

# Between The Lions

By Arthur Miller

When the great exodus of college athletes started at the beginning of the war, the biggest worry in the minds of coaches all over the country was the physical condition in which the players would return to the campus from the battlefield.

Now, with the war ended and collegiate athletics back in full swing, will there be another Golden Era of sports comparable to the resurgence after World War I? Coach Bob Higgins feels there will.

Despite the fact that most of the players came out of the service 10 to 20 pounds over their playing weight and out of practice in their specialty, Coach Bob and 23 fellow football coaches who got together recently in New York unanimously agreed that the 1946 season will produce perhaps the best batch of football players—and consequently the best brand of football ever seen in collegiate sports circles.

### Out of Shape

"Basic training," Bob says, "was fine. As long as the fellows were getting that exercise every day, they were in the pink of condition. But once that stopped, they started putting on excess weight."

"Now take Larry Joe, for instance," says The Hig. "Larry was up to 204 when he came back. Now he's back to 180. Joe Colone was 210; he's down to 190. And Red Moore reported to the squad weighing 238. He worked off 18 pounds and is down to 220."

Coach Bob had a second point. "Another obvious reason for the players being in better condition for athletics after the last war is the fact that it was a shorter war," he said. "Why, sure, we were only away about two years. These men have been in the service four and five years. It's natural they should have lost touch with the game."

### The Bright Side

But was Coach Bob discouraged? Never.

Were athletics at Penn State in for a decline? Never.

How about the Nittany future on the gridiron?

"Once the players are back in condition again, they will prove themselves better contestants than ever before," The Hig prophesied. "They are more mature—they can think out the plays better. They are bigger and tougher than before the war. And that's true of every college in the country—not just Penn State."

"There will be a lot of heartaches and a lot of disappointments. Look what happened already to Indiana. (Indiana, defending Big Ten champions were defeated in their opener by Cincinnati 15-6, due partly to the play of two Higgins-coached players, Al Richards and Bill Smyth, then lost their second game to the Michigan Wildcats 21-0.) And look at the tough time Navy had with Villanova. (Navy beat Villanova 7-0, squeezing a first period score out of the Pennsylvania team.)

"Sure there will be disappointments—lots of them. But this will be a great year for football!"



Bob Higgins

Following are last week's scores of Penn State's 1946 opponents:

|                |    |             |    |
|----------------|----|-------------|----|
| U. of Miami    | 33 | Wm. & Mary  | 3  |
| Temple         | 7  | S.M.U.      | 7  |
| Navy           | 7  | Villanova   | 0  |
| Michigan State | 42 | Wayne       | 0  |
| Pitt           | 28 | W. Virginia | 6  |
| Syracuse       | 41 | Boston U    | 6  |
| Bucknell       | 0  | Cornell     | 21 |

Opponents' Record To Date

| Opponent       | W | L | T |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Bucknell       | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Syracuse       | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Michigan State | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Colgate        | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fordham        | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Temple         | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Navy           | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pitt           | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Miami          | 1 | 0 | 0 |

### Cherundolo Plays Pro

Chuck Cherundolo, former Penn State center, is now in his 10th season of professional football. The Old Forge veteran, property of the Pittsburgh Steelers, began his pro career with the Cleveland Rams in 1937.

# Rule Changes Speed Game

Collegiate football games have been speeded up, and the "T" formation has been made more deceptive with the inception of the 1946 rule changes.

An incoming substitute now needs only to be recognized by an official instead of reporting to him. The substitute may also communicate with other players without penalty.

### Time Outs Increased

Although the number of time outs have been increased to four for each team in each half, the change will actually result in less loss of time than under the old system because when legal time outs are not exhausted, substitution from the bench while time is in, or after the ball is ready for play, is a charged time out of only sufficient duration to complete the substitution.

If a captain requests a time out, the ball must now be declared ready for play upon expiration of one and one-half minutes. Also, the ball is now required to be put in play 25 seconds after the referee has spotted the ball.

### "T" More Deceptive

One of the backfield men of the offensive team may now be less than one yard behind his scrimmage line of stationing with his hands in position to receive the snap-back. To increase deception, this player may receive the snap, or it may be made directly to another backfield player.

# Lacrossemen To Begin Practice Sessions Monday

Candidates for Penn State's lacrosse team, especially returning servicemen and regulars from last year's squad, are urged to attend the initial practice to be held next Monday," stated Coach Nick Thiel.

Men desiring to try out for the team should get their physical examinations at the College dispensary before reporting for practice which will be held from 3 to 5 p. m. daily.

Assistant managers are also needed for the team. Candidates are requested to sign up at the Athletic office in Old Main, then report to 221 Rec Hall sometime next week.

# Calling All Skiers—

# Peters Heads Club

"Plans and activities for the Fall and Winter season will be topics of discussion when the Penns Valley Ski Club holds its first meeting in 3 White Hall, 7:30 p. m. tomorrow," says Max S. Peters, club publicity chairman and president of the Pennsylvania Ski Federation.

All persons, especially former veterans of the 10th Mountain Infantry Division, are invited to attend. Highlighting the affair will be the showing of three movies on skiing. Plans for the formation of Penn State's ski team under coach Sherman Fogg will also be discussed.

### Trails Improved

The Ski Club held its first informal get-together Sunday with an outing at the Ski Trail near Boalsburg. Work parties removed brush from both ski trails, and made improvements on the tow, lean-to, and the jump.

Twenty-two delegates, representing seven ski clubs of the newly-formed Pennsylvania Ski Federation, had dinner and a meeting Sunday at the College Ski Lodge. Henry Thruston, of the Penns Valley Club, spoke on ski proficiency tests.

### Trails Submitted

Both racing trails in the Penns Valley Ski area have been submitted by the Federation to United States Eastern Amateur

Ski Association for class "C" rating. Acceptance of these trails will give the Federation the honor of having the only class "C" rating trails in Pennsylvania.

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### NEEDED: One "Lion"

The honored position as Penn State Lion, cat extraordinary and booster of team morale, has yet to be filled. To meet the requirements necessary for the wearer of the Lion suit, candidates must be at least six feet tall, weigh not more than 170 pounds, and possess a certain sense of humor. Interested men report to Coach Gene Wettstone in his Rec Hall office as soon as possible.



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