

65 Out for Lacrosse Squad; Face Army in First Match

With a turnout of 65 aspirants for the 1946 lacrosse squad, Coach Nick Thiel faces the problem of rounding out a winning ball club in time for the opening game with Army on April 13.

Lee Gaumer, a letterman from last year's team, who was counted on heavily as one of the mainstays for the center-field, has been drafted. Coach Thiel has moved Merv Snyder, veteran inside defense man from last year's squad, into the centerfield to try and strengthen the midfield attack.

In pre-war seasons Thiel has produced teams that have held their own against the best combinations in the East. Last season John Nolan, this year's team captain, and Tom Smith received mention on the All-American lacrosse squad.

Two of the three inside attack men from last season's team, Ken Kerwin and Howie Taylor, are working out in the daily scrimmages. They have tough competition from two men that saw action last year, George Sample and Frank Tiedemann, and newcomers to the team, Dave Faloon and Cliff Sullivan.

Captain John Nolan leads the men who are contending for the

Student managers in lacrosse are needed. All students that are interested in trying out for manager should sign up at the A. A. office in Old Main and then report to 221 Rec Hall any afternoon after 3:30.

mid field positions. Veterans from the 1945 team who are shaping into the field are Mike Ciramella, Lyle Koenig, George Locutus, Bob Rocha, Merv Snyder, Walt Stevens, Bob Stratton.

Four men, new to the squad, who show promise in centerfield are Don Kay, Ken Kaufman, Fred Poisson, Augie Thomas.

Bronco Kosanovich is the only returning letterman in the inside defense while Pete Johnson, veteran from the 1932 and 1944 teams, is back and will probably fit in a first team berth before the opening game. Others that are showing up well in pre-season practice are John Everett, Larry Klepper, Art Tenhula, Bob Wetherby.

Last year's team's weakness in the goals is strengthened by the return of the regular net man from the 1943 team, Bill Hollenbach, and a former Swarthmore High School goalie, John Schobinger. George Meeker, last year's alternate net man, and Jack Reid, a midfielder from the 1945 team, complete the number of men out for the tough net job.

An addition to the schedule in the last issue of Collegian is the Syracuse game which will be played at Syracuse on Friday, May 24.

Connie Mack has picked the N. Y. Yankees to win the American League pennant this year. Well, bring on the football season.



Coach Thiel

Attention Gridmen— Spring Practice Begins

Spring football practice will begin next Monday afternoon, Assistant Coach Earle Edwards announced today.

All members of last year's squad and others who are interested in playing football are requested to get a physical examination at the dispensary before Monday. Equipment will be distributed at the water tower locker rooms starting tomorrow afternoon.

Assistant Coach Edwards will conduct practice sessions until the return of Bob Higgins, who is not expected back from Japan until the first or second week in April.

Boxing Pictures

will be taken of the team tonight at the Photo Shop at 6:30. The banquet honoring the squad will be held at the State College Hotel at 6 p.m. tomorrow. The team managers will notify those who are to be in the picture and the members of the team that are to attend the banquet.

This will be Joe Bedenk's 16th year as head coach of baseball at Penn State. He also is a member of the football coaching staff.

Lion Roars

Greetings, Penn Staters! Not to be outdone by our brother and sister scribblers on the ed page—foundlings with dark and bitter looks and our bosomy pal Ferdinand, the Bullosopher (who, truthfully speaking—if you can keep a secret—does convey a bit more bull to his readers than truth), we who write of the homeruns, touchdowns, and goals have decided on our own weekly stint, simply titled Lion Roars.

The Roars, editor informs, are to be loud or soft, praising or condemning. In either case, unlike the method of our bullosopher Ferdinand, we expect to hinge on the real or factual news in the sports world.

To become serious, as J. C. Every says, is "every man's folly." Every man must have a folly, then, as every man sooner or later does become serious. And so will this column from time to time.

The Roars in this column will be Roars for and against certain of Penn State's sports. We will discuss national sports, the relative merits of major leaguers, and also act as a campus rover, picking up bits of interesting sports news around practice fields, locker rooms, and classes.

We'll even digress from straight facts sometimes to offer you our idea of the sports laugh of the week. As for example, we think of the following rib-tickler, read only yesterday in one of the sports columns of a large daily. (And they still allow the stuff to be printed.)

"At the end of the fifth race yesterday afternoon the tired horse simply dropped dead from fatigue, while the rider was pitched into maternity."

But we'll try not to give you too much of that. On the other hand, we would like to hear what you have to say about the sporting scene today. Possibly you don't like our athletic program, or the coaches methods, or maybe you have some interesting sports information, ideas or jokes that no one else knows about but should be presented before the student body.

If so, send in your troubles or your thoughts to the Collegian Sports Editor, Carnegie Hall. They will be quickly judged and if newsworthy printed in Lion Roars.

Until next week. —Leo

Ex-Penn State Gridmen Attracted By Pro Ball

Ex-Penn State athletes just back from the wars are evincing more and more interest in professional football.

Ex-Marine Mike Kerns, of Lansdowne, who hopes to obtain his degree this summer, has signed with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Professional League.

Bob Davis, Monongahela youth and a stand-out in service football, plans to launch his own insurance business and play for the Pittsburgh Steelers, also of the National League.

Harry Seeks NAAU Crown

Sam Harry, Eastern Intercollegiate 128-pound wrestling champion, and Coach Paul Campbell will fly to Stillwater, Oklahoma this week where Harry will seek the 128-pound crown in the National AAU championships Friday and Saturday.

The Nationals, which will be held at Oklahoma A. and M. University, will produce some of the stiffest competition in the land, according to Coach Campbell, will include two former Nationals champs in the 128-pound class.

Harry was undefeated during the past season, climaxing his Lion mat career by capturing the Intercollegiate crown for the second time, and being named as the 1946 tourney's outstanding wrestler.

Only one Penn State grappler has ever won a National Collegiate Title and that was Red Johnston, who captured the 165-pound title back in 1935.

Paul Campbell, wartime Nittany mat coach, produced three Eastern intercollegiate champions during his wrestling regime. They are: Glenn Smith, Grant Dixon, and Sam Harry. Charlie Speidel, just out of the Navy, will take over coaching of the wrestling team next season.

Charlie Speidel

... wrestling coach, has requested any student interested in wrestling to report to the mats at Recreation Hall after 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Speidel hopes to develop material for next year's team from those who attend. No previous experience is required.

An instructor predicts that the dance will never die. Not as long as they let some of our heavyweights fight.

Bedenk Bemoans Hurler Shortage On Baseball Nine

While most of the population is bewailing the shortages of butter, nylons, Scotch and white shirts, Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk's main shortage worry is the acute scarcity of pitchers out for practice this season.

Faced with a tough 17-game schedule, Bedenk's plans were given a jolt when Masticola and Garcia, last of the experienced hurlers, went to the service.

But before Lion fans get the impression that State will field an eight-man team this year or that Coaches Bedenk and Houck plan to take the mound, it should be pointed out that the team does have pitchers and some promising talent at that.

Ken Yount, outfielder, and Jack Weber, first baseman, are back from the services; and Bedenk has them both out in the bull pen as prospective pitchers. Then too, there are several freshman mound prospects that may develop into starting hurlers by the opening of the season.

Infielder went up a few points last week when "Whitey" Kurowski, second baseman in '44, reported for practice. Kurowski is a brother of "Whitey" Kurowski, infielder for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Coach Bedenk divided the squad into four teams Saturday and two practice games were played for the first time this season.

Two games have been added to the schedule. They are:—May 5, Georgetown, away, and 25, Colgate, home.

Three of Penn State's star freshman backs in 1942—Bobby Williams of Pittsburgh, Larry Joe of Derry Township, and Joe Colone of Benwick—hope to be reunited on the gridiron next fall. All are out of the service.

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