

Bill Jeffrey and . . .

Lion Booters to Participate In Preliminary Olympic Tryouts

Soccer coach Bill Jeffrey and six Penn Staters will participate in a preliminary Olympic tryout game with a West Penn Association team at Bridgeville Park in Pittsburgh, 3:30 o'clock tomorrow.

The Lion mentor will be in charge of the collegiate squad which also includes players from Carnegie Tech, Haverford, Lehigh, Slippery Rock and Temple.

"The contest is the first in a contemplated series of tryouts for the 1948 Olympic soccer team," said Jeffrey.

Previous Olympic teams were chosen only from the amateur ranks, but coming selections will probably include college stars.

Gene Graebner, John Hamilton, Tim Petroff, Lloyd Black, Paul Bender and possibly Dean Witmer will comprise the Blue and White entries.

Temple's stars include Barlow, Woodside, Hughes, and captain Laberson. Luciene of Haverford, Molner from Lehigh, Handchen from Slippery Rock and Melott from the Tartan squad complete the roster.

HARTMAN OUT

Dean Hartman, 1947 captain-elect, was scheduled to make the trip but is remaining behind due to illness. Witmer will probably go in his place.

Lions Hamilton, Hartman and Graebner were selected to past All-American squads. Graebner received the award as top goalie in 1944, Hartman was selected in 1942 and 1946 and Hamilton in 1945 and 1946.

Line-up for the game will find Graebner at his usual goalie spot, Hamilton at inside right, Petroff at center halfback, Bender at outside right or left, Witmer at inside left and Black at left fullback.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Lions completed a successful 1946 season with a record of seven victories against a tie with Navy and a lone defeat to Temple.



BILL JEFFREY

Coach Jeffrey, in 21 years as soccer coach, has compiled an amazing record which includes a string of 65 consecutive games without defeat over an eight-year period.

Records show the Blue and White booters scoring 110 victories while losing 6 and tying 22 games during Jeffrey's career.

Martella Signs

Oggie Martella, catcher on Penn State's baseball team last season, has been signed by the Philadelphia Phillies for their Utica farm club.

Grid Practice To Continue Through April

Spring football practice, resumed after the Easter vacation, will continue until the end of April, Coach Bob Higgins said yesterday as he expressed satisfaction with the progress of the squad during its pre-Easter drills.

"Although they had only three days' practice on the field, the boys did very well against Army," the Lion mentor said.

The "Hig" was referring to the practice scrimmage game at West Point last month.

Penn State was outscored two touchdowns to one by Red Blaik's Cadets. A short pass from tailback Elwood Petchel to wingback Rip Scherer accounted for the Lions' lone tally.

Higgins, who has been experimenting with the "T" during daily drills, said he was still undecided on the wisdom of adding the formation to his offensive repertoire.

"The single wing attack was by far the most effective against Army, but we plan to continue experimenting with the "T" throughout the Spring practice period," he said.

The veteran coach, who is beginning his 18th year at the helm of the Blue and White gridders, plans considerable heavy work during the next few weeks, capped by one or perhaps two practice games.

Gymnasts Keep in Trim For NAAU Meet in May

Six Penn State gymnasts are continuing practice sessions in preparation for the National AAU championships to be held in Dallas, Texas, May 2 and 3.

Billy Bonsall, defending AAU champion on the flying rings, and Steve Greene, winner in last year's tourney in the rope climb, will lead the Lion troupe.

Joe Rossi and Stan Wirtshafter on the ropes, Billy Meade on the tumbling mats and Ray Sorensen for all-around competition complete the list of those probably making the trip.

Bonsall was originally scheduled to compete for all-around honors with Sorensen but injured his ankle in the Eastern Intercollegiate and will have to confine his activity to the flying rings.

Greene, in addition to defending his rope crown, will perform on the side horse and the flying rings. Captain Sorensen, being



Rossi Sorensen

scheduled to compete in the rope event, the high ceiling at the Southern Methodist gymnasium causes considerable swaying during the climb, according to Coach Wettstone, and will probably be prohibitive to the setting of a new mark.

Southern Methodist will play host for the National title-contenders while the Dallas A. C. is listed as sponsor of the event.

MEXICO AND CUBA

Foreign competitors, including teams from Mexico and Cuba, have been sent invitations to the play-offs and may compete.

The Swiss Gymnastic Society of Union City, N.J., is listed again this year as favorites for the team title.

Penn State twice took the team crown—once in 1943 and again in 1945 when the Lions took three individual titles.

In the past seven years, 12 individual titles have been lauded by the Blue and White acrobats.

The practice fields to the east of the Golf Course include two football fields, two soccer fields, and one lacrosse field.

Walt Stenger Paces Lion Netters; Georgetown Inaugural A Week Away

With an April 18 encounter against Georgetown staring them in the face, the Penn State net team has moved into a seven-day work week in order to find the combination which Coach Sherman Fogg hopes will bring him a successful season in his first year of coaching the tennis squad.

Assisted by grad-student Jack Knode who saw service on 1940 and 1941 Lion court teams, Fogg is closely surveying the candidates before he lets the axe fall.

About 40 men are currently waging battle for playing positions and before the weekend is over, Fogg will have pared the aspirants down to working size.

Number one man on the '43 and '44 squads, Walt Stenger, again appears to have the inside track on the top berth.

STENGER PRACTICES

Over the Easter vacation, Stenger played a great deal on his home-town Waynesboro courts, and his mid-season form has drawn praise from his mentors.

Fogg counts on '44 holdovers Bob Tuttle, Herb Beckhard, and Joe Holtzinger to see considerable service, although Holtzinger is currently on the sidelines nursing a recurrence of a foot injury received in the Army.

Sessions have been ordered for Saturday and Sunday. Intra-squad matches are being planned beginning today and with a break from the weather, Fogg should have a formidable combine to go against the Hoyas in Washington next Friday.

The next day, the courtiers will

go against the University of Maryland at College Park and then rest a week before the April 26 home opener against Davidson College.

IMPRESSIVE

Number two man at Cornell while a Cayugan in the V-12, Dick Greenawalt of New Cumberland has shown impressive form in his workouts. His steady game and

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Fogg from Wisconsin

Sherm Fogg, newly-appointed Lion tennis coach, is a former University of Wisconsin athlete. He later coached at the University of Vermont.

Davis Coach at W and J

Newly-elected end coach at Washington & Jefferson College is a former Penn State star, Bob Davis. Davis also plays for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the pro league.

Stenger Looks Good

Prospective ace of the Penn State tennis team is Walt Stenger, who won nine of ten singles matches on wartime teams in 1943 and 1944.

Tepsic Puzzles Nittany Hot Stove Masterminds

Joe Tepsic's decision to quit the Brooklyn Dodgers rather than accept a minor league berth was just as much of a surprise to his Penn State coaches and teammates as it was to observers on the major league baseball front.

While the former Nittany Lion athlete betrayed fits of temperament during his brief college career, no one ever suspected that he would permit it to interfere with his big league baseball ambitions.

Neither Coach Joe Bedenk, who tutored him in baseball, nor Coach Bob Higgins, who rated him one of his better backs, could furnish a reasonable answer to Tepsic's present plight.

"The boy has ability, plenty of it," Bedenk says, "but the best of them must face a period of seasoning in the minors."

HIGGINS DOUBTS

Higgins echoed his opinion, and added that while Tepsic possessed plenty of football ability, he doubted whether he would be able to earn as much money or last as long in the professional

grid game as he would in baseball.

"He was a great back," according to Higgins, who expressed the opinion that he would make the grade in the pro game "if he learned to pace himself, and depended less on strength, and more on his speed afoot."

FUNNY GUY

"He was a funny guy," one of his teammates recalled today. "You never knew quite where he stood. But he could hit that apple. And he was no punk on the football field, either."

Tepsic, an ex-marine who was wounded badly on Guadalcanal, and told to quit athletics, came to Penn State in 1945 unheralded as an athlete, joined the baseball squad, and was a stand-out from the start. His prowess soon attracted the attention of big league scouts and he was besieged with offers.

Former teammates of Tepsic, surprised by his decision to forego a reported \$5,000 a year to play on a Brooklyn farm club, always

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