

Line Replacements Loom As Chief Grid Obstacle

Wanted: tackles and guards for the Nittany Lions' 1948 football team.

Coach Bob Higgins, appraising his talent at the end of its first three weeks of Spring training, was reluctant today to predict great things for his veteran-studded 1948 eleven.

"Sure, we're pretty well set on backs," the veteran Lion mentor argues, "but we're in anything but good shape on the line."

"We need guards and tackles first, and it wouldn't hurt to throw in an end or two and a center. We're short in all of those spots."

While encouraged by the progress of his squad in its early drills, the Lion coach still feels that his '48 team won't get anywhere unless capable line replacements are developed.

The whole right side of the line, which last season helped to set a new intercollegiate record in rushing defense, has been lost, and few of the reserves have as yet approached the standard of the old hands.

"Funny thing about a winning season," Higgins muses, "is that nobody takes losses into consideration when appraising a new season."

LINE PROSPECTS

Main hopes among the current crop of linemen are John Simon, of Brownsville, who understudied Steve Suhey at guard last year; John Finley, of Paxtang, a prospective replacement for Co-Captain John Nolan at tackle; and Charles (Chuck) Beatty, of Weisell, who's expected to step into John Wolosky's shoes at center. Bob Hicks, of Lancaster, and Dennie Hoggard, of Philadelphia, both loom as candidates for the end position left vacant by Co-Captain John Potsklan.

Hold-overs, and the foundation upon which Coach Higgins will build his new forward wall, are Joe Drazenovich, of Brownsville, guard, Negley Norton, of Altoona, tackle, and Sam Tamburo, of New Kensington, end. Still other reserves who may come through on the line are Don Murray, tackle, of Easton, Joe Sarabok, guard, of Lansford, Paul Kelly, guard, of Erie, and Norm Erikson, tackle, of Swissvale.

Student Teachers Win Cage Tussles

A basketball team composed of six Penn State student teachers in the Johnstown public schools has copped four wins and dropped one decision to date.

Members include John Turcaso and Jim Wolf at forward, Bill Shellenberger at the center post, and Allen Davis, Pete Berletic and George Moore at guards.

Biery's Mark

Cage captain Jack Biery topped his best previous basketball scoring record by collecting 260 points in 19 games this year.

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Soccer Call

Coach Bill Jeffrey's soccer men are holding daily Spring practice on the golf course practice field. The veteran Lion mentor urges all men who are interested in soccer to report to the field any afternoon after 4 o'clock.

All students interested in assistant managerships for soccer are requested to call Joe Sumner, 3364, or contact him at the soccer practice field.

Down the Alley

Lambda Chi Alpha surged into the lead of the IFC Bowling League by white-washing Tau Kappa Epsilon in matches held at the Dux Club recently.

Delta Upsilon, meanwhile, was dropping into the runner-up spot as a result of its tie game with Kappa Delta Rho.

The evening's spotlight was focused on Richard Miller, Alpha Chi Sigma, and Robert Rose, Chi Phi. Miller turned in a high single game score of 244, while Rose headed the tri-game column with a 613 total.

In other games of the night Beta Theta Pi topped Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi downed Alpha Chi Sigma, Chi Phi turned back Delta Tau Delta, and Theta Chi outpinned Alpha Gamma Rho.

STANDINGS			
Lambda Chi Alpha	34	14	.708
Delta Upsilon	32	16	.666
Alpha Chi Sigma	30	18	.627
Chi Phi	28	20	.585
Delta Tau Delta	23	25	.479
Kappa Delta Rho	23	25	.479
Delta Chi	22	26	.458
Tau Kappa Epsilon	20	28	.416
Alpha Gamma Rho	20	28	.416
Beta Theta Pi	20	28	.416
Theta Chi	20	28	.416
Delta Sigma Phi	16	32	.333

Three Soccermen In Olympic Trials

Three Lion soccer stars, Ralph Hosterman, Dean Witmer, and Gene Graebner, participated in Olympic tryout eliminations in Pittsburgh over the weekend.

The tryouts were held at Brideville Park where the trio competed against men from the West Penn soccer league in Pittsburgh.

The three Nittany booters have not yet been informed whether they were selected to the Pittsburgh regional team. An Olympic selection committee will choose players next week.

Eleven players from the Pittsburgh tryouts, plus eleven each from Chicago, St. Louis, and California will compete in the second round of the Olympic tryouts at Chicago May 1 and 2.

Hosterman, Witmer and Graebner are the only collegians who are taking part in the Pittsburgh tryouts. Graebner, an All-American goalie in 1946, has already graduated, but is still eligible to compete as a collegian.

Five Lettermen Boost Outlook For Blue and White Net Team

Elimination tournaments are now underway to determine the men who will comprise the 1948 tennis squad for Penn State. By the end of the week, the squad will be cut to the 24-man limit.

Coach Sherman Fogg, beginning his second season as Penn State tennis mentor, will be assisted by Wallace Merchant, a senior physical education major.

Bolstering the 1948 team will be returning lettermen Herb Beckhard, Dick Greenawalt, Del Heit, Frank Pessalano and Bob Tuttle.

Other veterans working out for berths on the team are Bill Gray, George Kline, Bob Ogden and Ralph Peters.

Among the more promising candidates for the team are, according to Fogg, Gary Gearhart, George Lawther, Harry Schutte, and Bernie Silverstein.

Coach Fogg points out that the 1948 schedule, which opens April 21 against Bucknell University at Lewisburg, favors the Lion netmen, with six meets on the 10-

meet schedule to be played at home.

The 1948 tennis team will be seeking to improve last year's record of two victories and nine losses. The Lions registered triumphs over Bucknell and Pittsburgh, by identical scores of 7-2. The nine wins against the Blue and White were recorded by Colgate and Syracuse, two victories each, Georgetown, Maryland, Davidson, Cornell and Penn.

Missing from the 1948 schedule are Maryland, Davidson, Cornell and Penn. The two additions will be Duquesne and Lehigh.

Coach Fogg believes that keenest competition for the 1948 battles will come from Colgate and Lehigh.

The schedule:
April 21, Bucknell, at Lewisburg; 24, Colgate.

May 1, Duquesne; 5, Bucknell; 8, Georgetown; 11, Pitt at Pittsburgh; 15, Syracuse; 19, Lehigh; 21, Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y.; 22, Syracuse, at Syracuse, N. Y.

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