

## Jeffrey Sees Stronger Soccer Squad This Year

"We'll be a little stronger this year than last," commented veteran Lion Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey.

Usually Jeffrey is not too optimistic about the outlook of his teams, but this year the Scotsman thinks he has what it takes to roll off another unmarred slate.

Jeffrey is especially blessed with a strong bulwark of defense. Seven fullbacks are at present vying for starting berths for next Friday's opener against Army at West Point. Four of the seven earned their letters last season while one, Red Emig, earned his varsity 'S' in 1945.

Chuck Margolf and Frank Taucher are making strong bids for opening roles but Dave Binns and Jim Kline are pushing hard to oust the two. Bud Pierce, a Jayvee performer last season and John Kurtev, a sophomore who played at Mohawk College, last season, are other promising-looking prospects.

Guarding the nets is lanky Ed Watson. Watson spelled All-American goalie Gene Graebner last season. Showing up well also is Jim Doman, an ex-Francaster booter, who earned his monogram playing for the Lions in 1945.

Not exactly shy for material in the forward wall, Jeffrey will rely on Captain Dean Witmer and Ralph Hoferman to carrying the scoring burden.

Ted Lieb, who started at outside left last year, and Hal Hackman, another forward-wall performer, are back again this year to give the Lions one of their strongest attack units in recent years.

Sam Axa and Harry Little have also sparkled in recent practice sessions. Jeffrey will be counting on them heavily throughout the season.

Most promising sophomore prospect is Bob Hackman. He performs at a center halfback slot. Harry Larasky's sharp passing and alert play were also singled out by the "Friendly Scot." Bill Kravbill is making a strong bid for the other halfback post.

In the past, soccer contests were scheduled at the same time that the Nittany gridlers performed on New Beaver field, thus preventing many of the soccer fans from witnessing the soccer contests being played behind the East stands.

This year Lion soccer followers

Fall lacrosse practice will begin next week.

Coach Nick Thiel has scheduled a meeting in room 221 Rec Hall, 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

He urged all of last year's varsity and junior varsity squad members to be present, as well as all sophomores interested in lacrosse. Past playing experience is not essential for newcomers.

## Ridenour, Lion Great, to Aid Speidel in Coaching Matmen

One of Penn State's all-time sports greats, Charley Ridenour, will give Coach Charlie Speidel a helping hand with the Lion wrestlers this year.

Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, yesterday announced the appointment of Ridenour as an instructor in physical education, effective immediately. Dean Schott said Ridenour also would assist Speidel with the wrestling sport.

Ridenour, a State College product, is rated one of the best wrestlers ever turned out of Penn State. He is one of the two Lion matmen ever to win three consecutive Eastern intercollegiate titles, copping Eastern honors in 1941, '42 and '43.

He also won two national titles while wrestling in the 121- and 128-pound classes as an undergraduate.

This year Ridenour finished first in Olympic wrestling trials in the East, then ranked second in National Amateur Athletic Union competition.

He missed making the United States Olympic wrestling team after defeating the NAAU champ, Bob Kitt of Oklahoma, in the Olympic trials.

The other three-time Eastern champ in Penn State annals was Jack Light, another State College product. Competing in the 135- and 145-pound brackets for the Nittany Lions, Light won an Eastern crown in 1935, '36 and '37. He is now a local practicing physician.

Nittany Wrestling Coach Speidel is surrounded with former champions who have gone far in medicine and other professions but "still have wrestling in their blood."

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CHARLEY RIDENOUR



SPEIDEL

## The Nittany Realm

By George Vadass

What type of football are Penn State students going to see this fall when the Nittany Lions tangle with nine foes?

Well, in this year 8 SSBT (Since Shaughnessy Brought Back the "T") it looks like a lot of "T" and a smaller measure of single wing. A little of the winged-"T" may be expected, but any other formation used by the opposition may be considered a surprise maneuver.

The Lion's next-door neighbor, the Bison, who was so ill-treated last season, is expected to use a single wing with variations of the winged-"T."

Bucknell's head man Harry Lawrence is relying on two speedy halfbacks, Ed Stec and Jim (Smokey) Ostendarp, to work on the tricky formations of the winged-"T" while Don Davidson will be the key block in the line when Lawrence changes to the single wing.

Syracuse, coached by "Ribs" Baysinger, is expected to pour out a lot of "T" but also some single wing. Although the Orangemen only won three out of nine games last season, they are expecting to make things a lot tougher for the opposition this year.

Already you hear stories about a triple-threat commando named Bernie Custis whose forward passing feats have Orange followers in an uproar.

### MOUNTAINEERS

West Virginia has a new boss behind the wheel this year. Dud De Groot, who replaced Bill Kern as Mountaineer grid mentor, is an adept exponent of the "T."

Word reaches us from Morgantown that things don't look too bright for the Blue and Gold this fall, but that may be tricky propaganda. The slam-'em-down line of last season is practically gone, but De Groot is building.

Biggie Munn and his Michigan State Spartans are making a desperate bid to gain recognition by the Big Nine. Munn is expected to stick to a "T," but will mix in a lot of the single wing with it.

Starting his second year at the helm of Colgate's Red Raiders, Paul Bixler will try to forget last season's unhappy record of one win in eight games. But forgetting will not be hard for much in the way of improvement is expected from the Red Raiders this year.

Using the single wing intermittently with the "T," Bixler is relying on Captain Tom Zetkov, a guard, and Al Fassnacht, a standout end, to pace the team through the fall months.

Staunchly committed to the single wing—with alterations of course—is the skipper of the Lion's arch rival this year—Penn's George Munger.

### PENN

Penn, which last season gave the Lions a race for the Lambert Trophy, is again considered the team to beat for the Higginsmen to retain their standing as the top team in the East. George Munger with his all-American baby, Chuck Bednarik, is hoping to stop the Lion steamrollers, should it still be undefeated at their November 8 meeting in Philadelphia.

Ray Morrison, now starting his eighth season at the helm of Temple's Owls, is a "T" coach with a lot of alterations.

Although Phil (Sonny) Slosburg is not back this fall, the Owls have other backs to keep them out of the trees, for it is unlikely that when the Owls tackle the Lions.

Mike Milligan and his Pitt Panthers play through a little softer schedule this year before meeting the Lions. Milligan's "T" offense should turn in more than a couple wins in nine games this season. At Pitt they're saying, "Upset State in '48."

The squad is deep in know-how backs and the trouble-making ends, Leo Skladany and Bill McPeak, are back to help lead the Panthers to a more successful season than they've had in the past four years.

Few Penn Staters will be able to witness the Washington State game, but word comes from the West Coast that Phil Sarboe and his Cougars will stick to the "T"-tandem with variations such as the double-"T."

Although the Cougars only won three out of nine last year, Coach Sarboe has a wealth of material returning to make the Cougar-Lion tussle a real nip-and-tuck battle.

### Predictions

Because of difficulties in contacting Joe Harris, nationally-known football forecaster, the Daily Collegian is unable to print his predictions for this weekend's football clashes.

Harris' Weekly forecast will begin in next Friday's Daily Collegian.

### On Scene 21 Years

Including his two years as an assistant to Hugo Bezdek, Bob Higgins has been in the Penn State picture for 21 years.

Don Stark, diminutive Hudson, Pa. outfielder, was the number-one hitter on the 1948 Lion baseball team.

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