

# Nittany Team Ready for Bisons; Bucknell Says 'It Can Be Done!'

The indicator will be set at "full speed ahead" on New Beaver Field at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon when Coach Bob Higgins sends the S.S. Penn State against Bucknell in the Lions' first engagement of the season.

Barring a few minor injuries received after almost a month of practice, the team is in top condition to meet its oldest rival, the same team Penn State met in the Nittany Lion opener 62 years ago.

Although the Bisons have not defeated the Lion team for a decade, the visitors will invade the Nittany Vale fresh from the 29-6 blasting of Alfred U. last week.

### LINEUP

To combat the invading Herd that claims "It can be done" when talking about snapping the win streak of the Lion, Coach Higgins will throw almost the same team into the battle that fought to a 13-13 tie against Southern Methodist in last season's Cotton Bowl.

Slated for the end posts are Bob Hicks, 185-pound Lancaster product, and Sam Tamburo, a slashing terminal from New Kensington.

Four hundred fifteen pounds of muscle will fill the tackle posts in the person of John Finley of Paxtang and Negley Norton of Altoona. Both Finley and Norton were members of the Penn State team that took the Eastern championship in the 1947 campaign.

One of the most important spots in the line, the center position, is slated for Ray Hedderick, a heavy but inexperienced passer. Regular center for the Blue and White, Chuck Beatty, injured his leg during last week's

practice and although the 200-pound Weisel athlete has recovered from his injury, he will be kept in reserve for the initial game.

### BUNN

Another center, Ken Bunn of State College, will also be interchanged with Hedderick. Bunn, a junior, is the lightest of the centers, weighing 180 to Hedderick's 205 pounds.

A backfield that any coach would exchange his entire line for rounds out the Nittany lineup for Saturday's engagement.

In the wingback slot, fast and fancy Wally Triplett holds the starting berth. Wally, who was on the receiving end of two scoring passes in last Saturday's scrimmage, is very effective on the Penn State reverses and a constant threat to the opposition on his smashing defensive play from the backer-up position.

Blocking back Chuck Drazenovich, a 214-pound road plow for the Lion seatbacks, will also figure in the offense planned by Coach Higgins and his assistants. Although "the Draz" is a spark-

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HARRY LAWRENCE  
Bucknell Coach

### Intramural Deadline

Five o'clock this afternoon is the deadline for registering for intramural competition in touch football, tennis singles and swimming.

Undergraduate men may sign up for these three fall sports in Rec Hall today.

Independent men are urged especially to form touch football teams of at least nine players and swimming squads of at least five to compete in intramural tourneys.

Any number of independent men may enter the tennis singles play but entries in this sport from each fraternity are limited to two.

Competition in all three sports is tentatively slated to open next week, probably Wednesday, according to Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics.

## Lion Gridders First in East

Even though the Penn State football squad hasn't performed on a gridiron this season, the Nittany Lion was given the top rating in the Lambert Trophy competition, signifying eastern grid supremacy.

Defending champions of the title, the Lions were awarded 984 points on pre-season prospects, while last year's runner-up, Penn, received 979 for second place.

Army, which held the trophy for three consecutive years during the reign of Blanchard and Davis, and Boston College, which beat Wake Forest Saturday, were tied for third place with 977 points.

Holy Cross, Columbia, Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale and Harvard complete the list of the top ten teams in the East this week.

### Ewell Wins

In a special race at Lancaster Wednesday, Barney Ewell, ex-Penn State and recent Olympic star, defeated Harrison Dillard in the 100-yard dash.

Ewell's time was unannounced. In the Olympic 100-meter event in London, Dillard had beaten Ewell.

### State Tenth

Although the Nittany Lion eleven has not inaugurated its season, the gridders boasted tenth place in Atlantic football ratings. The Lions remained in the same position as they finished last year.

The ten national leaders as posted by the Atlantic ratings are North Carolina, Michigan, Notre Dame, Army, Indiana, Purdue, Rice, Northwestern, Southern Methodist and Penn State.

### Matmen Organize

All candidates for wrestling contestants and managers are requested to report to 10 Sparks at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

At this organizational meeting, Coach Charlie Speidel will speak.

## Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan  
Sports Editor

### Patsy

Some of the all-knowing gridiron savants have put the "patsy" label on tomorrow's Nittany Lion opener with the Bucknell Bisons.

That's a new one on us, so we sweep all our football dope sheets and latest forecast forms to one side of our desk and delve into Prof. Surefire's Latest Revised Edition of Sports Lingo, issued monthly by Sharpy Surefire, our admiring fraternity brother. (As befits his name, Surefire also does sure-fire football predicting on the side.)

On page 13 we read: "Patsy—latest word employed by football scribes to denote a pushover, a weak sister, an anemic jellyfish, a doormat, a Larry Lay-down."

Well, we prefer to wait till the Bison-Lion tussle is over before tabbing the Bucknell eleven a "patsy."

### Bison Boss

Down Lewisburg way, at least one Bucknellian—Coach Harry L. Lawrence—has indicated that he thinks tomorrow's tiff won't approach the walk-away proportions of last year's State-Bucknell rout.

In that one, State jarred the Bisons, 54-0, and went on to win eight more and tie one, an unbeaten skein of ten games which now places the Nittany Lions vulnerably on top of the heap as "a good team to beat."

Lawrence comments, "We're not great but we're a lot better than last year. We have more size, more speed, more spirit, more of everything and are the type of club that can pull surprises at any time."

That's a mouthful coming from the Bison coach who is in his second year as football chief of staff. Lawrence was a former grid skipper of Baltimore City College high school, where his football teams at one time boasted a streak of 54 triumphs. His life-time coaching record is 71 wins, six ties and 17 losses.

### Smokey Jim

A topnotch frosh team that bowed but once, plus 17 varsity vets, uphold the Bison hopes for better pickings this season. Last year they copped two and dropped seven.

The first-string tackles and guards, along with a corps of experienced backs, have returned from the '47 band of Bisons.

For double trouble on the ground and in the air, the Bucknellians are sounding the virtues of a super-sophomore back, Smokey Jim Ostendarp. They say Smokey injects that needed zing in the Bucknell single wing.

Zing or no zing, we'll have our eye peeled for Smokey Jim tomorrow, and may the Nittany Lions dispose of the Thundering Herd so we may concentrate on Syracuse.

### Precision

At football practice recently we patiently watched Carl Sturges, current Nittany place-kicking specialist, boot the pigskin through the uprights nineteen times. Then we gave up waiting for a miss and walked away.

### True-Toe

Speaking of place-kickers, Syracuse boasts "the most accurate extra-point kicker in the college ranks." He's George (True-Toe) Brown and he booted 27 in a row prior to the '48 season.

Apparently, his string was broken last weekend, however, since the Orangemen dropped an extra point in defeating Niagara, 13-9.

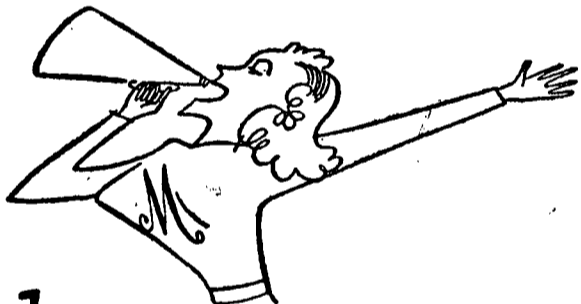
### Altoona-Bound

Three ex-Nittany Lion football stars have been approached by

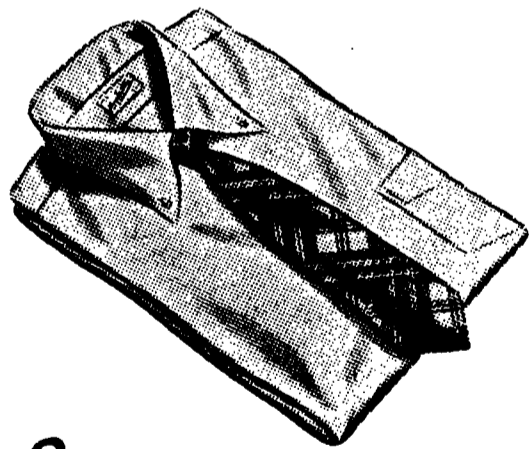
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