

Frosh Shine Once Again For Higgins

Once again freshman football players have come into the lime-light.

Nearly two years ago the frosh backfield of Larry Joe, Bobby Williams, Joe Colone, and Johnny Schroyer wrote football history. Now comes another combination which may force Coach Bob Higgins to send a complete team of freshmen against Muhlenberg tomorrow afternoon.

For many years the Lion mentor has felt that freshman players are not equal to varsity competition. However, there are indications this fall that the veteran coach is rapidly changing his mind about the yearlings.

The progress of Johnny Chuckran, Elwood Petchel, Joe Drazenovich, Don Miltenberger, and numerous other freshmen has practically convinced Coach Higgins that the feats of that 1942 backfield were not accidental or impossible to repeat.

Freshman Need Seasoning

"These freshmen need seasoning," Higgins insists, "but apparently they are coming to us better coached than they once were. This year will tell the story as far as I'm concerned."

For the first four games on the schedule, marine trainees will share the manpower burden with the first-year players, but thereafter the freshmen will be on their own—assisted only by a few navy trainees.

Although only two freshmen are listed as probable starters tomorrow, Coach Higgins stated yesterday that he expects to use a dozen or so frosh against the Mules.

In addition to Linemen Bob Hicks and Howard Caskey, Tailbacks Johnny Chuckran and Elwood Petchel as well as Blocking Back Joe Drazenovich will enter the contest early in the game.

Others who will see action are John Simon, Don Miltenberger, John Stoken, Negley Norton, Bronco Kosanovich, Al Bellas, Larry Cooney and Floyd Lang.

Marine Barracks 13 Wins 3 Tilts to Stay Unbeaten

Marine Barracks 13 won three games during the past week to remain the only undefeated team in V-12 touch football competition. The Leathernecks lead the On-Campus League with seven consecutive wins and no losses.

The On-Campus and Off-Campus Leagues will finish their schedule within the next two weeks.

On-Campus League

	Won	Lost
Barracks 13	7	0
Barracks 26	4	3
Barracks 37	4	3
Barracks 24	4	3
Barracks 9	2	5
Barracks 36	0	6

Off-Campus League

	Won	Lost
Barracks 35	5	1
Barracks 22	5	1
Barracks 41	3	3
Barracks 29	2	4
Barracks 62	1	5
Barracks 20	1	5

Lions Face Muhlenberg In Grid Opener



PROMISING FROSH—A pair of promising Easton boys—Don Miltenberger and Elwood Petchel—are among the 22 freshmen on Coach Bob Higgins' 1944 Penn State squad. Miltenberger is an end, while Petchel shares the tailback chores with Lansford's Johnny Chuckran. Both of the players will probably see action against Muhlenberg at New Beaver Field tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Bill Jeffrey Begins 19th Year As Lion Soccer Team Opens Season

Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey will begin his 19th year at Penn State when the Lions meet Bucknell at home in the season's opener October 7.

The one-time professional booter, who participates in daily scrimmages with his squad, has produced unbeaten teams in 12 of the last 18 years. His all-time record at Penn State now stands at 98 wins, 9 losses, and 20 stalemates.

This fall the Lion mentor is building his club around a score of Navy V-12 trainees, plus a dozen freshmen, and a handful of upperclassmen. His lone veteran is Jim Atherton, newly-elected captain of the team who graduates at the end of this semester.

Boys Show Enthusiasm

"Past experience," Jeffrey believes, "does not count for much if the boys have enthusiasm for the game. This bunch," he adds, "has a lot of spirit and plays for keeps. I think we'll do all right this year."

Gene Grabner and Bud Long are fighting for the goaltender's job. The former holds the edge at the present time and probably will start against Bucknell.

The right fullback position is being sought by Charley Appleman and Clair Jewell. Russell Rushton and Dave Binns are the candidates for left fullback.

Five Seek Halfback Slots

There are five men trying out for the halfback slots. They are Harry Power and Elwood Stetler

at right, Jess Hartman at center, and Bob Parker and Lou Piha at left.

Coach Jeffrey has Doc Ridings at outside right forward and Herb Mendt at inside right. At center forward, Bob Brandenberger, Alex Pavlika, and Dave Binns show promise.

Jim Atherton holds down the inside left forward position while Fritz Holmquist is set at outside left. Neal Sellers also will see action at outside left.

Lion Tales

Lt. Robert H. Dewalt, captain of the 1938 swimming team, has returned to this country after completing 30 missions over Europe. He wears the DFC and Air Medal with four clusters. . . . Marine Pvt. Pete Trynosky owns one of the best kicking records in the V-12 Touch Football League. . . . Golf Coach Bob Rutherford is celebrating his 64th birthday today. . . . Line Coach Newsh Benz of Muhlenberg and Joe Bedenk were teammates on the 1922 Penn State football team. . . . Freshman Bob McCoy, reserve center, is the lone ex-serviceman on the Lion grid-iron squad. . . . Maj. Steve Hamas, former Penn State and professional heavyweight boxer, is now refereeing bouts for GIs in the European war theatre.

Experienced Marine Team To Start Against Mules

It will be an experienced, marine-dominated Nittany Lion eleven which Coach Bob Higgins will start against the Muhlenberg Mules at New Beaver Field at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the opening game of the 1944 season.

Coach Higgins said yesterday that he intends to begin the contest with a team composed of nine marines and two freshmen. All of the V-12 trainees have had some college experience, while the two frosh come directly from high school.

In the backfield, Earl Bruhn, Dick McCown, Ed Meyer, and Al Richards will form the starting lineup. Bruhn, who came to the campus from Minnesota, will call the signals and do most of the kicking. McCown is tailback and Meyer wingback, both performed for Penn State last season. Richards, who has played for Cincinnati and the Nittany Lions, completes the quartet as fullback.

Freshman Bob Hicks from Lancaster is at left end. At his side is veteran Ed Bush, husky tackle from Northwestern. Bill Larson, another marine from Northwestern, is at left guard. Holding down the center position is Chuck Klausung, who played for Higgins last year.

Nebraska's contribution to the squad is Right Guard Bruce Allen. Howard Caskey, 225-pound frosh from Pittsburgh, has won the right tackle berth. And at the end post is Dan Orlich, a former Wildcat from Northwestern.

Freshmen To See Action

Higgins pointed out that he wants to put his most-experienced team on the field to start the game. However, the Lion mentor said that it is very likely that Johnny Chuckran, Elwood Petchel, Joe Drazenovich, and several other freshmen will get into the game early.

The second-string forward wall has Don Miltenberger and John Stoken at ends, Bob Painter and Negley Norton at tackles, John Simon and Frank Martens at guards and Bronco Kosanovich at center.

In the backfield there are Drazenovich, Petchel, Chuchran, Kurovski, Cooney, Bellas, Lang, Wilhelm, Muckle, Voll, Taccalozzi, and others who may be sent in as replacements. Bob Urion, who has shown promise as a wingback, is having scholastic difficulties and may not appear in uniform.

Probable Lineups

PENN STATE	LE	MUHLENBERG
Hicks	LE	Gerhard
Bush	LT	Devlin
Larson	LG	Dougherty
Klausung	C	Vidinski
Allen	RG	MacLachlin
Caskey	RT	Cannady
Orlich	RE	Makoid
Bruhn	QB	Lange
McCown	LH	Howell
Meyer	RH	Saltzgeber
Richards	FB	Duplaga

Mules Have Played Two Games

Muhlenberg will enter the game with two games already to its credit for the season. Coach Al Julian's squad lost both contests to Bucknell, 24-7 and 14-0. However, Line Coach Joe Bedenk, who scouted the Mules, reports that the Allentown eleven plays a wide-open brand of football which should give the Lions trouble.

The Mules use an unbalanced line with the quarterback directly behind the center and a flanker on the weak or strong side of the line. According to Bedenk, the system is similar to the T-formation.

Left Half Earl Howell is the spearhead of the Muhlenberg ground attack. He also does the kicking. Charlie Lange and George Duplaga handle the aerials. On the receiving end are Harry Gerhard and Chester Makoid, 6 feet 2 inch ends. Joe Saltzgeber is right half.

Penn State and Muhlenberg have met four times since 1914. The Mules have won only one game, downing the Lions 3-0 in 1933. Penn State won 22-0 in 1914, 27-7 in 1920, and 45-0 in 1936.

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