

## Backs Stand Out In Scrimmages

With the season's opening game just two weeks off, the football squad scrimmaged for the first time since the resumption of practice Tuesday afternoon.

At the close of the intra-squad contest, Coach Bob Higgins viewed the progress of the team rather pessimistically.

"There is a lot of work to do," said the mentor. "The boys just don't know their plays and until they do we can't do very much. They didn't look too good at all. A few individuals, Tepsic, Ventresco, Nolan and Miltenberger, stood out, but as yet we don't have a team."

Other disheartening news is that injuries are plaguing the gridgers. The wingback position is rather empty these days with Larry Cooney, Chuck Willing, and Larry Spencer out of practice. In addition to these, Ralph Ventresco, fullback, and Carl Dimmerling, guard, are sidelined. None of the injuries are serious and all should be playing soon.

Tuesday's scrimmage was highlighted by several long runs. Ventresco hurled his way through the line and gained 60 yards before being stopped. Speedy Bob Kritzer broke through the secondary and went 30 yards for a touchdown, and Montana Jim Wolfe snared a fumble in mid-air and raced with the ball for another marker. Wolfe was switched to the four back slot from fullback.

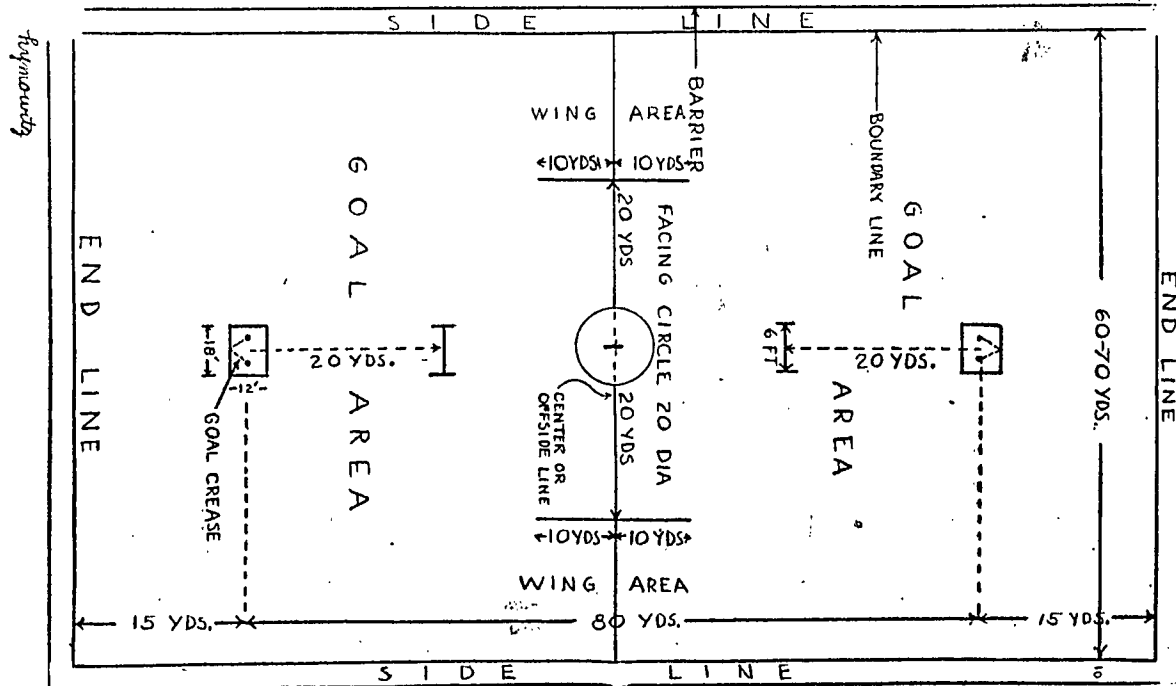
Tailback Joe Tepsic impressed the coaches and spectators with his ball handling. With better support, Wallace Triplett would have made better yardage and his kicking was above par. Joe Fulcory, freshman fullback, kept up his good playing.

On the line, Johnny Nolan, Don Miltenberger, and Bronc Kosonovich gave good accounts of themselves. All three were very aggressive and on many occasions stopped their opponents attack before it could get rolling.

A bright spot on the football scene is the return of "Tubby" Lang to the squad. Lang started many games last year in the three back slot. Although he looks as though he put even more weight on to his massive frame, this hasn't affected Lang's kicking ability.

## Interfraternity Tennis

Interfraternity tennis tourney results to date are as follows: Holmes and Varga downed Roth and Beals, 6-4, 6-1; Silverstein defeated Foote, 6-4, 6-0; and Hecker won over Berge, 6-4, 6-2. Beals swamped Sipe, 6-1, 6-0; Kristel nosed out Mayers, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; and Drucker defeated Schreyer, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.



The layout of a lacrosse field, details of which are explained in the following article.

# How Lacrosse Is Played

(Sports Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series of articles describing the tactics, rules, and play of the little known game of lacrosse.)

The stick and its manipulation are the essence of lacrosse. It not only gave the game its name and is the means of propelling the ball from player to player in attacking the opponent's goal, but is the chief characteristic which makes lacrosse differ from all other games. The modern stick is made of hickory and the net of leather, clock cord or catgut.

### Theory of Attack

The theory of attack play in lacrosse is the mother principle of other sports, such as ice or field hockey, basketball, etc. The attack obviously is endeavoring to score goals and the defense to prevent them. Theoretically an attack is at a disadvantage as the defense men are closer to the goal, and thus on theory of concentric circles, a defense man does not have to go as fast or cover as much ground.

However the attack is compensated because of knowing which way they are going to run or dodge, whereas the defense does not know this and must be on their toes in the manner of a prizefighter, with proper distribution of weight and legs apart to prevent their being caught flatfooted by a sudden shift, start or dodge of an attack man.

### Extra-Man Play

No situation is more fundamental in lacrosse than that of the extra-man play (i.e., three attack men against two defense men). The extra-man play may result from a defense man being caught down field or falling, but most plays of that kind develop because

of the sheer speed of an attack man or his ability to dodge his defense man.

With any semblance of good team play, passing and shooting a goal should always result when this situation occurs. In theory the goaltender is not responsible for such a goal, but rather the defense man who lets his man get away from him.

### OFFICIAL LACROSSE RULES 1945

**The Ball.** The ball shall be of India-rubber sponge, not less than 7/8, nor more than 8 inches in circumference, 5 to 5 1/4 ounces in weight and shall have a bounce of not less than 45 inches or more than 49 inches when dropped from a height of 72 inches.

**Field and Goals.** Each goal shall consist of two poles 6 feet apart and 6 feet high out of the ground. The poles must be fitted with a pyramid shaped cord netting which shall extend to a point 7 feet back of the center of the goal.

**Size of the Field.** The goals shall be placed 80 yards from each other, with 15 yards of clear space behind each goal. The width of the field shall be at least 60 yards and not more than 70 yards.

**The Teams.** Ten players shall constitute a full team. The players on each side shall be designated as follows: "Goalkeeper," who defends the goal; three inside attack men; three center fielders and three defense men.

## Sigma Pi Downs Two, Phi Psi One

Sigma Pi climbed to the number one spot in League A of the Interfraternity softball tourney by winning two games in a row. In League C Lambda Chi Alpha dropped out of the tournament.

In recent games, Phi Delta Theta edged out Phi Epsilon Pi, 6-5; Sigma Pi downed Sigma Chi, 5-1; Phi Kappa Psi won over Alpha Phi Delta, 10-5; and Sigma Pi beat Theta Chi, 8-2.

All fraternities are again reminded that their games are not officially recorded until they have relayed the score to Fred Huehnergath, 2220.

The standings to date follow:

LEAGUE A		
Team	Won	Lost
Sigma Pi	2	0
Theta Chi	1	1
Sigma Chi	1	1
Sigma Phi Epsilon	0	0
Pi Kappa Alpha	0	2
LEAGUE B		
Team	Won	Lost
Phi Sigma Delta	2	0
Alpha Chi Sigma	2	0
Phi Epsilon Pi	1	1
Phi Delta Theta	1	1
Beta Sigma Rho	0	3
LEAGUE C		
Team	Won	Lost
Phi Kappa Psi	1	0
Alpha Phi Delta	0	1
Pi Kappa Phi	0	0
Phi Kappa Sigma	0	0
Gamma Sigma Phi	0	0

## Barracks 36 Defeats 9 In Touch Football Game

Barracks 36 loosened up in the second half of their touch football game with Barracks 9 just enough to allow a safety to be called against them, which was the two

points that decided the game in favor of the sailors from Barracks 9, 14-12.

In the other game that was played to begin the V-12 unit touch football tournament, a pass that went for the extra point gave the contest to Barracks 13 over Barracks 26, 7-6.

## Hamilton, Mendt Continue Drills

Herb Mendt and John Hamilton, co-coaches of soccer, have brought the team a long way in preparing for Coach Bill Jeffrey's return on Thursday. The first game, with Muhlenberg, will be played October 13.

The one probable choice for starting goalie is freshman James Doman. Vying for center are Chilean Rene Rodriguez and ex G. I. Don Rider.

The inside posts are pretty well settled with co-coaches Mendt and Hamilton occupying them. Charley Appleman, member of last year's squad, Chink Honig and Ed Hobart, V-12ers, and Larsen are the leading competitors for the two fullback posts.

Candidates for the two outside positions, partially vacated by the ineligibility of Bill McHale, are Paul Pfluger, Mario Santo Domingo, and Bob Keagy.

Top men for the halfback spots are Bob Rust and Ralph Sampaola of the Navy, and Timmy Petroff. Also contending are Shuster and Randalls.

Final choice of the varsity eleven, however, still lies with Coach Jeffrey. Meanwhile, soccer practice continues.

## Grid Staff In Tenth Year

A College record is just around the corner for Penn State's football coaching staff, one of the few all-alumni coaching staffs in the country.

The five-man staff headed by Bob Higgins has been intact for nine years and will operate as a unit in 1945 for the tenth consecutive season.

Higgins, who has been head coach since 1930, thinks that it is one of the few staffs in the country to remain intact over such a long period of years.

Line coach, and just behind Higgins in years of service, is Joe Bedenk, head baseball coach and a football aide since 1929.

Before returning to his alma mater, Higgins coached at West Virginia Wesleyan and Washington University, St. Louis. Bedenk served his baseball and football internship at Rice Institute, Texas, and the University of Florida. Bedenk, like his chief, was an all-American selection in 1923.

The other members of the staff, all of whom played under Higgins and Bedenk, are Backfield Coach Al Michaels, End Coach Earle Edwards, and Freshman Coach Marty McAndrews. McAndrews, who returned to the campus in 1936 after previous service at Dickinson, Lebanon Valley, and Bucknell, soon will return to his freshman duties. He has helped with the varsity only since the war.

Michael, former Lion quarterback, remained as an assistant following his graduation in 1935, and a year later was named backfield coach. Edwards played an end position as an undergraduate, and coached at Princeton Prep and Ebensburg High School before returning to Penn State in 1936.

Higgins served as end coach under Hugo Bezdek in 1928 and 1929.

## Beaver House Captures First Half Of Tourney

Beaver House copped first place in the first half of the independent softball tourney by winning seven games in a row and dropping none. Play has already begun in the second half, the winner of which will play Beaver House.

Games are to be begun at 6:30 instead of 6:45 from now on, Jack Dickstein announced.

In recent games, Lutheran Church downed PSCA Upperclassmen, 11-8; MI Lab won over Grahams, 11-9; and Lutheran Church defeated Grahams, 6-4.

Team	Won	Lost
Beaver House	7	0
Grahams	5	1
MI Lab	3	2
Lutheran Church	3	3
Nittany Coop	2	4
PSCA Upperclassmen	1	5
PSCA Freshmen	0	6

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