

### Between The Lions

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#### Press Box Chatter

When Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty, Michigan State line coach and scout, sang the praises of the Nittany Lions to assorted press-box creatures at the West Virginia game, we covered one ear slightly, lest we be snowed.

Said Duffy: "These bruising Penn State fellows look good, too good for our little men."

#### Tough Tackles

Incidentally, Daugherty graduated from Syracuse in '40 and is a native of Barnsboro, Pa.

One of the biggest jobs he has done this year with Head Spartan Coach Biggie Munn is take a Jayvee tackle and a center, Hal Vogler and Pete Fusi, respectively, and make them two of the best tackles the Spartans have boasted in many moons.

Vogler, who weighs only 185 pounds, won the annual Spartan spring training award last year for being the most improved player, and won his letter in '47 after moving up from the yearling eleven in early season.

#### Fan Fodder

Looking at the Spartan-Lion clash from any angle leads one to one conclusion: the two elevens will certainly serve up a palatable piece of grid grub for Homecoming fans.

Several early football forecasts this week have relegated the Nittany Lions to the underdog spot for the first time this year, namely Dunkle by six points, Football News by seven and Litkenhouse by 19.

All of which, we think, is a healthy situation for Nittany chances this weekend.

#### IM Swimming, Football

Tonight's games: Theta Xi vs. Phi Sigma Kappa at 7 o'clock, Sigma Nu vs. Pi Kappa Phi; 9:15, finish the second round for the fraternity competitors. Sixteen teams remain in the playoff schedule.

Also on tonight's program, the Coal Crackers meet Dorm 5 at 7:45 o'clock, and Dorm 24 takes on the AthHall Men's Club, at 8:30.

Phi Epsilon, Pi vs. Theta Xi, and Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Pi Lambda Phi round out the week's swimming action at Glennland pool today. There will be no intramural swimming tomorrow.

#### Swimmers Meet

Coach William Gutteron has announced that candidates for the varsity swimming team should report to the Glennland pool at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

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## Hig Drills Lions Hard For Tough Spartan Foe

Realizing that the grid honeymoon is over, Coach Bob Higgins ran his charges through three of the most grueling scrimmages of the season this week in preparation for Saturday's big test against Michigan State.

Watching the Lions run through plays and scrimmage was Negley Norton, 215-pound regular tackle, who was put out of action during the first half of the West Virginia game.

"At the most," said Chuck Medlar, head trainer, "Norton will play only in dire emergency and only for very short periods of time." Norton suffered a separated shoulder last season and last Saturday bruised it badly.

More cheering to Coach Higgins was the sight of Bob Hicks, Paul Kelly and John Smidansky running and catching passes against a mock Michigan State defense.

Although he was dressed and anxious to take part in scrimmage this week, Joe Drzenovich still limped slightly while on the field and, after a brief warmup, was sent back to the locker room by the Nittany mentor.

#### ROSS, MURRAY

To fill the gap left by Norton, Coach Higgins alternated Bob Ross, 190-pound tackle from Ellwood City, and Don "Duck" Murray, 215-pound gragger from Easton, in the tackle posts. Murray has been called the most improved player on the Lion squad and has played in all three Nittany contests this year.

Jim O'Hara, who scouted the visiting Spartans, outlined the principal Michigan State plays to the second string backs, while the varsity worked on a defense against the single wing and shifting "T" attack.

Coach Higgins will bank his scoring punch with Wally Triplett who gained 306 yards from scrimmage in the first three games for an average of 13.9 yards per try. The Lamott speedster also returned two punts for 114 yards and caught three passes for 62 yards and one touchdown.

With 158 yards rushing to his credit in 32 tries during three games, Fran Rogel leads the fullbacks with an average of five yards per try. Rogel also caught one pass for seven yards and a touchdown. Although the North Braddock pile driver has a cold

at present, he is slated for action against Michigan State.

A capacity 20,000 homecoming fans are expected to see the visitors try to duplicate their upset of 1946 when a so-so Spartan eleven came to the Nittany Valley and handed undefeated Penn State a 19-16 setback. The Lions were riding on a 14-0 lead at half-time when a 157-pound stick of dynamite, George Guerre, put the Spartans back in the ball game with a 52-yard touchdown race plus other runs of 46 and 20 yards.

At one point in the closing minutes of play, the ball was on the Michigan State 30, fourth down and 24 yards to go for a first. Guerre dropped back to kick, tucked the ball under his arm, and ran the ball past the midfield stripe for a first down and eventually a score.

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When Kennedy and Frew of Tau Phi Delta were disqualified and lost their one-two positions in the intramural-swimming breast-stroke event at Glennland pool last night, Ed McMillin, Alpha Gamma Rho, hopelessly behind but still trying, was awarded first place and his team five points. The Alpha Gamma Rho's still lost, 19-18, however. Acacia scored a 26-15 win over Alpha Phi Delta in the other meet.

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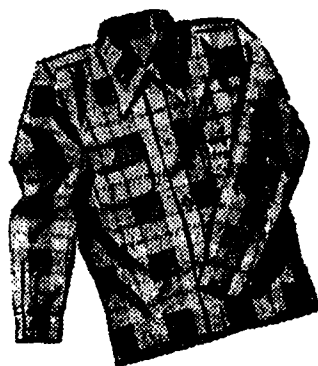
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