

# Between The Lions

By ALLAN OSTAR

A great many newspapermen who covered the Navy game had never heard of State College or Penn State. They were quite startled to find that the Nittany Lions dominated the nation's sports pages on Sunday morning. A Baltimore paper carried five different stories on Penn State's sports activities.

Hum Fishburn's Blue Band put on a spectacular demonstration expressly for President Truman, but unfortunately the Chief Executive left the stands for a few minutes just as the band formed a grand piano and played the Missouri Waltz. He returned, however, in time to see them form a block "N" and sing "Navy Blue and Gold."

When asked what he thought of the band and the game in general, the President replied that the band's performance was superb, the Lions were playing a fine game, and that he wished to thank the band and the Penn State student body for the show they put on for him.

Navy brass was rushing all over the place trying to keep President Truman from seeing a huge sign bearing the letters G O P which was hung from windows in Bancroft Hall directly opposite the President's box. The sign, which actually said, "Grind Over Penn," but the letters were indistinguishable from the stands. It was torn down near the end of the first period by chagrined Navy officials.

The Lion victory gave the Middles their worst gridiron season in Naval Academy history. The Blue and Gold boys wanted the victory so badly they resorted to every tactic they knew. They should have concentrated on playing football.

Penn State's line, led by Leo Nobile, Red Moore, Johnny Nolan, Steve Suhay and Bob Rutkowski, played an outstanding game both offensively and defensively. Quarterback Manny Weaver, in the bruising job of backing up the line, played the

## Plays 60 Minutes



MANNY WEAVER

full 60 minutes of the game. Lion rooters won't forget Baltimore for a long time; and Baltimore won't forget Penn State. Although that city has a reputation for being "wide open" it was the first time the residents ever heard "Hail to the Lion" at 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

Coming home from Baltimore, Red Moore and Dr. Griess, team physician, sat huddled over a piece of paper discussing the anatomy of the arm. Who said football players know nothing

## Optimistic?

Now it's the Optimist Bowl. A UP dispatch yesterday reported that Penn State was one of six teams under consideration to oppose the winner of the East Texas State-North Texas State game Saturday in the Optimist Bowl December 21. Just what the Optimist Bowl is was not explained.

# Lions Eye NCAA Run

## Temple in Finale With Jeffreyemen

Temple's soccer squad, led by Coach Pete Leanness, has high hopes of an undefeated season. The Owls, who claim five wins and a tie to date, wind up their 1946 schedule against the Lions Saturday.

The Penn State booters, with six victories against a tie, will be out to continue their clean slate. The Jeffreyemen are gunning for their first undefeated season since 1940.

With eight 1945 regulars on the squad, the Owls had little difficulty in disposing of Muhlenberg, 5-0, in their initial contest. Against Lafayette, Temple tallied 8 goals in the first half to wallop the Leopards, 9-1. Center Woodside led the attack with four tallies.

The Leannessmen racked up their second shutout when they blanked F. & M., 6-0. Against West Chester, they allowed a lone tally to chalk up win number 4 in a 5-1 encounter, while Army held the Owls to a 2-2 tie last Tuesday.

## Veterans Bolster Basketball Team

Penn State's basketball team, scheduled to open its season December 4 against Susquehanna University, will be built largely around players from pre-war and wartime squads. Milt Simon, of Erie, is the only major hold-over.

Back from the squad of two years ago, a wartime product, are high-scoring Sylvester "Slim" Bozinski, of Nanticoke, Les Szeszesi, of Leisenring, and Joe Curran, of Hornell, N. Y. These three played together on the 1943-44 team.

Pre-war players who are back after war service are Jim Lawther, son of the coach, elongated Dave Hornstein, of Aliquippa, and sure-shooting Jack Biery, of Franklin. They were members of the crack 1941-42 squad.

After the Susquehanna game, at Selinsgrove, the Nittany Lions play Georgetown and Bucknell on the road before opening the home season against Washington & Jefferson, December 14.

## BOXING ASSISTANTS

Men interested in going out for assistant manager in boxing are requested to report to manager Ken Ramage at the ring in Rec Hall any afternoon this week.

For the second successive year, Penn State fell victim to Michigan State in a 1946 football upset.

## Harriers, 2nd in IC.4A, Out To Take First Place

If history repeats itself, Penn State will be the team to watch when the eighth annual NCAA cross-country run is held at East Lansing, Mich., Monday. It was four years ago that the Nittany Lions finished second in the IC-4A run, then went West to win the Nationals.

Out of championship competition since the 1942 season, Chick Werner's harriers signaled their return by winning the individual title and copping second place in the team race at the IC-4A event Saturday in New York City. The individual champ is Curt Stone, bespectacled senior who ran on the championship NCAA team in '42.

Stone, who was undefeated in dual competition, and his veteran running mate, Gerry Karver, had hoped to finish one-two in the IC-4A race but an old leg injury forced Karver to drop out in New York after the first two miles. A newcomer, Horace Ashenfelter, came up from nowhere to take third place for the Nittany Lions.

Stone, Karver, Ashenfelter, and another ex-serviceman, Howie Horne, all members of the team that won the NCAA title in 1942 except Ashenfelter, will spearhead Monday's effort over the Michigan State course. Other members of the team, all ex-GI's, are Don Longenecker, Fred Lennox and Mitch Williams, who are running cross-country for the first time this year.

## Bowl Fever

Penn State has received a bowl bid from the Sun Bowl in Texas inviting the Lions to Houston for a New Year's game.

The Associated Press reported that Penn State was being considered as a possible bowl candidate for the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas, providing of course that the Nittany Lions beat Pitt Saturday.

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## IM Cage Entries Reach 74

A record seventy-four entries for the college intramural basketball tournament have been turned in to the intramural sports office. Twenty-seven independent and forty-seven fraternity teams have indicated desires to compete for the trophies to be donated by the College.

Play will begin the week of December 2, with round-robin tournaments to be scheduled. Champions in both independent and fraternity brackets will be decided with the completion of play, tentatively slated for early next semester.

## SWIMMING RECORDS

The victorious Sigma Chi swimmers, winners of the recently completed intramural swimming pro-

gram, established records in each of the four competitive races used in this tourney. Previous incomplete records have been discarded, and these marks will be the official standards.

Clyde Bell recorded two of these marks with his 41-second triumph in the 60-yard backstroke, and a 44-second time for the 60-yard backstroke.

Franklin Birchard ploughed through the Glennland pool waters to set the record 34.5-second time for the 60-yard freestyle. With a 1:06.9 mark, the Sigma Chi 120-yard relay squad, composed of Kirkpatrick, Chamberlain, Birchard, and Schmidt, enabled their team to make a clean sweep of tournament records.



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