

Football Outlook Dims As Petchel Waits Induction

The bright outlook for the coming football season was dimmed today when it became known that Elwood Petchel, star tailback, is subject to Army call at anytime. Draft board officials have not set an induction date as yet, and there is still hope, but slight, that he may start the season.

The Easton youth, who scored six touchdowns last season, figured prominently in the plans of Coach Bob Higgins. His passing and kicking ability, plus speed and shiftness, mark him as a triple threat man, the mentor said. When he leaves the squad, the race for the starting assignment as tailback will be wide open with Joe Tepsic, Wally Triplett, and Bob Kritzer in the running.

Since the resumption of practice earlier in the week, most attention has been given to passing. The gridgers have been running through pass plays besides regular passing drills. The punters have not been idle, and Tepsic, Petchel, and Triplett have shown good form.

Drills are being concentrated on fundamentals presently, but it will not be long before contact sessions and scrimmages begin. Daily skull practice is being held in the Little Theatre. With the opening game only four weeks off, the attitude of the players and coaches has become more serious.

Bucknell Cancels First Soccer Game

Bucknell's decision to withdraw from soccer competition this year will postpone Penn State's 1945 debut until the second week in October, it was learned today.

With Bucknell as the opening opponent, the Lions originally planned to play eight games beginning October 3. Now, Muhlenberg will come to the College for the season's opener October 13. The delay may prove a mixed blessing, however, since it will give the Lions an extra week of work under Coach Bill Jeffrey before the season starts. Jeffrey, who's now in Italy as a civilian sports consultant for the Army, expects to return to the campus about mid-September.

After the Muhlenberg engagement the Lions will meet Temple, home, October 20; Colgate, away, October 27; Army, away, November 3; Cornell, home, November 10; and Navy, away, November 17.

Former Missouri Gridiron Star Added To Lion Coaching Staff

Harold W. Harris, former grid star from the University of Missouri, has recently been appointed student assistant football coach.

Harris started his college career at the University of Miami in 1939, and transferred to the University of Missouri in 1941. A thirteen month hitch in the Army Air Corps interrupted his undergraduate work but he returned to graduate in 1944 and obtained his master's degree in 1945.

Ex-State Swimmer Wounded Third Time

Cpl. Mickey Becket, former Penn State swimmer, used a boat to get across the Rhine, but insists his fellow-doughboys "went swimming in half of Germany's canals" the night of the crossing.

Becket, a native Philadelphian who was wounded twice at Anzio before transferring to the Western front, where he was nicked a third time, writes Swim Coach Bob Galbraith "I was in the first boat to reach the opposite shore, and was the first one out—probably the scariest one, too."

The former Lion diver, who told of meeting a former classmate while waiting to cross the Rhine, has been with the Seventh Army for several months, and is the third

Galbraith Names Best College Swimmers

Robert E. Galbraith, the English composition professor and ex-swimming champion, tells all and names Bill Kirkpatrick '41 as Penn State's best student swimmer. He also puts Rob Cowell, who is now captain of his swimming team at Annapolis, and Abel Gilbert, Ecuadorian merman who went to the National Collegiate finals in 1944, at the top of the list.

"The swimmers of today get better all the time," stated the swimming coach. "Besides this, they work harder because of tougher competition, and it is not unusual for unknowns to spring up overnight."

According to Professor Galbraith, some of the outstanding swimmers of the past fifteen years include Marshall Wayne, known as "The American Adonis" and one of the greatest divers of all time, and three Ohio State champions coached by Mike Peppe, Patterson, Patnick, and Clark.

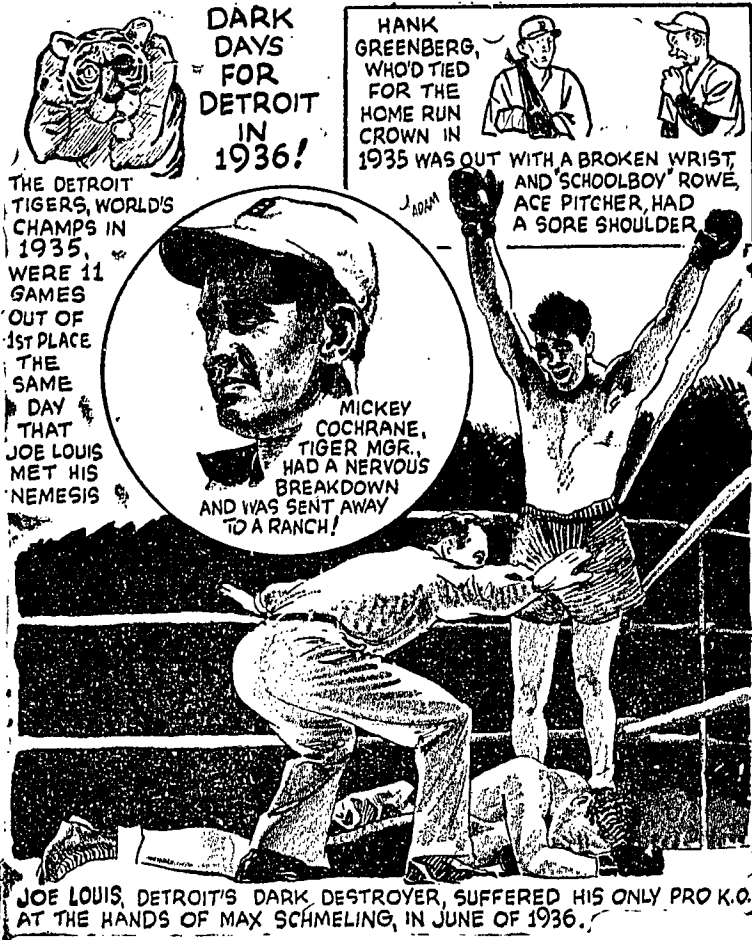
Professor Galbraith began his swimming career at the High School of Commerce in New York and at the New York Athletic Club. In 1918 and 1919 he had the distinction of swimming with the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, which won the national championship. After the war, he swam with Marquand Prep and Rutgers University.

Among the outstanding swimming honors won by the College's English professor were the Junior Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union championship in 1915, and Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association in '21, '22, and '24. He won all prep school contests in which he competed while at Marquand, including Yale and Princeton. In fact, he was successful in capturing the Eastern Collegiate Championship in 1924. This was his grand slam year for he also walked off with the National Collegiate Championship to top it off.

Smiling, Professor Galbraith looks back to the time when he worked for the United Press and the New York Times simultaneously. He started for the UP at 7:30 a.m. and was finished at 4:30 p.m., but at 5:30 p.m. his New York Times day was just starting, and he stopped at 12:30 a.m. Of this he says, "Everything I ever did wrong in my youth later turned out to be useful."

Commenting on the future outlook of the Lion water team, the champ said, "There will probably not be a regular team this fall, although swimmers Bill Christy and Clyde Bell are expected to return in November."

Baseball and boxing are the two favorite sports of Leo Houck, Penn State ring coach.



Former Nittany Matmen, Coach Serve On World's Battlefields

Penn State's hardy matmen, perennial title contenders under Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Speidel, who went off to the wars with his boys three years ago, are doing a yeoman job on the battlefields of the world.

The veteran coach, on leave since 1942, is commanding an island in the Southwest Pacific to which battle-weary seamen go for rest and recreation. Major Frank Gleason of Wilkes-Barre, one of his erstwhile captains and champions, set a notable example by leading a band of 16 demolition specialists on an amazing mission of destruction in Jap-occupied China.

Two Die In Action

Two others, Lt. George Ellstrom of Bethlehem and Lt. Warren Elliott of Philadelphia, have paid the supreme price. Ellstrom, who finished at Lehigh, where he also played football, was one of the few airmen stationed at Bataan when it fell early in the war. Lt. Paxton Sherwood of Washington, Pa., also an airman, is a prisoner of the Germans.

Two marine captains, Larry Tate of Drexel Hill and Frank Hoppel of Upper Darby, are back in this country after participating in the Guadalcanal and other Pacific campaigns. Also back in this country, after 186 missions over "The Hump" where he earned all kinds of decorations, is Sgt. Jack Henry of Port Matilda and the Air Transport Command.

Expected at his home momentarily, after 28 months overseas, is Lt. Glen Alexander of State College, who captained the title-winning 1942 team and also won the Eastern intercollegiate 145-pound championship. As motor officer of his battalion in the Army aviation engineers, he has been cited for his service in the North Africa and Italian campaigns.

Poorman Receives Bronze Star
Still another State College boy, Pvt. Willis Poorman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for de-

IF Tennis Results

Results of second round matches of the Interfraternity tennis tournament must be handed in at Student Union by 4 p. m. Tuesday. Participants in games and the results of completed matches are posted in the Corner Room.

Results of completed tourneys indicate that Sigma Phi Epsilon is leading with 29 points, followed by Phi Sigma Delta, 17 points; Alpha Chi Sigma and Phi Kappa Sigma, 12 points each; and Pi Kappa Phi, 11 markers.

Lion Slickmen To End Drills

The first successful summer lacrosse season will soon be brought to a close, said Coach Nick Thiel today.

The mentor, well pleased with a turnout of 45 candidates remarked that this is the first time since 1942 that he has been able to hold a summer practice session.

The squad, bolstered by men of the Navy V-12, has been rounding into shape during the past two months. For the first time since the beginning of the war, Coach Thiel will be faced with the prospect of starting a season with experienced men to work with.

Two of the standout players of last season, Bronco Kosonovich and John Nolan are outstanding prospects for berths on the football team.

Navy Begins Grid Tourney

After finishing their softball tournament last week, the V-12 unit is getting right back into the sports world with a touch-football tourney beginning Monday. The games will be played on the golf course at 4:30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The teams, representing the Navy barracks, will consist of nine men each.

The complete schedule follows:
September 10—Barracks 36 vs. Barracks 9 and Barracks 26 vs. Barracks 13.

September 12—Barracks 37 vs. Barracks 13 and Barracks 36 vs. Barracks 26.

September 14—Barracks 9 vs. Barracks 26 and Barracks 37 vs. Barracks 36.

September 17—Barracks 13 vs. Barracks 36 and Barracks 9 vs. Barracks 37.

September 19—Barracks 26 vs. Barracks 37 and Barracks 13 vs. Barracks 9.

September 21—Barracks 36 vs. Barracks 37 and Barracks 13 vs. Barracks 26.

September 24—Barracks 9 vs. Barracks 26 and Barracks 36 vs. Barracks 13.

September 26—Barracks 37 vs. Barracks 13 and Barracks 9 vs. Barracks 36.

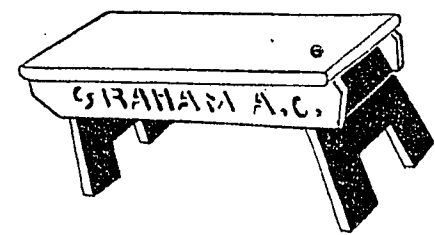
September 28—Barracks 26 vs. (Continued on page seven)

Phi Sig Wins In Softball

Phi Sigma Delta, behind Stan Beals' pitching, overpowered Phi Epsilon Pi's softball squad to the tune of 8-2. By winning their second game, Phi Sig is now tied for first place in League B with Alpha Chi Sigma.

Gridgers To Return

Cpl. Mike Garbinski and Sgt. Ted Kratzke, regular guards on the Penn State football team in 1941, anticipate early discharges from the Army Air Corps, and expect to re-enter college for the fall semester. The return of these two men will give the squad added strength for contests with Syracuse, Temple, Michigan State and Pitt—the last half of the 1945 schedule.



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