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'48 Lion Gridmen Strive To Uphold Top '47 Record

Showered with rave notices from the leading critics and football prognosticators in the country, Coach Bob Higgins is rehearsing his cast of "Penn State Grid Capades of '48" for the opening performance against Bucknell October 2.

Nineteen letter winners from last year's Cotton Bowl squad are cast in the main roles while 41 other candidates are vying daily to find a place on the team listed by one sportscaster as "... bowl-bound on a rollicking schedule."

Unbeaten in ten games last year, the Lions have a wealth of backfield material to bolster last year's record of 363.8 yards per game through land and air. Elwood Petchel, who picked up 581 yards in last year's encounters to lead the Lions' offensive thrust, heads the list of luminaries. Captain-elect Joe Colone, a phenomenal punter, will lead the smashing single wing attack from the fullback spot, with Francis Rogel and Pete Gorinski taking turns at grinding the opposition into the turf.

The tailback position is flush with speedy, shifty ball carriers. Along with the "Flying Fragment" Petchel, Coach Higgins has wing-footed Larry Joe who was credited with last season's longest run, a 95-yard touchdown jaunt against Bucknell in the opening game.

Another scoring threat in the tailback spot is Bill Luther, 175-

pound griddler from Osceola Mills. Luther averaged 4.5 yards on each run last year, completed six of twelve passes, and ran a total of 186 yards on 41 tries to share ground-gaining honors with Petchel and Rogel.

In the wingback position two lettermen, Larry Cooney and Wally Triplett, will handle the side sweeps and reverses that helped raise the Nittany gridders to the top bracket of national football last season. Triplett, who snared the tying touchdown pass in the 1948 Cotton Bowl thriller, is noted for his defensive play in the secondary ranks.

Also outstanding in the Cotton Bowl fray, Larry Cooney, a Pittsburgh product, is expected to repeat his sparkling performance in this year's battles.

Clearing the paths for the running backs will be the duty of 215-pound blocking back Charles

Drazenovich. "Chuck," who is listed as the iron man of the squad, went 60 minutes against Navy in the 1947 battle and missed less than a minute in the Southern Methodist tussle.

During the winter Drazenovich joined the boxing team and won the Intercollegiate Boxing Association's heavyweight title.

LOSSES

Graduations slashed into the forward wall of the 1947 Lion team and only three of the seven "Nittany Mountains" answered the 1948 roll call. Biggest gap in the line is the tackle position where John Finlev, Don Murray and Bob Ross will try to fill the spot left by John Nolan. Negley Norton is slated for the other tackle post.

The guard position vacated by All-American Steve Suhey is eagerly sought by five solid candidates including lettermen Paul Kelly, from Erie, and John Simon, from Brownsville.

The other guard post is reserved for letter-winner Joe Drazenovich. Chuck's brother and a perpetual headache to the opposing team's runners.

Acting as an understudy for John Wolosky last season, Charles Beatty will aim for the center slot this year. Beatty is a rugged first-team griddler but Coach Higgins is grooming Ken Bunn, Ray Hedderick and Bob McCoy as relief men for the bruising position.

A strong point on the Lion roster is the end position. Three pass-snagging, hard-hitting terminal men returned from the 1947 first and second teams and at least a half dozen others are trying to find a spot on the first eleven.

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Predictions

As it did last year, the Daily Collegian will present throughout the football season the weekly forecasts of Joe Harris which appear in newspapers in 28 states. His initial predictions will appear in Friday's issue.

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
Sports Editor

Whiskers

"Even though we're in the mountains, we don't have to look like mountain boys!"

—That's one of a storm of verbal broadsides being hurled at Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich, of Brownsville, Nittany Lion blocking back, by his coaches and football teammates. He's sporting a splendid catch of chin whiskers and the three-week-old brush gracing his chin is drawing fire from all sides.

Yielding to the pressure, Chuck is reportedly going to shave off the forest today, although he may wait "until I get around to it."

Incidentally, the rugged Lion's back has been bothering him, and he pulled a leg muscle or two in early calisthenics on New Beaver Field. Nothing serious, though.

Woes

On the current infirmity list as a result of Blue and White pre-season football scrimmages are the injured Lions Lloyd Amprim, end; Albert Peluso, center (who had just recovered fully from a broken wrist); Ray Hedderick, center; Jack Storer, end, and Pete Chiesa, guard.

Charles "Jiggs" Beatty, number-one center for the Higginsmen, is sidelined temporarily with a bruised thigh. Beatty, by the way, reported for pre-season grid drills 20 pounds under last year's weight, 210, but is steadily gaining and is now crowding 200.

Well, You Here Too?

On the roster of the Boston Yanks, National pro football outfit, are two guys who were at each other's throats as opponents in last New Year's Cotton Bowl. John Nolan, ex-Nittany Lion tackle, and Earl Cook, '47 SMU guard, are now battling for the same team, under Coach Clipper Smith.

Smith plugs Nolan as a possible "Pro Rookie of the Year."

Also a Boston Yank is Frank "Moose" Muehlheuser, 30, fullback from Colgate. He saw action against the Nittany Lions last season and had a year of collegiate eligibility left before jumping to the pro ranks.

Grid Ticket Sale Begins

First public sale of tickets for the Penn State-Bucknell football game will open tomorrow at the Athletic Office, first floor, Old Main.

Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced that only Bucknell tickets will be placed on sale at this time.

The Athletic Office ticket window will be open daily beginning Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and reserved seats only will be sold at \$3 each, tax included. Students will be admitted to all Nittany home football games by presentation of Athletic Association ticket books.

Season football tickets, inaugurated this year for faculty and staff members at the College, have been completely sold out, Gilbert said.

Pitcher Hurls No-Hit Game

In the Summer Sessions softball tournament, Don Baldwin, member of Pi Kappa Alpha, hurled a no-hit, no-run game for his fraternity team.

In defeating Beta Sigma Rho, Baldwin exhibited near-perfect control as he issued only one walk in seven innings and allowed just one opposing player to reach third base.

Three Beta Sig batsmen reached the base paths by virtue of PiKA errors.

Baldwin is now a graduate.

Facilities!

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Smitty and Howdy Predict

That the turtle neck pullover will be a B.M.O.C. on the campus this year and a favorite of the hatmen and coeds alike. The Young Men's Shop has them in gray, yellow, blue, green, and white, at the low price of 2.95.

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