

Nittany Lions Drop Six Varsity Sports For Duration; Eight Remain On Schedule

Six varsity sports were dropped for the duration in a war-prompted economy measure announced this week by Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics at the College, who said that intercollegiate competition

will be limited to eight sports effective this fall.

Football, soccer, basketball, baseball, boxing, wrestling, track and lacrosse are the sports retained. Eliminated for the duration are cross-country, swimming, ice hockey, gymnastics, tennis, and golf. Rifle and fencing had previously been dropped because of difficulty in obtaining equipment.

Fleming ascribed the move to shrinking revenue and travel difficulties, pointing out that an effort had been made to retain those sports in which the largest number of students participate.

He said the revenue losses occasioned by decreased enrollment had made it increasingly difficult to maintain a full program, and that the decision had been reached only after lengthy consideration.

Penn State Faces Red Raider Nine

Penn State's varsity baseball nine meets the Colgate Red Raiders at Hamilton, N. Y., today and tomorrow in the first contests of a tough five-game summer schedule. The Lions play Bloomsburg State Teachers College at home next Saturday, June 22.

Coach Joe Bedenk's boys will try to notch their ninth and tenth victories of the 1944 season this weekend. The squad won eight of the 11 games played this spring. Two of the wins were over Colgate.

Reports say that the Red Raiders have most of their team back from last semester and are difficult to beat on their home field.

The Nittany Lions on the other hand have six men back from the spring term. However, according to Coach Bedenk, "There isn't a good pitcher among them."

Star Pitcher's Graduate

Penn State's three top hurlers—Mike Wardrop, Joe Golembeske, and Willie Proctor—finished their stay on the campus in June. Wardrop and Golembeske graduated, while Marine Pvt. Proctor was transferred.

Bob Urion, regular left fielder, is being groomed to take over the pitching chores. Up until last week the husky outfielder never stepped on the mound for the Nittany Lions. Bedenk believes that Urion will get one of the starting assignments against Colgate this weekend.

Doing the catching against Colgate will be Ivan Kline, lanky freshman from New York state. Coach Bedenk says the boy shows great promise and natural ability.

Bower Moved To Third

The infield will be composed of Al Richards at first, Whitey Kurowski covering second, Johnny Schlesiger at shortstop, and Dale Bower watching third. Bower, one of the leading hitters on the team, was moved from second base to third to make way for Kurowski.

All four of the players are back from last semester. Second Baseman Kurowski is the only one of the quartet who didn't see much action. Whitey was declared ineligible near the start of the spring season.

In the outfield there is one change. Glenn Smith has taken over the right field spot left open by the transfer of Floyd Foster to another assignment. Earl Bruhn will play center field and Bob Urion left field. If Urion pitches one of the Colgate games, Coach Bedenk intends to move Smith to left and insert Hall in right field.

45 Students Turn Out For Lion Soccer Team

Forty-five navy-marine trainees and civilians turned out for the soccer squad's first practice this week, Coach Bill Jeffrey announced yesterday.

The only returning veteran on the team is Jim Atherton. Others who saw action last year and came out to practice are Charlie Appleman, Joel Crouch, Lew Gross, and Bud Long.

Helping Coach Jeffrey with the squad is Remzi Gurcay, the Turkish regular from last year who graduated in June.

Scrimmages will be held three times a week for the next couple weeks on the golf course field. Positions are still open to all students interested in trying out for the team.

Trackmen Prepare For Cornell Meet

Coach George Harvey plans to cut down his track squad to three men in each event tomorrow afternoon in preparation for the first track meet of the summer with Cornell at the New Beaver Field July 22.

At the present time there are 32 men practicing with the team each afternoon. Most of them are veterans from the spring season or promising young freshmen.

The cinder squad is in need of pole vaulters; high jumpers, and two-milers, according to Coach Harvey. The track mentor pointed out that students may still try out for these positions.

Robinson at Penn State

There are five freshmen on the squad who compiled excellent high school records this spring. Cream of the crop is Jim Robinson, Altoona negro, who won the PIAA 200-yard low hurdles title.

Three other lads who competed in the Pennsylvania championships are George Rutter, Dorris Toler, and Negley Norton. Rutter was third in the 440-yard run and the 880-yard run. Toler came in second in the half mile and Norton was third in the shot put.

Dino Taccalozzi is a freshman who took his district's javeline crown, but was unable to come to State College for the state finals.

Six V-12 students are back from last semester. They are Dick McCown, Ed Bush, Frank Rainear, Bud Long, Alan Copp, and Dan Orlich.

McCown runs the 100, 220, and 440-yard dashes. Bush throws the discus, and shot put, and does the high hurdles. Rainear specializes in low and high hurdles in addition to the broad jump.

Long runs the 440 and 880. Copp does the low and high hurdles. Orlich heaves the shot and discus.

Dibeler Back For Season

Capt. Johnny Dibeler is back this semester together with four other civilian students. Dibeler runs the 440-yard run.

Other civilian students are Dave Pincus, Floyd Lang, Paul Smith and Jim McBride. Pincus is active in the discus and broad jump events, while Lang throws the discus and javelin.

Smith is the only miler on the squad, and McBride the only high jumper.

Coach Harvey considers his field events the strongest this summer. The track head expects most of the points in the two Cornell meets and one Colgate meet to come from the field.



State Runners Favored

Two runners who captured a lot of points for Coach George Harvey's track team this spring are favored to win at the Middle Atlantic AAU championships in Reading tomorrow.

Track Capt. Johnny Dibeler is rated the best in the 440-yard dash. Also running in this class will be some of the top men in Eastern track circles.

The other favorite is Serviceman Bobby Jones. The former Penn State trainee is given the nod over Dan Kirk, Penn's outstanding trackman, in the 880-yard run. Jones was shipped out at the end of the spring semester and is now stationed in the South.

Servicemen Like Sports

Sports news still ranks first with American boys scattered throughout the world on hundreds of battlefronts.

Lt. Eddie Tuleya of York, former Penn State baseball pitcher, is the latest to support this statement. The one-time Nittany Lion twirler recently forwarded a batch of newspaper clippings to Coach Joe Bedenk from his hospital bed in England.

Wounded in the Normandy invasion, Tuleya said he had occupied himself in the hospital by clipping Penn State items from the sports pages of metropolitan papers sent to England for American servicemen.

'8 Down and 8 to Go!

For the second time within a year Penn State's athletic program has been curtailed. At the start of the present conflict there were 16 intercollegiate sports in operation on the campus.

Then came the announcement that the rifle and fencing squads were to be dropped. Now the College has eliminated cross-country, swimming, ice hockey, gymnastics, tennis, and golf.

What's next, football, basketball, baseball, soccer, boxing, wrestling, track, or lacrosse?

"Yes, eight down and eight to go!"

Penn State In Review

"Lighthorse" Harry Wilson, now a full colonel in the Air Corps, never missed a scrimmage in four years of football at Penn State.

Walt Stenger, V-12 tennis star, lost only two of 14 matches while playing for the Nittany Lions.

Frankie Serago, Penn State's 127-pound Eastern Intercollegiate boxing champion, has entered the Merchant Marine.

"Mother" Dunn, giant center of the 1904-05-06 football seasons and Penn State's first all-American, is now a doctor in Hawaii.

Swim star Leigh Washling is the new all-college champion in cattle judging.

Bob Higgins has been head football coach at Penn State longer than any of his nine predecessors. He assumed command in 1930.

Gerry Carle, third baseman on the baseball team this spring and blocking back on the Northwestern football team last fall, has been shipped to Parris Island for his boot training.

Earle Edwards, assistant football coach, played under three different coaches as an undergraduate at Penn State.

Ten years ago this summer Bill Jeffrey's soccer squad visited Scotland for a series of eight games with Scottish eleven.

Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk formerly coached the diamond sport at Rice Institute and the University of Florida.

Bill Bierman, son of Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman, former Minnesota football coach, is a Marine trainee at the College.

Varsity wrestlers Bob Lowrie and Charley Dipner were lost through graduation in June.

Glenn Smith, a wrestling candidate last winter, captured the right fielder's position in this first try at college baseball this summer.

Jim Robinson, freshman negro flash from Altoona, won the PIAA 200-yard low hurdles championship this year in 23.2 seconds.

Mike Garbinski, first Penn State football player to enter the armed forces in 1941, is now stationed in Nebraska after being two years overseas.

Talent Good, Says Higgins

Freshman football talent was termed "very promising" today by Coach Bob Higgins as the Penn State grid veteran inaugurated daily informal drills for civilian and Navy V-12 candidates not otherwise engaged in athletic competition.

Among the ex-schoolboy stars who reported the first week were Johnny Chuckran, star back of Lonsford High School's 1943 State championship team; Harry Muckle of Charleroi, an outstanding back in the Pittsburgh district; and Howard Caskey of Allegheny High School, tackle on the all-city team in Pittsburgh.

Other backs include Al Bellas of Kingston; Elwood Petchel of Easton; Dino Taccalozzi of Sayre; Mark Maystrovich of Irwin; and Larry Cooney of Langley High, Pittsburgh. Among the first-year line prospects are John Simon and Joe Drazenovich of Brownsville; John Stoken and Bronco Kosanovich of Aliquippa; Jack Milson of Philipsburg; Negley Norton and John Baker of Altoona; Don Miltenberger of Easton; and Jim Matthews of Grindstone.

Lacrosse Is 'Child's Play' To Marine

Lacrosse is considered a rough, tough game but after Tulagi and other South Pacific war fronts, Marine Trainee Ted Wilhelm of Penn State has found it a rather gentle diversion.

Wilhelm, who never saw a lacrosse stick until he came to Penn State, improved from week to week during the lacrosse season.

The Farmingdale, N. Y., youth, who was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck, still thinks lacrosse is "child's play" after what he saw at Pearl Harbor, Midway, Tulagi, and Guadalcanal.

After helping in the reorganization which was necessary after the sneak attack, Wilhelm was

shipped to Midway in time to man an anti-aircraft gun when the Nipponese launched their aerial assault on that island.

On August 7, 1942, he was aboard one of the landing craft which set out for Tulagi in the Solomons. A stubborn lacrosse goalie, he has since decided, could never make him forget the 24 hours he and his mates spent offshore-looking for an opening in the Jap defense.

Until September 12 he remained on Tulagi, then crossed the channel to Guadalcanal to join the fighting forces there. For the next five months he manned dual 20-millimeter guns against any Jap planes which came within

range, and against Nipponese ground troops in between times.

He came out of this experience unscathed but soon after his transfer to New Zealand, suffered two attacks of malaria. He has had a third and milder attack since his return to America, but believes it was "just a final memento of Guadalcanal."

When Wilhelm returned last November to accept his assignment to the Navy V-12 unit at Penn State, it marked the first time in 44 months that he had seen his home country. He has been in the marines for nearly five years, and thought he'd try lacrosse this spring "just for the fun of it."

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