

# Gridders Stage Intra-Squad Tilt

By Elliot Krane

The team that everyone's talking about, the Penn State football aggregation, will make its opening appearance before the student body tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 on the New Beaver Field.

With a week and a half of practice and scrimmaging under its belt, the 54-man squad will be divided into two teams and face off under game conditions.

Higgins, "are at the center and tackle posts. We have excellent men in those positions right now but if these key men are hurt, our replacements won't be able to fill up the gap."

At the present time, Charles "Jiggs" Beatty, 200-pound center from Weisel, is on the injured list with a pulled muscle in his leg. Ken Bunn, 180-pound State College snapper, is taking over Beatty's duties while Chuck is sidelined.

### PELUSO

Another center, Al Peluso, New Brighton, is in the infirmary. Peluso has a badly bruised leg and will probably miss the opening game, but Beatty is scheduled to see action against Bucknell next week.

A sophomore who is slated for action with the varsity this season, John Smidansky, 190-pound Munhall end, sprained his ankle during practice early this week, but according to Trainer Chuck Medler, he will recover in time for the season's opener.

Four other Lions, Bob Hicks, 185-pound end from Lancaster; Pete Gorinski, 190-pound fullback from Mutual; Bob McCoy, 205-pound Lock Haven center, and Tom McDermott, 220-pound Pittsburgh tackle, are on the injured list but they are all expected to be in top condition by next Saturday.

### END POSTS STRONG

A cheerful note after all the tales of bruises and sprains was sounded by Coach Higgins in reviewing his material at the end positions. With the same duo that started in the Cotton Bowl at the

terminal posts, this position appears to be the strong point of the line.

Sam Tamburo, New Kensington, and Bob Hicks are conceded the starting positions, and Dennie Hoggard of Philadelphia, who weighs in at 200, appears ready for the best season of his college career.

Pushing these men for a starting position are Smidansky, six-foot, five-inch Dan Kline of Harrisburg, Dalton Rumberger of Mt. Lebanon, Jack Storer of Wilkesburg, Lloyd Ampritz of Monessen, and Mervin Metz of Huntingdon.

An outstanding freshman back in 1944, Johnny Chuckran, will renew his bid for football acclaim this year. During the 1947 season the Lansford, Pa., halfback was hampered by injuries, but he appears ready to open up with his pre-war form this season.

### DRAZENOVICH

Another back who was listed among the injured, Chuck Drazenovich, 214-pound blocking back from Brownsville, has recovered from a leg injury and is now scrimmaging daily with the squad.

The Nittany Lions' nine-game schedule will get underway on October 2 when the Bucknell Bison invade State College to graze on the Penn State turf.

This will be the 38th meeting of the teams since 1887. The Lions, unbeaten in 1947 and 54-0 victors over Bucknell, hold an edge in the series, winning 27 of the 37 games played in the last 61 years.

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JEFF DURKOTA

## Bills Trade Jeff Durkota

Jeff Durkota, highest-scoring backfield member of the unbeaten '47 Nittany Lion football eleven, has been traded by the Buffalo Bills, of the All-America Conference, to the Los Angeles Dons, of the same circuit.

Last Spring, after being drafted by the Cleveland Browns, of the same professional league, Durkota was traded to Buffalo.

Playing his only game for the Bills in an exhibition tilt with the New York Yankees, Durkota last month saved the Bills from defeat. He sprinted 30 yards in the closing minutes of the contest for a touchdown and a 28-28 stalemate resulted.

This summer Durkota worked on a building demolition project in Buffalo, carrying huge chunks of concrete from the building to a growing pile of debris.

"They told us to be in shape," Durkota said, speaking for himself and Bob Leonette, first-string guard of Wake Forest, also working on the project.

"We'll be in shape. We've been spending the summer tearing

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### Managers

Sophomore candidates for assistant managerships in cross country were urged yesterday to report as soon as possible to room 107 Old Main and then contact Head Manager Leonard Sugarman at Rec Hall any day by 3 p.m.

## Alumni Choose Penn, Middies, Pitt Top Foes

Penn State alumni went overboard for Penn, Pitt and Navy when asked by the Penn State Alumni Association to express their preferences in football opponents.

Results of the poll were announced this summer by The Penn Stater, alumni publication, and the other places in the first ten went to Cornell, Army, Syracuse, Columbia, Ohio State, Bucknell and Notre Dame.

The Nittany Lions have encountered all of these teams at one time or another during the last 60 years, but only Penn, Pitt, Bucknell and Syracuse are slated for the current season.

Listed in the second ten are West Virginia, Colgate, Michigan, Michigan State, Dartmouth, Southern Methodist, Duke, Princeton, Temple and Yale. Four of these teams—West Virginia, Colgate, Temple and Michigan State—are on the 1948 schedule.

According to The Penn Stater, comments accompanying the ballots indicated that alumni believed in a strong Eastern schedule, buttressed by one or two inter-sectional clashes, preferably against Big Nine elevens.

Earle Edwards, Penn State end coach, is a keen follower of schoolboy football. His son, Jack, is an end on the State College High School team.

## Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan  
Sports Editor

### Faux Pas

"Brother, you've had it! You're a has-been already before the semester gets started!"

... Those were the caustic comments of Foolproof Fauntleroy, our admiring fraternity brother whose sharp eyes focus automatically on any and all typographical errors which creep into these hallowed sports pages.

He was referring to an unfortunate typographical mishap which occurred in Wednesday's Daily Collegian and which caused some little commotion around these parts. It seems we called Bob Higgins "Boob" instead of Bob.

Dear Foolproof got out the dictionary and began reading the definition for "boob": a fool, a dupe, any of the species of nincompoops or Simple Simons, etc., etc.

By that time we were on our way to New Beaver Field to get the Hig's reaction. We expected to be greeted with the cleat-end of a football brogan.

But as things turn out, we guess the veteran Nittany Lion football coach, after 18 years, is hardened toward such happenings. At any rate his only comment was: "Ha, that's a pretty good one!"

Which shows that Bob Higgins can take such things in stride.

Meanwhile, we ordered 20 lashes for our chief proofreader, fired him, and have signed up Foolproof Fauntleroy to do the job from here on out.

### In Demand

Now that he's back from Europe where he was United States Olympic gymnastics coach, Lion Coach Gene Weststone is in great demand as a speaker before civic groups in and out of State College.

### About Lacrosse

There's one varsity sport, at least, on campus that doesn't raise a big fuss about previous experience of its participants. That's lacrosse.

To illustrate our point, Coach Nick Thiel has 28 lacrossemen—26 seniors and two juniors—returning from last spring's squad. Of the 28, just one—Ed Belfield, a junior—played lacrosse before attending Penn State.

By the way, the fact that 26 lacrossemen this year are outgoing seniors augurs well for the chances of incoming sophomores who want to take up the game.

As Coach Thiel says, in urging newcomers to try out for lacrosse, "Absolutely no experience is necessary." All ya gotta do is listen and learn.

### Doak's Equal

Down in Texas, Southern Methodist's Mustangs are supposed to have a sophomore wonderback—Kyle Rote—who

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## Collegian Predicts . . .

Four members of the Daily Collegian sports staff will make a weekly feature to predict the leading football games in the country.

GAME	Morgan	Krane	Roth	Vadass
Villanova-Army	Army	Army	Army	Villanova
Michigan-Mich. State	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
California-Navy	California	California	California	California
Minnesota-Washington	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.
Rutgers-Columbia	Rutgers	Columbia	Columbia	Rutgers
Northwestern-UCLA	UCLA	N.W.	N.W.	N.W.
SMU-Pitt	SMU	SMU	Pitt	SMU
Texas-North Carolina	No. Caro.	Texas	Texas	No. Caro.
Alabama-Tulane	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Purdue-Notre Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame	N. Dame
Duke-N. Carolina State	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
Brown-Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale

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