

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
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How High Is Up?

There's tension in the New Beaver atmosphere these days as Head Coach Bob Higgins tries to inject a little restraint into the lofty anticipations of his Lion henchmen before the Big Game.

As the Hig said to State College Quarterback Club members yesterday, "These boys are 'up'—maybe too high—this week. They've been 'up' for the Penn game ever since they first saw it on the schedule. Our problem is to keep this thing under control so it doesn't get too high before they take the field Saturday."

Two of Petchel

Penn possesses a substitute football player who measures 6 feet, 7 inches in height, weighs 310 pounds and would make two Elwood Petchels, and then some, in sheer volume. Named Jim Conway, he saw action at tackle last Saturday against Wash-Lee when the scoreboard read Penn 33, Wash-Lee 0.

Usually Quaker Coach George Munger doesn't insert Conway, the veritable mountain, until the count reaches such astronomical heights, so we don't expect to see him perform against Nittany.

Instead, Munger has a crew of lesser behemoths—Wetlaufer, DeTorre, Tokarczyk, Bednarik, Beall, Reichenbach, Sponaugle—who weigh a mere 200-or-better pounds to the man and make up for Conger's century—pound edge in experience, speed and finesse on the forward wall.

From the Morgue

Just three of State's '49 football opponents have been named by Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics. The Lions will tackle Army and Michigan State a way, and Nebraska at home.

Jackie Tighe, dynamic ex-Lion fighter, teaches 250 boxing students at the U. of Illinois' Undergrad Division at the Chicago Naval Pier.

IM Swimming—

Tied 18-18 with Delta Upsilon after four events, Acacia turned on the steam to win the 120-yard relay and edge their rivals, 23-18, in intramural swimming at the Glennland pool yesterday. In the other meet, Phi Epsilon Pi outswam Kappa Delta Rho, 26-15.

Tuesday, Sigma Pi led by Rudy Valentino who won firsts in the breast stroke and diving, swept to an easy 30-11 win over Beta Theta Pi. The other meet saw the 1947 champions, Phi Delta Theta, overcome Pi Kappa Alpha, 26-14. Tonight, Sigma Alpha Epsilon meets Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Phi Alpha meets Phi Gamma Delta.

Hard to Get

Applications for Penn—Penn State football tickets outnumber tickets, five to one, among Penn State followers.

Packed Stands

A record high of 56,000 persons saw Penn State in its first three home football games.

Nittany Harriers Tackle Manhattan Tomorrow

By Red Roth

A battle of champions looms tomorrow when the harriers of Penn State, defending NCAA titlist, play host to Manhattan, last year's IC4-A winners.

The meet has been moved back from the original Saturday date so that the Lion cross countrymen may attend the football game against Pennsylvania in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon.

Manhattan, traditionally a power in Eastern cross country circles, appears stronger than ever this year. Not a single member of last year's IC4-A title winning team has graduated, and, in addition, the Jaspers have been bolstered by the addition of two outstanding running stars.

Walt Soltow, who returned from the Army, and Martin Enright, runner-up in last year's IC4-A freshman mile meet, have added strength to the New Yorkers.

IMPROVING

The Manhattanites, despite the fact that they can boast of only two victories in four dual meets this season, are improving steadily and will offer a serious threat to the Blue and White harriers tomorrow.

Manhattan dropped its first two meets of the year—to Army, 22-34, and Syracuse, 21-34. In the past two weeks the much-improved Jaspers trounced Dartmouth 20-35, and Seton Hall, 20-43.

Another indication of how rapidly the visitors are rounding into shape is the fact that they clipped almost a minute off their times while defeating Seton Hall over the same course on which they lost to Syracuse earlier in the year.

Last year the same Manhattan

runners which will run here Friday outran the Lions on two occasions. They edged the Nittanyites, 27-28, in a dual meet and captured the IC4-A's in New York, while the Penn Staters placed third.

Among the holdovers on the Manhattan team are Bob Chetola, Phil O'Connor, Bob Donnelly, Tom Connerford, Paul Tiernan, Jie O'Keefe, and John Moran.

The Lions, closing out their dual season, will be looking for their third victory in four meets. Al Porto, outstanding sophomore, suffered a slightly sprained ankle last week, but has been working out regularly with the squad.

TOP SHAPE

If the speedy harrier is not in top shape for tomorrow's meet, it will be a severe blow to Lion chances. The rest of the squad, led by Captain Horace Ashenfelter, is in top physical shape and will be out to avenge last year's loss to the Jaspers.

Coach Chick Werner looks for a close contest against the visitors in Friday's meet.

"Disregard Manhattan's early season losses," the Lion mentor commented. "They have a very good team which is improving all along. Their times, while losing to Syracuse four weeks ago, were better than ours when we beat NYU just a half hour earlier on the same Van Courtlandt park course."

Lion Booters Seek Win Over Orange

While the Lion grid forces engage the Quakers at Franklin field on Saturday the Lion soccer forces will match blows at home with Syracuse on the varsity soccer field.

The Orange booters succumbed to the Jeffreymen last year by a 6-4 score and all indications are that this year's match will be more one-sided. Syracuse bowed to Colgate by a 3-0 score earlier in the season while the Lions humbled Colgate 4-2, last week.

FAVORED

Although the Orangemen are on the upgrade, taking a 30-0 decision from Samson last weekend, the Blue and White soccer forces should add victory number five to the record books.

A loss to Navy is the only defeat that mars the otherwise perfect slate of Coach Jeffrey's proteges. Lion soccermen have downed Army, Bucknell, Maryland and Colgate this season.

Jeffrey is expected to field the identical starting lineup which he sent into the last week's fray with the exception of Fullback Jim Kline. Kline had replaced the ailing Chuck Margolf but Margolf has recovered from his leg muscle injury and is expected to take the field on Saturday.

Veteran Frank Taucher will fill in at the other fullback slot with lanky Ed Taggart guarding the goal for the Lions.

High scoring Harry Little along with Ted Lieb, Clarence Buss, Captain Dean Witmer and Hal Hackman will perform on the forward line.

Games Postponed

Last night's semi-final games in the intramural touch-football schedule were postponed because of rain and wet grounds, and will be played next week. Date for semi-finals and finals will be announced later.

Space Limits IM Cage Practice

Intramural basketball teams wanting to practice on the Recreation Hall courts, can be accommodated only between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., the intramural office said yesterday.

"We can make no reservation of the courts at any time," added Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics. "Equipment will be available between 4 and

5 p.m. any day, and teams with their own gear can stay on the floor an hour longer, but use of the courts is on a first-come first-served basis.

Teams interested in signing for the intramural sport should rush their entries before the intramural office is swamped. Officially, however, entries will be accepted anytime before 5 p.m. Monday.

Swimmers Meet

All varsity swimmers will meet at Glennland pool, 5 p.m. tonight, announced coach Bill Gutterom yesterday.

On the Ball

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