

Power Packed Army Cadets Trim Inexperienced Lacrosse Men, 16-5

All-American, Army Captain Bud Devens paced the West Point Cadets as they outclassed Coach Nick Thiel's inexperienced Nittany Lion lacrosse team, 16-5, before a crowd of 1500 in their opening game on New Beaver Field Saturday afternoon.

Captain John Nolan led State's attack, scoring three goals and assisting Ken Kerwin and Howdy Taylor in their tallies. Nolan's football blocking was seen at its best during the game as he checked the West Pointers from taking shots.

Centerfield starter for the Lions, Merv Snyder, suffered a "charley horse" in the first quarter and had to retire from the game. The loss of Snyder from the lineup was felt by State as Coach Thiel tried throughout the contest to fill the gap in the mid-field by substituting different men.

"Wild" Bill Holenbach, Nittany goalie, playing only a little over half the game, stopped 18 shots from piercing the net and his clearing ability helped keep State in the game. In the second half Coach Thiel tried out two of the team's other netmen.

Devens First Goal

Only after five minutes of play was Army able to score their first goal as Devens took a fast break for the nets and tallied. The Cadets held the Lions scoreless the first quarter and added another as Walker cut the net for a score late in the period.

After Army had scored two more in the second quarter Captain Nolan dodged and broke down the middle to put the first one in for State. Ken Kerwin, 30 seconds later, cut and dropped the ball in the net for the Lion's second tally. Howdy Taylor cut from behind the net and scored again for State. Hausman and Walker scored for the Cadets before the half ended and the count read 6-3.

Cadets Break Away

The second half opened with two goals for the West Point Ca-

dets in 50 seconds. The first shot was made after 45 seconds of play. Coach Thiel used 30 stickmen in the third quarter and Army was able to chalk up six more scores before the period ended.

The last quarter was a see-saw battle with both teams scoring two points each. Nolan made both tallies for State and Biles made the two for the Cadets.

"The Hig" Returns



COACH BOB HIGGINS

Lion Grid Coach Cited For Overseas Service

Bob Higgins, Lion football coach, was officially commended by the War Department for his "intelligent, experienced direction" of the athletic program which he helped promote in Japan as a civilian consultant for the Special Services Division.

The Lion mentor, who returned to the College on Saturday after spending nearly two months in the Tokyo area conducting sports clinics and addressing GI audiences, was praised for his "outstanding contribution to the morale of our troops during the difficult post-hostilities period."

While overseas, Coach Higgins said that he met many Penn State boys but no former gridmen. He spent some time with Jack Tighe, former Lion boxer, who coached a championship boxing team in Japan.

One of the coach's prized possessions which he received on his trip is the Jap sword presented to him at Yokohama by Lieut. Gen. Robert Eichelberger, a former West Point commandant.

Besides Coach Higgins in the Tokyo party were such members as Jock Sutherland, Pittsburgh-Steelers coach; Ted Weinan, dean of men at the University of Maine; and Bill Senn, director of athletics at Illinois.

Coach Higgins is the fourth athletic official from the College to make an overseas trip. Former members who preceded him are Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey, Boxing Coach Leo Houck, and Veteran Trainer Jack Hulme.

Soccer Coach

Bill Jeffrey is looking for a big turnout at his daily practice session at the soccer field on the golf course. He urges more students, regardless of experience, to come out some afternoon and try out for the team. The practices are held from three to five o'clock each day.

Lion Roars

The time was ripe. Penn State was returning to its pre-war status. Students were being turned down. Spring team prospects looked promising. A great future lay ahead for the College.

But yet something was lacking. The chief ingredient that acts as the catalyst in building up a school's reputation was still not in sight. That was Penn State spirit.

Last Saturday's lacrosse game was the first of the season for both the Lion and Army squads. The Cadets, especially, were an extra-added attraction with two All-American football players and other star lacrosse men in their starting lineup.

Only 1500 Present

A story in one of the large dailies last week stated that one of the East's top high schools had more than 2000 at its opening stick game of the season. At New Beaver Field Saturday, instead of having the stands at least half filled on the West side, and about 1000 across the field, there were only 1500 in the West stands plus 100 on the East side for a large College opener. Having the stands half filled on one side is only a conservative estimate, and would mean about 4000, a closer figure to what it should have been.

A suggestion that has been brought out by many students as an aid in furthering spirit is the use of the address system whereby the game's fundamental plays, penalties, and scoring could be announced. The idea has been used off and on throughout the years, but usually to identify the players.

And while still in a suggestive mood, why not cheer leaders and a band? That would surely be a strong factor towards increasing team spirit.

Although we realize lacrosse isn't as popular or as well-known as football, it is still YOUR team. Get out and support it.

Major League Forecast

With the opening of another baseball season today, one that looms as one of the richest and best-fought, we looked over prospects in both leagues and decided to give you our own official prognostication.

The only way we can see the St. Louis Cardinals finishing less than first is if their eight-ace pitching staff jumps to the Mexican League. Far behind the Cards we see the Cubs, Dodgers, Pirates, Giants, Braves, Reds, and Phils.

The three-way threat of Hughson, Ferriss, and Southpaw Mickey Harris, plus all-around hitting strength, gives Boston's Red Sox our nod over the champion Tigers, Yanks, and even Feller and Co. However, those unforeseen season accidents could cause another team, except the A's or the White Sox, to pull an upset and topple our chere.

Sports Quip of the Week

Chuck McFarland, the Lion's pre-war first baseman, was somewhat overweight when he returned to the diamond and Coach Joe Bedenk was giving him plenty of ribbing about his trouble getting down for ground balls. . . . When one went through Chuck the other day, the coach shouted: "Hey, McFarland, what are you going to do when you're 45?" . . . And Mac quipped right back: "Get a job as Penn State baseball coach."

Cinder-pounders Show Better Performances In Time Trials

Plagued again by high winds and cold weather, the track pupils of Coach Chick Werner ran their second time trials of the season at New Beaver Field on Saturday afternoon.

Despite the unfavorable conditions the tracksters were practically all consistent in bettering the times set on the previous Saturday.

Most notable performances were those of Stevenson and Shuman in the half-mile who shaved four seconds from last week's time and Charlie Krug who tossed the 16-pound shot four feet farther than he was able to do previously.

Bob Kritzer, back on the squad after a physical recheck, hit the tape first in the 100-yard dash in 10.2 seconds, followed closely by Policastro, Gray, and F. Kretzer in that order.

Close Half-Mile

In a hotly-contested race Jack Stevenson breasted the tape one-tenth of a second ahead of Bill Shuman when he clocked 1:59.7 in the half-mile run. Third runner was Dixon followed by Harris.

In a crowding at the first turn in this event, both Stevenson and Mitch Williams were spiked and Williams was forced to drop out. Steubing also started this event but pulled up at the half-way mark, probably as a result of the jostling at the turn.

Bill Auman took the honors in the mile run with 4:45 minutes. He was followed within five seconds by R. Gray, Rhoad, Longenecker, and McCall. The time, 4:45, is good considering the heavy winds which hindered the runners on the back stretch.

Steed clocked 17 seconds flat to take first in the 120-yard high hurdles. Love, trying out for the first time this season, was second with the time 17.1 seconds. In the

220-yard low hurdles, Dick Dottermush led the field with 26.1 seconds followed by Steed, Cleveland, Willigs, and Spinner, in that order.

Field Marks Improve

Coach Werner's field men all bettered previous marks and showed promise of more improvement with warmer weather. Charlie Krug led in the shot put with a good 46ft. 5, while Pearson heaved the iron ball.

In the discus throw, Mike Garbinsky stood out with a mark of 124 ft. 6. He was followed by Pearson, Turner, and Krug respectively in this event. Gerwig hurled the javelin 170 ft. 7 to take the event, trailed by Schmaltz and Smith.

By jumping 6 ft. 2 inches, Jim Sykes was the best high jumper of the squad. An improving Reynolds cleared the bar at 5 ft. 8 1/2. Chuck Willing set the pace in the broad jumping by leaping 20 ft. 11, followed by Pearson, Reynolds, and Dottermush. Saturday marked Willing's first appearance as a broad jumper this season.

Willing Leads Vaulters

In the final event, the pole-vault, Willing again cleared the bar at 12 feet, while Williges, a promising candidate, vaulted 10 feet.

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