

Between the Lions

with TED RUBIN

Collegian lauds net coach Sherman Fogg's proposed tennis tournament which will get under way over this weekend and will serve to bring all players, new and old, under the close scrutiny of the mentor.

Last year's Penn State tennis squad went through a very unsuccessful season, winning but three matches while dropping eight. There were many reasons for this poor showing, none the least of which was inclement weather and cold which plagued practice sessions. The material which Fogg and assistant coach Jack Knode worked with was only fair, and team spirit, which is always a vital factor in any winning combination, was certainly below the desirable.

Another factor entering into the poor showing was Coach Fogg's initial entrance into the field of coaching tennis. Although at spring's beginning Fogg lacked the familiarity and organization which so benefit a college net coach, his rapid surveys of the school's athletic situation soon emerged, and by the season's end, his energy had gained him numerous friends. The Lions three wins came in the last four contests.

But Penn State traditionally encounters a rugged schedule. Last year Georgetown, Maryland, Pitt, mighty Cornell and strong Davidson, Colgate, Syracuse and Bucknell comprised the slate, and to earn a winning record against this competition will require a far better outfit than wore the Blue and White last spring.

There will be a number of openings on the 1948 Fogg edition, and the coach is very serious that all students who have had any kind of experience whatsoever sign up for the tourney in 214 Rec Hall.

By sizing up the contestants, Coach Fogg will be able to draw a sketchy idea of his next team. This should be of immeasurable benefit to the mentor, and we're looking for a winner in '48.

Collegian would also like to suggest to the coach that he arrange to hold late winter practices indoors in Rec Hall, so that his boys will be in good shape and more experienced by the time spring and intercollegiate competition begin. This policy has been used effectively by other tennis coaches in the past.

Harriers Schedule NYU For Opening Dual Meet

New York University's title-winning cross-country team was added to the Lion card today, boosting the Lion schedule to five dual meets, the IC-4A and NCAA championships. H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said the Violet harriers would furnish the opposition for the opening meet here October 11.

Lacrosse Managers

Sophomores desiring to try out for second assistant lacrosse manager should report to the Lacrosse Room at Rec Hall on Wednesday.



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Gridders Face Bucknell Saturday In 37th Renewal of Oldest Rivalry

Penn State's oldest football rivalry will be renewed Saturday when the Thundering Herd of Bucknell University invades New Beaver Field for the traditional clash with the Nittany Lions. It will be the 37th meeting of these two rivals.

These two teams first met in 1887, which also was the first official season of Penn State football, and in their 36 meetings since, the Nittany Lions have emerged triumphant on 26 occasions. Bucknell scored its last win, a 14-0 conquest, in 1938.

While Penn State claims an overwhelming advantage in the series, the Bisons have an annoying habit of throwing a scare into the Lions camp before succumbing on the field. With few exceptions, these games have been keenly contested every year.

With power on the Nittany line, speed and versatility in the backfield, and Coach Higgins claiming "this is the year," this meeting of the two teams should prove to be another exception.

Up and coming in the Lion backfield is rapidly improving wingback Larry Cooney. His running and deceptive playing have been sharpened considerably during the last week's practice drills and scrimmages.

Yanks Win, 5-3

(Continued from page one) and that one scratch safety appeared to send Branca into a dizzy spin. He walked George McQuinn on four straight balls and then hit Billy Johnson on the arm to fill the bases.

Johnny Lindell skidded a double down the left field line and two runs scored. Blowing higher with every pitch, Branca walked Phil Rizzuto and, when he pitched two balls to pinch-hitter Bobby Brown, Hank Behrman came in to pitch for Brooklyn.

Jeffrey Drills 35 Soccermen For Saturday Curtain Raiser

About 35 soccermen will don uniforms for the Lions' opening game of the 1947 season against Bucknell on the baseball field behind the west stands of New Beaver field at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

For his 22nd curtain raiser as a Penn State mentor, Coach Bill Jeffrey will field an aggregation of the most seasoned booters to man a Penn State soccer eleven since the great teams of pre-war years.

Deep power in the Lion forward line is Jeffrey's most formidable threat to the opposition. Veteran point-makers Bill Shellenberger, Pete Buzad, Joe Jackson, Bill Chubb, and Steve Neuman.

To thwart foreign offensive thrusts, Jeffrey boasts former Lion pastimers Ralph Hosterman and captain Dean Hartman at the right and certain halfback posts, with Jack Campbell, Dick Hanner and Jim Eiters to flank the holdovers.

Lacrosse Players

All members of the lacrosse squad should report to the lacrosse room at Rec Hall on Wednesday for lacrosse practice.

Sophomores wishing to try out for lacrosse, regardless of experience, should also report. The only requirements are a physical examination and a towel ticket.

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