

# Between The Lions

WITH TED RUBIN

Saturday's thirty-seventh renewal of the Bucknell-Penn State rivalry ran along the same lines as last year's 48-6 rout of the visiting Bisons. State fielded nearly the same starting line-up as in 1946, and again it was Larry Joe who first stung the Bisons with their first indication of things to come.

When the Lions took the field, The Hig's two fleet halfbacks, Joe and Wally Triplett, were both wearing low cut shoes, which look more like baseball shoes than football brogans. Johnny Simon was the only Nittany starter who failed to begin the opening game against Washington State; Simon replaced the ailing Joe Drazenovich who nursed a sore shoulder on the sidelines.

Although the vaunted Blue and White attack registered eight touchdowns, the warriors of Nittany seemed sloppy and lusterless at times. After the locals had astounded the 14,000 bleacherites by ringing the bell three times in exactly five minutes, the team appeared rather spotty and lacked the usual crispness and dependability in their blocking.

Repeatedly State backs were stopped at the line of scrimmage or just a little beyond because an opponent managed to sneak through a hole, or a backer-upper was not erased.

Through the second quarter when Elwood Petchel directed a second string team's offense, the Bison line outplayed the home team, and only by the medium of Petchel's brilliant passing could the Lions make any headway.

Defensively, the Nittany line again excelled, and didn't allow a Bucknell first down by rushing. Penn State pass defense also showed up quite well, with our secondary and even a couple of linemen figuring in the ten interceptions.

5-3-2-1 was the regular defense used by the Higginsmen, with Chuck Drazenovich, Steve Suhey and Johnny Wolosky doing a bang-up job in nailing the Thunderless Herd in their tracks.

Close observers of the game noted two significant characteristics of the Lewisburgers. Once in a while an elbow would appear in a State man's face, and bright red was the blood which streamed from end Ed Czekaj's countenance when he retired to the bench in the second quarter.

The Bisons also seemed adept at stealing the ball, and several times Blue and White ballcarriers, after being tackled, looked around and found the ball snug against an opponent's chest. Lion reserve fullback Bob Weitzel, whose sterling play could only be judged outstanding, beat the Bucknellians at their own game on a neat pass interception in the second half. Weitzel, guarding Bison halfback Bill McKay, leaped with McKay for a pass which both caught simultaneously. But as both backs fell to the ground, Weitzel twisted as he rolled, and was the recipient of the ref's warm pat signifying his recovery.

Undoubtedly the fans' favorite is substitute blocking back Frenchy LaFleur. Throughout the afternoon the stands reverberated with yells for Frenchy, and laughter over his antics. Once he pleased his audience by racing with the ball long after the whistle had blown. His innocent facial expression when he beseeched the ref for the reason was typical of our frog-voiced Frenchy. Outstanding shout following this was, "Atta boy, Frenchy, you're a genius!"

Wingback Larry Cooney, who looked very well during his short stint, seems the best straight-armed among the backs. Larry has a wonderful movement by which he gently pushes his hand into a would-be tackler's face, holds him off for a split second, then scampers around him.

Newcomer Clarence Hummel, who last year was judged the best all-around athlete at California Teachers, exhibited perhaps the strongest drive of any of the tailbacks. Entering the game in the last quarter, Hummel plunged very well, and churned over the goal for Penn State's seventh touchdown. His run was recalled, however, due to a backfield in motion penalty, whereupon the speed merchant, on the very next play, swept around end for his first six-pointer as a Higginsman.

Our line play was again symbolic of the best. Potskian and Tamburo, Czekaj, Hoggard and Hicks played very well at the terminals. Finley, Nolan, Simon, Suhey and Wolosky were towers of granite in the center of the forward wall. And in quarterback Chuck Drazenovich is a vicious blocker and bone-crushing backer-upper, a grand replacement for last year's play-leader Manny Weaver.

Fordham, whom State engages at the Polo Grounds next week, was dumped by Georgetown Friday night to the tune of 40-7. Said line coach Joe Bedenk, who scouted them, the Rams lacked the necessary power and reserve strength to topple the Hoyas. End coach Edwards scouted Syracuse in their game with Dartmouth, and backfield coach Michaels scanned West Virginia in its decisive win over Washington and Lee.

## On Fordham . . .

The New York Herald Tribune said yesterday that Fordham had tried to cancel next Saturday's game with Penn State, but the Nittany Lions wanted to see Broadway.

Collegian would like to supplement this notice with mention that Fordham's bid for this cancellation was received last December according to Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

College officials refused the cancellation request at that time because it was too late to make other plans, asserted Gilbert.

## Rams Scrap T Formation; Install Notre Dame Box

The Blue and White will be well remembered in Lewisburg after the 54-0 trouncing given the Bisons Saturday. Not since 1887, the first game of the long series, has such a score been racked up against the Orange and Blue clad gridders of Bucknell.

Although the experts expect to see the Higginsmen roll over Fordham like a tidal wave Saturday, Coach Higgins is not letting up on heavy practice and scrimmage.

The Hig sent his charges through their second scrimmage of the week yesterday. Bob Urion, Fred Felbaum, Joe Drazenovich, and EDDIE CZEKAJ Fred Bell, all of

whom missed action Saturday, may be ready for the Fordham game. Ed Czekaj, whose cheek required three stitches from a Bucknell. (Continued on page four)



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## Harriers, NYU Meet Saturday

A situation comparable to a first meeting of the Army and Notre Dame football teams will face Coach Chick Werner 'his Saturday when his cross-country team plays host to the IC-4A champions, New York University.

The Nittany harriers, who placed second to the Violets in the National Collegiates last year, will seek to overcome the "record book" superiority of the N.Y.U. team.

"The men who came out for the squad this year are not only working for themselves," commented Coach Werner, "but also they are striving to put forth the best team possible. Although the N.Y.U. team is packed with stars, our team is in fine physical condition." he continued.

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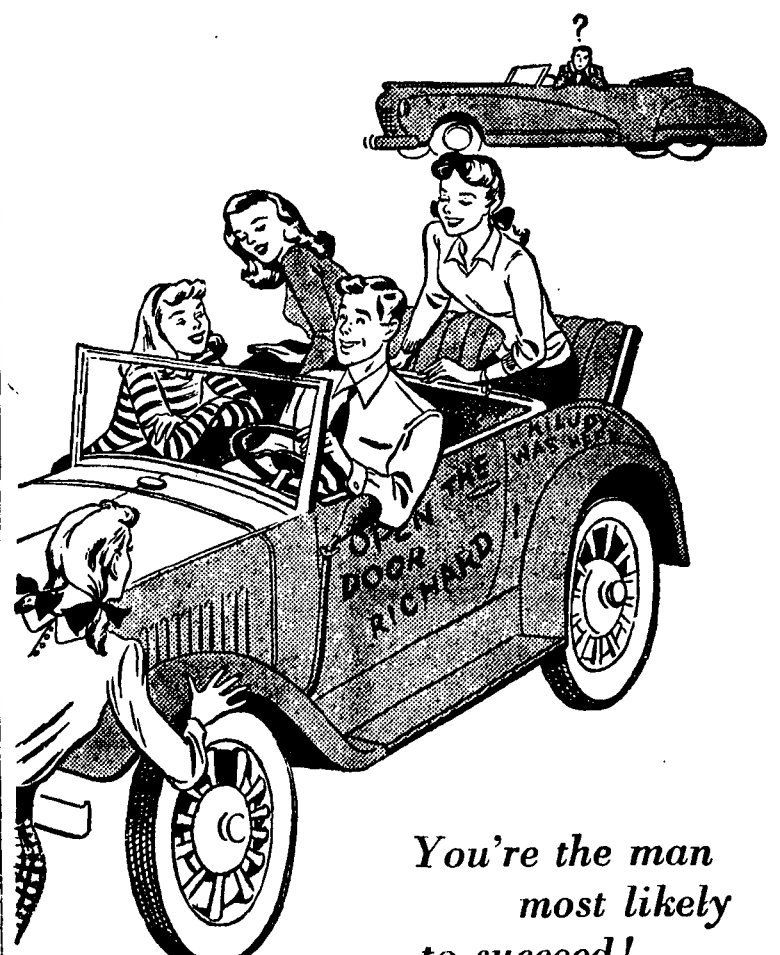
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