



F & M Game Favorable

Penn State's varsity football eleven this week started to prepare for the first contest on its nine-game schedule after a favorable showing against Franklin and Marshall last weekend.

Saturday's scrimmage with F & M gave Coach Bob Higgins a picture of what he could expect during the coming weeks. All "Hig" had to say about the game was that the contest was "great experience for the boys."

33 Lions Dead, Missing

Thirty-three former Penn State athletes are numbered among the dead and missing in World War II, according to Ridge Riley of the Alumni Office. Three others are prisoners of war.

The compilation shows that 26 men are listed as dead, and seven are missing. Newest addition is Lt. Col. William V. Martz of Pottsville, former football and track athlete, who has been missing in France since August 8. Martz finished his schooling at West Point.

Casualties since D-Day have boosted to 150 the number of Penn Staters now dead or missing. Prisoners number 20.

Pony Halfbacks Produce

Pony backs are running rampant at Penn State this fall. Three of the four Lion tailbacks are football midgets.

Smallest of the quartet is Freshman Elwood Petchel of Easton, who looms as one of the best runners at the College in years. Smaller in stature but 15 pounds heavier than his fellow-plebe is Harry Muckle of North Charleroi.

One of the fastest men on the squad is Dick McCown of Philadelphia, who served in a relief role last fall and who is doing his utmost to win top billing this year.

A comparative heavyweight at 168 pounds, Johnny Chuckran of Lansford compares favorably with Petchel as a triple threat, and should see plenty of action.

Cagers Learn Lion Offense

Coach John Lawther this week began to teach his basketball hopefuls the Penn State system of play—a deliberate offense with numerous set plays and plenty of "head work."

Although his squad began practice only a week ago, the veteran Lion mentor is already giving his V-12 and civilian candidates the fundamental offensive plays of his system.

Within a few weeks Lawther plans to teach the cagers his much-publicized zone defense. However, in the meantime he wants his squad to get a general idea of the type of offense Penn State uses.

The schedule for the coming season has not been announced as yet. But the slate is expected to include many of the schools the Lions faced last year. Four or five of the contests will probably be prior to the Christmas vacation period.

No Veterans on Squad

The squad is composed entirely of Navy and civilian students. Not one veteran from the 1943-44 first five returns this season. As a result, Coach Lawther is going to have to rebuild an entirely new club.

So far Lawther has been experimenting with several combinations. He has no idea what his team will be like when it takes the court for its first game in December.

Those candidates who have turned in their physical cards follow: Don Coplin, Ivan Kline, J. C. Schwander, Dick Goldsborough, Bob McLaughlin, Harold Rahn, George Hofmeister, Robert Landin,

Penn State in Review

Comdr. Oscar Hagberg, Navy's head football coach, stated this week that he plans to use Bill Abromitis, who was just sworn in as a plebe at the Naval Academy, as a sub for regular halfbacks Bill Barron and Jim Pettit.

Bob Wear, former Penn State center, has signed a contract to play professional football with the New York Giants.

Bruce Allen, 175-pound guard on the gridiron squad, formerly played at Nebraska.

Swimming Coach Bob Galbraith has just been named faculty counselor of veterans at the College. He has coached swimming at Penn State since its introduction in 1936.

Johnny Egli, cage star of a few years ago, was in town last week. While at the College he helped Coach John Lawther with his basketball candidates.

Dr. Alfred H. Griess will again serve as team physician for Coach Bob Higgins' football team this year.

Johnny Jaffurs, all-American guard last season, writes that Aldo Cenci may be discharged from the Army soon because of an old football injury.

Jack Milson, freshman center, played for Phillipsburg High School against State College last year.

There are four Minnesota boys on the football team—Earl Bruhn, Bill Larson, Dan Orlich, and Paul Swiggum.

Al Auer, promising end, attended Ohio University before coming to Penn State.

Fastest back on the field against Franklin and Marshall was Wingback Larry Cooney, who reeled off 30 yards on two reverse plays.

Al Richards, Earl Bruhn, Floyd Lang, and Al Bellas will do most of the Lions' punting this year.

Dick McCown, sub halfback, stood out as a track ace while at Penn Charter in Philadelphia.

October 14 is the date for Alumni Homecoming Day. The Nittany Lions meet Bucknell that afternoon.

End Coach Earle Edwards coached at Princeton Prep and Ebensburg High School before coming to Penn State in 1936.

Call for Managers
All freshmen interested in becoming assistant basketball managers should report to Rec Hall at 6:15 p. m. Monday, Charles Alcorn, head manager, announced today.

H. O. Willison, Jay Young, R. D. Light, Al Levin, Bob Keagy, Abe Katzowitz, and George Mucker.

Ernest Nugent, Bob Junko, Leslie Szepese, M. W. Hannum, Bill O'Neill, Jim McBride, J. B. Lebnis, Ronald Hartman, Bill Jaffurs, R. S. Roth, Bob Bacon, W. L. Shaffer, Ralph Lang, Al Honig, and Victor Danilov.

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MISSES GAME—Marino Marchi, sophomore tackle, will not play in the first game against Muhlenberg on September 30 because of a fractured right shoulder which will keep him out of the lineup for three weeks.

Jeffrey Selects Soccer Standouts

With the first game only three weeks away, Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey has selected two teams which he will send against Bucknell on October 7.

Gene Graibner holds down the goalie's position on the first string. In front of him is Charley Appleman at left fullback and Clair Jewell at right fullback. Lou Piha, Jess Hartman, and Bob Parker play the right, center, and left positions.

Coach Jeffrey has Doc Ridings at outside right forward and Herb Mendt at inside right. Dave Bigns is center forward, while Jim Atherton and Fritz Holmquist are inside and outside left forwards.

On the second team, Bud Long is the goaltender and Hall and Gross are fullbacks. Harry Powers, Joel Crouch, and Stet Stetler fill the halfback slots. The forward line is uncertain with Hood, Bates, Roth, Morris, Klopp, Sellers, and Erdman competing for the berths.

The squad scrimmages daily at the golf course practice field. Besides Bucknell, the Lions meet Colgate, Navy, Muhlenberg, Army, Cornell, and Temple this fall.

Dick Harlow, now a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, coached the Penn State football team of which Bob Higgins was captain in 1917. Higgins is now Lion head coach.

Penn State gridiron fans got their first taste of football last Saturday afternoon when six touchdowns were scored in a practice scrimmage between the Nittany Lions and Franklin and Marshall College at New Beaver Field.

Approximately 1000 spectators saw Coach Bob Higgins' team tangle with Coach Charlie Mayser's all-service eleven from Lancaster. The contest was well-played with everyone on both squads seeing action for the first time this season.

Speed and power were the keynotes as Penn State rolled up 14 first downs and 307 yards by rushing and passing. However, the Lions were penalized seven times for 65 yards and had three passes intercepted. F & M's most effective offensive weapon was the pass. The Diplomats gained 139 yards through the air. The Lions in turn intercepted six of the aeriels.

Coach Higgins started the following lineup: John Stoken, right end; Negley Norton, right tackle; Bill Larson, right guard; Chuck Klausing, center; Joe Drazzenovich, left guard; Ed Bush, left tackle; Bob Hicks, left end; Earl Bruhn, quarterback; John Chuckran, right half; Elwood Petchel, left half; and Al Richards, fullback.

Marino Marchi, veteran tackle, didn't play in the game because of an injury. Everyone else got into the game.

Penn State Scores First

The Lions were the first to score in the contest. A pass interception in the first quarter by

Tailback Elwood Petchel set the stage for the touchdown. He took the ball on F & M's 38-yard line and carried it to the nine. After three unsuccessful plays, Petchel passed to Johnny Chuckran, speedy wingback, for six points. Tackle Ed Bush's kick was wide for the extra point.

F & M came back with an aerial barrage which almost tied the score. Chuckran nearly intercepted one of the passes on the Lion 37-yard line. The star freshman got his hands on the ball, but the visitor's pass snatcher grabbed the pigskin and raced to the 23 before Bronco Kosanovich, first-semester center, brought him down.

The quarter ended a few minutes later with the Diplomats on 19-yard line. On the first play after changing goals, Petchel intercepted another F & M pass on the nine and returned it to the

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