that the men will be required not to sweat during the game since the football is too porous and will absorb so much of the perspiration that it will become topeavy.

After he hangs up, the assistant coach continues with his explanation of the gravitational law, explaining that since a force is exerted against the gridder, equaling the pressure times the area (PXA), it would be better to use bigger men since they would be able to knock the opponents down easier.

It looks like the head linesman is going to have to have a doctor's degree in physics, the referee a master's in mathematics, and the umpire one in meteorology before next season. And we won't be at all surprised to have scouts sent to Franklin Institute and Fels Planetarium before the Pitt game.

Killed In Action

Lt. McGowan '43, a U. S. Marine Corps flyer, was killed in action at the Battle of Munda. McGowan was enrolled in the department of journalism and was an active member of the Campus Patrol. Although word of his death was recently received, the exact date is July 7.

Harvey, Ex-Distance Runner, Replaces Coach Conger

George Harvey, ex-Penn State distance runner, now of the physical education department, has replaced Ray M. Conger as coach of the cross-country team. Conger will take a year's leave and supervise recreation at the Armstrong Cork Co. at Lancaster, Pa.

Harvey states that, due to wartime schedules, it is difficult to have his entire squad at any one practice session. There are a few runners who have been working out since August, and one rapidly approaching top cross-country shape.

The outstanding men to date are Dennis Crimmons, ex-star of St. John's of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cecil Deitschle, John Hermanies, and Don Stoff, who have been standouts on the track team of the past season. Newcomers who show exceptional promise are Bob Polanski, Phil Jones, and Bill Riess.

A new feature of the team is a running coach and running manager. George Harvey, a foremost distance runner in the late 1930's, frequently dons spikes and shows the fellows "the correct way to do it." Manager Stu Block, an ex-sprinter who has been out with a knee injury, also assists by running with the squad and keeps the boys on the move.

The schedule includes a meet with Muhlenberg at State College October 9; Cornell at Ithaca on October 16; Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y., on October 30; and the season's finale at New York in the Intercollegiate Championships.

Lions Out For 23rd Win Over Bucknell Gridders

When Coach Johnny Sitarsky leads his Bucknell Bisons into town tomorrow morning for the first time in his coaching career, he will be attempting to break the jinx which has hovered over the Lewisburg gridders since 1939, when they started a losing streak to the Nittany Lions which has extended over the past four years.

The last game that Bucknell won before they began scoring points in red ink, was in 1938, when they pushed a 14-0 win over the Higgins' squad. Prior to this season, they had lost but two games since 1927.

As the two schools enter their 33rd meeting since 1887, when the Bisons walloped Penn State, 54-0, the ledgers stand with 22 wins for the Lions, against but 10 defeats. In over a half century of competition, there has never been a tie game.

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