

Grid Experts Laud John Jaffurs; Cagers Open Season Against Mules

Cenci, Moore Share All-State Honors

During the past week, sport fans have become accustomed to seeing Penn State's durable guard, Johnny Jaffurs listed among the various all star combinations selected by the nation's football experts as they appear in the nation's papers.

With the football authorities of many news agencies and individual sports announcers and writers coming out with new All American teams in each edition, developments are difficult to keep abreast of. However, to date, the 185 pound lineman from Wilkesburg already has received ample acclaim as one of the great grid-diers of 1943.

Announcer Bill Stern, who has had plenty of opportunity to see the top flight members of America's well-scattered football family, rates Jaffurs enough of a football player to give him the left guard post in his All-American selections appearing in this week's Look magazine.

Johnny has sectional honors for the guard position clinched, at least as far as the United Press is concerned. UP experts ranked the Nittany Lion standout as one of the two best guards in the East, giving him a slot in their first string eleven.

Nothing new to Penn State's favorite guard is the spot delegated to him on the Associated Press. All-Pennsylvania team as Jaffurs' 1943 performance enabled him to retain the honors he won last year in being named to this same aggregation.

And don't forget his bid to the East-West engagement in San Francisco New Year's Day.

Head Coach Bob Higgins characterized Jaffurs as "the best guard I have coached in my fourteen years at Penn State." "Johnny deserves whatever recognition is given him," the former All-American end said.

Teammates Aldo Cenci, burly blocking back, and William (Red) Moore, tackle mainstay, didn't go through the past season unnoticed either.

The big quarterback placed in the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania second team ratings and gained honorable mention in the United Press All-Eastern group. Moore copped a first string tackle. Moore copped a first string tackle team.

"The defensive bulwark of Penn State all year has been provided by Jaffurs, Cenci, and Moore," Higgins exclaimed as he reflected on the past campaign. "We weren't consistent offensively, but statistics placed us sixth in the nation in defensive play."

Speed Enables Jaffurs To Demolish Enemy Offensive Strategy

Johnny "Jeep" Jaffurs, 5-foot 10-inch, 190-pound Penn State guard, is an old hand at the grid game.

This is the ninth year in organized football for Johnny, who played five years with Wilkesburg's junior and senior high school teams before coming to Penn State.

A standout on the 1940 freshman Lion squad, Jaffurs held down a regular varsity post throughout his sophomore and junior years.

Called to active service with his advanced Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at the end of his junior year, he was returned to the Penn State campus in uniform this year to complete his college studies. Again he is a key Nittany Lion player.

The quick-thinking guard is an exponent of the "fast break," and has made speed one of the keynotes of his attack.

Skilled in the fine-points of both offensive and defensive play, he has made a habit of sifting through to the opposition backfield to break up offensives before they're even started. His first widespread recognition, in fact, came in his sophomore year when—almost singlehanded—he wrecked Syracuse's famed "Y" formation to lead Penn State to an upset victory.

and these three boys were plenty of help."

Other Nittany Lions meriting praise on their play this fall were end Ed Czekaj, center Bo Powers, tackle Tad Tapanowicz, and Bill Abromitis, plunging back who was transferred from Pitt in time to help ease the backfield problems in the final two games. These men drew honorable mention in the UP All-Eastern selections.

Nittany Lions Untried; Muhlenberg Nips CCNY

Barring the possible benching of Mac McNary, rangy first-string pivot from George Washington University, because of injury, the Lion cagers will be at full strength for their opening tussle with an experienced Muhlenberg quintet at Allentown tomorrow night.

McNary, vital cog in the Lawther sliding-zone defense, was laid up recently with an infection of the leg contracted as a result of a scrape suffered several days ago.

Irv Batnick, freshman ballhandler, will probably get the nod from the Nittany mentor to take the tap-off at the center position in case of McNary's absence. The remainder of the squad will conform with pre-season line-ups with Joe Curran, former Canisius cager, and Bud Long, W & J product, flipping the sphere from the forward spots and Ray Bruno and Monty Moskowitz holding down the backline.

Brune played basketball with the Ohio University squad last season while Moskowitz threw them up for Western Reserve before coming to Penn State with the Marines.

Ten To Make Trip

Walt Funk, Querns, Bradley, and Vic Danilov, who tossed in 13 points against Lock Haven Friday night, will probably complete the roster for the trip.

On the other side of the ledger, the Mules are known to have a powerful court squad as evidenced by their 50-47 victory over CCNY in Madison Square Garden the past week.

In addition to three regulars from the 1942 edition, three varsity cagers from LIU, a regular from CCNY and another from Gettysburg have bolstered the down-state squad. The Navy-Marine unit at the College has also lent its support to the court squad, making the Allentown team a top-notch opponent for the untried Nittany five.

Seconds Trip Lock Haven

With the first-string playing only the first quarter due to military restrictions, the Blue and White netmen plowed under Lock Haven State Teachers' in a return engagement on the Rec Hall floor Friday night 44-17.

With the Navy-Marine curfew hour happing over their heads, the varsity of Joe Curran, Bud Long, Buck Barron, Monty Moskowitz and Ray Brune played the initial stanza, leaving the floor with the score 8-4 for the State forces.

Proving that the service boys did not have the varsity positions sewed up yet, Lawther's second five of Irv Batnick, Vic Danilov, Walt Funk, Querns and Bradley went on to take the up-state quintet handily.

Batnick was high scorer for the evening exercise with 15 points to his favor while Danilov was close behind the leader with 13 counters registered.

It was the third pre-season conquest for the Lions. They beat Lock Haven the week before 57-27 on the Teacher court after knocking off the Ensign five to the tune of 40-27.

Schedule Set

The 1943 schedule, just released by the Graduate Manager of Athletics, lists 16 games for the year featured by a tussle with NYU in Madison Square Garden and a bout with Temple in Convention Hall. Home and home series are scheduled with Temple, Pitt, Carnegie Tech, and Colgate. Army and Navy top the card of opponents playing single encounters with a home game with Bucknell on the Rec Hall floor next Saturday.

The Gob Who Couldn't Swim Will Soon Learn—Or Else

That old gag about the sailor who couldn't swim will soon be on the list of yesterday's jokes, according to CSp George Belders, head of the Navy's war aquatic program at the College, for Penn State has now geared its military swimming instruction to qualify V-12 trainees for any circumstance they may meet at sea.

For the past month Belders has been designing a rigid water-obstacle course for the sailors and marines stationed here, and within the next few weeks some 400 men will begin the strenuous job of conquering the challenging pre-requisite for a Chief Swimmer's rating.

Patterned after regulation Navy and Marine "boot camp" pools, the Glennland tank is now full of ope ladders, cargo nets, jumping towers, and life preservers, all being used daily in training the flowing chain of Penn State's adopted military children. Belders and his corps of assistants are determined that no man will join the fleet from this Naval base without at least the ability to stay afloat under battle conditions.

Only Two Men Left

With the assumption that any man who cannot do this is a liability to a crew and to the entire Navy, the swimming staff put hour after hour of training into 68 non-swimmers last summer. From this original group of learners, only two men are still unable to navigate 50 yards through the first test in the Navy classification.

After passing this requirement, further training prepares men for the second class exam, which means that they had to jump from a ten-foot tower and stay afloat for ten minutes. After the leap from the platform, trainees utilize the freestyle, backstroke, breast-stroke, and sidestroke styles in swimming a 100-yard test.

Passing this second exam, trainees are excused from two periods of aquatic instruction each week, and spend their physical hours in conditioning themselves and in maintaining their endurance. However, they still swim once a week in order to sharpen their already "good swimming ability."

Four hundred out of the 600 Navy-Marine men have now sped past this second group, qualified

for the first class rating, and are ready to tackle the new obstacle course for the top tank honor. In order to take this final test, however, sailors and leathernecks were first required to demonstrate expertness in both life-saving and swimming.

First Class Is Tough

While taking this first class exam, men first had to approach a man of equal size and tow him 25 yards in a carry position, and then dive into the water feet first and swim 25 yards underwater, coming up every 25 feet for air.

It was here that the aqua-obstacle course idea was brought into the limelight of the physical training program. To pass this final leg of swimming success, men must carry a nine-pound dead weight a distance of 50 yards underwater, and return with a man of his own weight. Still in uniform, he must swim 30 yards underwater without breaking for air at any time.

Must Swim Half Mile

Now the man must bob up and down in the water 50 consecutive times, completely submerging each time. In final preparation for the rope climbing, chief swimmer candidates are required to stay afloat for 30 minutes, at the same time swimming a half-mile.

The final part of the entire training classification is the obstacle course, which Belders has just finished designing. Men must first retrieve a 10-pound weight from the bottom of the pool and return it to shore. From there they pull themselves out of the water and onto a regulation Navy cargo net to the high tower, returning via the net to the water.

The remainder of the course consists of scaling a Navy Jacob's ladder to the top of the ceiling and climbing back down, while swinging at the height of 20 feet.

After going back up the landing cargo net onto the tower, the trainees plunge downward into the water, using a prescribed style for going overboard aboard ship.

Finally, they swim 10 yards underwater, 50 yards freestyle, put on a life preserver, swim two widths of the pool, remove life jacket, and tow a man two more widths of the pool, then disrobe, inflate trousers for support. The trainee is then a chief swimmer.

Christmas Reminder . . .

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Shopping Days 'til Christmas

1944 Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

- Dec. 4—Muhlenberg, away
- Dec. 11—Bucknell, home
- Dec. 15—Susquehanna, home
- Dec. 18—W&J, home
- Jan. 5—NYU, away
- Jan. 8—Temple, away
- Jan. 14—Carnegie Tech, away
- Jan. 15—Pittsburgh, away
- Jan. 22—Colgate, home
- Jan. 26—Army, away
- Jan. 29—Juniata, hme
- Feb. 5—Navy, away
- Feb. 11—Colgate, away
- Feb. 19—Pittsburgh, home
- Feb. 23—Temple, home
- March 1—Carnegie Tech, home

BOXING

- Feb. 12—Virginia, home
- Feb. 19—Army, home
- Feb. 26—Coast Guard, away
- March 3—Wisconsin, away
- March 11—Intercollegiates, home

WRESTLING

- Jan. 15—Michigan, home

- Jan. 22—Colgate, home
- Feb. 5—Temple, home
- Feb. 12—Navy, away
- Feb. 19—Cornell, away
- Feb. 26—Lehigh, away
- March 3-4—Intercollegiates, away

SWIMMING

- Jan. 15—Navy, away
- Jan. 22—Army, away
- Feb. 5—Cornell, home
- Feb. 19—Temple, away
- Feb. 26—Colgate, home

GYMNASTICS

- Feb. 12—Navy, home
- Feb. 26—Army, away
- March 4—Temple, home
- March 11—Intercollegiates, away

FENCING

- Feb. 5—Navy, away
- Feb. 12—Army, away
- Feb. 26—Temple, home
- March 11—NYU, home
- March 18—Intercollegiates, away

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