

Gridders Stage First Scrimmage; Use T-Formation

Penn State gridders went through their first scrimmage of the season Tuesday.

The playing was satisfactory, but there are many rough spots that will have to be polished off before we will be ready to take the field against Muhlenberg, said Headcoach Bob Higgins.

Joe Tepsic, whose ball handling was one of the features of the drill, was injured on the chest while making a tackle. Team physician Dr. Alfred H. Griess remarked that the injury is slight and that Tepsic will be playing again soon.

Elwood Petchel's kicking was up to his last season's form, and Ralph Ventresco showed his ability to crack the line for important gains. The blocking and tackling of Freshman Joe Fulcocy and V-12 Larry Spencer proved invaluable to their teams.

Another freshman, Ross Heron, was an outstanding end in his first performance. Line plays by Carl Dimmerling, Bronco Kosonovich, and Marino Marchi show great promise for things to come.

Coach Higgins brought out another innovation this practice session in that he is now using the T-formation. The use of the "T" this season is the first time that it has been on the Nittany Lion football scene. Its future use remains in doubt as practice is still in the experimental stage, the mentor pointed out.

Twilight practice drills will probably end this week. The resumption of practice is scheduled for September 3, day after Labor Day.

Athletic Manager Says '45 Football Schedule To Have Open Date

No football game will be played on the open date on the schedule, October 27, announced Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

During the past two football seasons, games have been played between the Summer and Fall semesters. The reasons for this change, according to Mr. Fleming, are:

The desire of Mr. Fleming and Head Coach Bob Higgins to return to a normal pre-war eight-game schedule.

The two week layoff afforded by the open date will allow time for the reorganization of the team which may be needed because of incoming freshmen players and eligibility.

The fact that the open date falls between semesters.

The rest will be welcomed by players and coaches due to the stress and strains of the accelerated program.

Leo Houck, veteran Penn State boxing coach, fought in the professional ring as a youngster of 14.

Conger, King of U. S. Milers, Relates Track Experiences

"Previous experience is not essential for an athlete to become a member of a college track team," says Ray Conger, who was six times crowned king of the United States milers. Conger, who has in the past coached the College track team, is now an instructor in the School of Physical Education.

After matriculating at Iowa State College in 1923, he ran his first mile in what he now considers the comparatively slow time of 4:52 minutes. From that time on it was a succession of triumphs mingled with defeats until his senior year at Iowa State, when he became national champion by running the mile in 4:17.

After leaving college in 1927 Conger competed against athletes whose names and accomplishments will live forever in the annals of track history. There was Lloyd Hahn and Leo Lermond of Boston, Paavo Nurmi of Finland, Doctor Peltzer of Germany, and Doctor Martin of Switzerland.

The trackster's moment of greatest triumph, which he does not consider the one that gave him his greatest thrill, undoubtedly came in Madison Square Garden one Saturday afternoon in 1929, when his long legs carried him to a close victory over Paavo Nurmi of Finland. The mile king sincerely believes that he got his greatest thrill when he was presented with a gold watch after winning the Illinois Relays.

"After all," Conger said, "it isn't every day that a fellow gets a chance to win a gold watch."

After beating Nurmi in 1929, the former mentor came back to the Garden in 1930 and 1931 and became the first man in track history to win the Wanamaker Mile three successive times. For this feat he carried away with him the Wanamaker trophy.

On the Saturday following his triumph over Nurmi, Conger established his fastest time when he sped to victory over Purje of Finland and Edwin Wide of Sweden as he broke across the tape in 4:13.

Representing the United States in the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam, the cinderman led all entries in the time trials but later lost to them in the record meet.

Conger abandoned the cinder path in 1932 but not until he had hung up one of the most impressive records of all time. In 1931 he enjoyed the enviable reputation of having let no one cross the finish line in front of him.

Ray Conger has a particular liking for track and trackmen because as he said, "Track is one sport where the results rest upon the individual. A trackman's ability is not in any way determined by the ability of a team. He is free to go ahead and develop himself as long as he is willing to train hard and diligently."

"I don't know exactly why I went out for track," he mused. "Someone said I had long legs and should be able to run. However, I do know what track has done for me. It gave me a chance to relax from the books and a chance to be with other athletes. I believe that one gets the greatest benefit of school from his associations and

experiences with the coaches and the other athletes."

Commenting on the four-minute mile, the ex-miler said, "I would not be surprised if Gunder Haegg turned the trick this summer."

"I've never seen Haegg run," Conger added, "but he apparently has all that it takes to run a four-minute mile. Give me a man with Nurmi's pacing and timing, Venzke's smoothness, and Hahn's speed and sprint and I'll give you a four-minute mile. Maybe Haegg is that man."

Barracks 37 Cops Lead In V-12 Softball League; Barracks 26, Second

Barracks 37 took the lead in the V-12 unit softball tournament as Barracks 26 dropped into second spot. In last week's games, Barracks 13 edged out Barracks 26, 4-3; Barracks 9 defeated Barracks 36, 16-4; Barracks 37 downed Barracks 13, 7-1; Barracks 24 blanked Barracks 36, 3-0; Barracks 37 won over Barracks 36, 6-3; and Barracks 26 beat Barracks 9, 13-2.

In an extra-inning game, which had been temporarily postponed for lack of time, Barracks 9 triumphed over Barracks 26 by scoring nine runs to win, 15-6.

The standings follow:

Team	Won	Lost
Barracks 37	5	1
Barracks 26	5	2
Barracks 9	3	3
Barracks 13	2	4
Barracks 36	1	6

IFC Tennis Tourney To Begin In August

IFC has revived its tennis tournament this semester after an absence of a few years. Co-chairmen of the tennis tournament committee are Len Scalise and Don Rider.

The competition is scheduled to begin in August and should be concluded in the month. Keys will be awarded to individual winners and a trophy will be presented to the champion fraternity.

Further details concerning the rules governing entries and the conduct of the tournament will be announced in the next issue of Collegian.

Penn State and Army have played football three times, with the Lions triumphant once, and the other two games stalemates.



NICK THIEL, lacrosse coach, is conducting summer practice sessions in the tactics of the sport in preparation for the 1946 team.

Stickmen Start Contact Drills

Lacrosse practice sessions, in which the fundamentals of stick handling, cradling, and skill in retrieving ground balls is stressed, are being held under the tutelage of Coach Nick Thiel and his assistant, Paul Ameel.

The first intra-squad scrimmages were held Wednesday afternoon with Coach Thiel showing the new men the field positions and some of the basic plays.

The mentor, well pleased with a turnout of 48 candidates, wishes to emphasize that experience is not necessary for a candidate to report to practice. Anyone wishing to report for practice should contact Coach Thiel in 228 Recreation Hall any day from 3 to 5 p.m.

Numbered among the men who reported for practice are 27 new men and 21 veterans of the past season. Those who have reported are C. Appleman, P. F. Backley, E. J. Boltz, M. A. Ciarmella, D. C. Faloon, W. C. Free, D. I. Hecker, P. Holder, A. M. Honig, K. E. Jayson, K. M. Kaufmann, K. Kaye, D. P. Kay, K. D. Kerwin, L. F. Klepper, L. Koenig, and P. Kryston.

D. J. Laudig, G. Locotos, K. W. Lord, G. A. McCormick, S. Oxman,

2 Barracks Tie For Top Honors In ASTP League

Boasting undefeated teams, Barracks 7 and 17 are tied this week for first place honors in Company A's ASTP softball tournament. Over in Company B, Barracks 8 is in the driver's seat with an unblemished record of three straight wins.

The teams in Company A have been giving the ball a long ride. In four games, the A's have compiled a league total of 78 runs, which comes close to an average of 20 a game.

Company B has crossed home plate for a slim total of 32 runs in four tilts. In the fifth encounter, Barracks 4 won a forfeit, 9-0, from Barracks 30.

The action was mainly centered around Company B this week when it played five games. Barracks 8, the league leaders, won three games, downing Barracks 5, 5-1; Barracks 30, 5-4; and drubbing Barracks 4, 11-1. Barracks 4 notched a 5-0 shutout over Barracks 5, and Barracks 4 won from Barracks 30 by forfeit, 9-0.

In Company A, Barracks 17 downed 28, 8-4, and Barracks 7 whipped 12, 20-4, in the only two games played.

The standings follow:

COMPANY A		
Team	Won	Lost
Barracks 7	2	0
Barracks 17	2	0
Barracks 28	0	2
Barracks 12	0	2
COMPANY B		
Team	Won	Lost
Barracks 8	3	0
Barracks 5	1	1
Barracks 4	1	2
Barracks 30	0	2

Softball Tournament

Mineral Industries Laboratory and PSCA Upperclass Club have entered teams in the Independent softball tournament, in addition to Graham's, Penn Haven, Beaver House, and the PSCA Freshman Club, who have already joined. Teams wishing to participate should call Jack Dickstein, 3246.

League competition will begin August 7 with games being played on the golf course at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

F. Poisson, J. Reid, R. Rocha, R. M. Russell, G. R. Sample, R. D. Schumach, C. F. Sullivan, M. A. Snyder, W. T. Stevens, R. W. Stratton, J. W. Szadzewicz, E. Taggart, C. H. Taylor, A. N. Tenhula, F. Tiedemann, A. Thomas, D. Varga, S. Weinberg, R. Wetherby, N. Wynn, T. Frazier.

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