

# State Sports in the Spotlight

By GEORGE SAMPLE

Penn State moved into the number 12 slot among the college teams of the nation after their overwhelming victory over Temple University last week. Purdue and Holy Cross are holding the number 11 and 10 ratings respectively.

If Temple should surprise the unbeaten Crusaders of Holy Cross tomorrow afternoon, the Nittany Lions would undoubtedly be billed as one of the ten best college teams in the country in next week's poll.

For those of us who sit and write headlines every week and write reams of copy about the men who carry the ball and tally the touchdowns, Saturday's game was fun to watch. The State line from end to end worked to perfection, charging in to spill the Temple backs time after time and hold the Owl backs to a minus 13 net yardage.

The boys who open the holes for the backs to crash through and score, did some scoring of their own. They practically won their own ball game by accounting for the three of the four counters. Yes, for the fellows who spend five nights a week getting their faces pushed into the mud and sand, learning to tear holes in the opposing line so the backs might race through to score, it was a great day.

Bronco Kosanovich by his superlative line play, plus his unusual feat of scoring two touchdowns in a single game was voted the outstanding center of the week in college football.

Collegiate sport writers sometimes get mighty tired of seeing undeserving teams get undue publicity. Metropolitan papers hail the glory of the teams in their respective districts. Penn State being centrally located between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia usually struggles through the season without benefit of backing by the larger papers.

Granted that a good football team was never made by good publicity, many mediocre football teams have been classed as good football teams, largely through the medium of publicity.

The other day I noticed a one inch squib in one of the Pittsburgh papers. It ran something to the effect that the boys from Nittany mountains must have a pretty good football team. It is a good football team and has every indication of ending the season among the top ten teams of the nation. This fact alone warrants some publicity.

Before the Temple game the Metropolitan papers played up on the fact that the Owls and the Lions were evenly matched. However after the game it was a different story. In an account of the game they gave such statistics that showed the Lion forward wall outweighed the Temple line ten pounds per man, and that the Owls spotted the Lions three inches in height. The actual facts are that Temple outweighed State two pounds per man. Both lines averaged 6-1 in height.

When Penn State and Michigan State meet tomorrow afternoon at East Lansing, Michigan, there will be a renewal of a rivalry that has lapsed for 20 years.

In the 1925 encounter Penn State won 13-6 when Mike Michalske former pro football star and now head football coach at Iowa State College, bucked the line to score both touchdowns. In their only previous meeting in 1914 the Spartans nosed out the Lions 6-3.

Ted Kratzke, pre-war guard and war veteran, will captain the Penn State football team in its game with Michigan State, Coach Bob Higgins announced today.



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## Court Squad Features Famous Zone Defense

Coach John Lawther has been drilling the varsity quintet, since the first week of September, on his famed tight zone defense, for its opening home tilt against Susquehanna on December 5. Out to better the record of last year's teams—10 wins and 7 losses—the cage team will be in top form for the opener.

The Lions will employ varying defenses, depending on the opponents' offensive attack. The 3-2 zone used in last year's Temple five extra period tussle will in all probability feature their defensive game. This defense slows up a fast breaking combination, tending to reduce the scoring. Three men cover the front court while the other two protect the back court on either side of the basket.

Two other zones will be used in the season play as well as the orthodox, man-to-man defense. The 2-1-2 and 2-3 zones will be used, depending on the type of attack employed by the opposing quintet. These systems of play

were used last season to stop high scoring and fast-breaking aggregations.

At West Virginia University this spring, John Lawther held class sessions on his famous zone defenses. He is considered one of the foremost authorities on this system of play. These coaching classes were attended by top coaches of high schools and colleges throughout the country.

No new opponents have been added to this year's court schedule. The Army and Navy teams will have strong squads and the Lions will have a hard fight for victory. The highlight of the court season should be the home and home encounters with Temple, as seen by last year's battles.

Penn State's forward wall hovers around the 200-pound mark this fall.

Leo Houck is looking forward to his 24th season as Penn State boxing coach.

## Lion Booters Oppose Navy

With all indications pointing to a slam-bang battle, Penn State's soccer team will close its season tomorrow against the undefeated U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Although Navy defeated Temple's Owls, who in turn outscored the Lions, the Middies were only able to trim Muhlenberg by a 4-1 count while the Lions did them one better, topping the Mules, 7-1. However, the Lions did not have the full strength for the Muhlenberg tilt that they had against Army and Cornell, according to Coach Bill Jeffrey.

For the season-ending clash, Coach Jeffrey announced that he would start the same team that did so well against Cornell, with the exception of Lloyd Black, an ex-GI who performed with the booters before his inducton into the Army, who may replace Bill Diet-

rich at left fullback. Freshman George Emig will continue at right fullback.

Freshmen Jerry Cooper and Walt Krayb'll will handle the inside and outside left assignments. (Continued on page seven)

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