

## Fogg Greet Racquetters; 3 Lion Lettermen Return

Three lettermen—Captain Herb Beckhard, Frank Pessolano and Bob Ogden—greeted Coach Sherm Fogg this week as Penn State's tennis team began preparations for the rapidly approaching season.

Besides the lettermen, five members of last year's squad, which won three and lost four, are back to bolster the Lions for their opener at Bucknell April 27. These men are Bill Gray, George Lawther, Jerry Gearhart, Harry Schutte and Bernie Silverman, all of whom saw considerable action last season.

Of the numerous candidates, Bill Aiken, Lonny Landon and Jim Howells have looked impressive in practice sessions so far, according to Fogg. All three men are new to the campus but have lost no time in making their presence known on the squad.

Other newcomers who have shown signs of developing into future aces are Alex Gregory, Bill Wood, Dick Fleming, Jim Cody and Coleman Gainsburg.

After the Bucknell match, State opens its home schedule against Colgate April 30. Lion tennis addicts also will have the opportunity of seeing Duquesne, Bucknell, Washington & Jefferson, Pittsburgh and Syracuse in action here.



HERB BECKHARD

## Thiel OK's All-Star Lacrosse Bid, Will Lead North Against South

The baseball Giants' manager Leo Durocher once coined a phrase—"Nice guys don't win ball games," but a living refutation of that statement at Penn State is Nick Thiel, lacrosse mentor, who has just been appointed head coach of this year's North All-Star team.

Thiel is scheduled to lead his Yankees against Southern invaders at Troy, N. Y., June 11. The appointment marks the third time that the Lions' moulder of lacrosse power, units has been named to general the North in the annual classic. The game will be played on the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute grounds.

### REPEAT

Thiel, whose '49 squad opens against Penn next Wednesday, was named head coach of the all-stars in 1942 and again in '46. In 1941 and '43 he was assistant coach. There was no game during the war.

Voted the man who did most for lacrosse in 1947, Nick, by virtue of also winning the honor in 1945, became the first man to be so honored twice. Both awards were made by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

### NEWSLETTER

During the war, he instituted a monthly newsletter for distribution among coaches, former players and newspapermen, with the result that it is now recognized as the Sporting News of the lacrosse world.

Of seven tilts between the sectional rivals, the North has surprised by copping four, losing two and tying one. Tradition-

## Riflers--

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The Nittany rifles have a potential individual winner in Jerry Prange who has equalled or exceeded last year's individual mark of 288 on several occasions.

Team record for the season stands at eighteen wins and sixteen losses.

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## Gridders Face Dukes' Wing 'T' In Scrimmage

The blaring bands and crisp Fall air will be missing from the scene, but the Nittany Lion football team will vie with Duquesne on the New Beaver field at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the first of two regularly scheduled Spring practice scrimmages.

The "Dukes", coached by Phil Ahwesh, will employ a wing "T" formation in tomorrow's contest, while the revamped Lions will use the single wing plus variations on the theme.

### EDWARDS

This will be the first intercollegiate scrimmage for the Blue and White under the tutelage of Coach Joe Bedenk and Assistant Coach Earle Edwards.

Coach Edwards, who has been leading the team while Bedenk is working with the baseball squad, plans to use the entire Nittany team in the scrimmage.

The practice will be run as a regular intra-squad scrimmage with no kickoffs and no extra points. Each team will have the regular four downs to make 10 yards, but after the touchdown, the ball will go to the defending team on its own 40-yard line.

### LINEUP

John Smidansky and Jack Storer will start at the end posts, Charles Godlasky and Tom McDermott will be at the tackle positions and Fred Felbaum and Joe Sarabok will fill in the guard spots.

In the center slot, Ray Hedderick will take over the passing duties. A backfield of three sophomores and one junior rounds out the Lion starting team list.

Vince O'Bara, Owen Dougherty and Herb Kurtz will fill the tailback, wingback and fullback posts, while Charlie Murray, a junior, will hold down the blocking back position.

### Exchange

Dick Harlow former Western Maryland coach, led the Nittany Lion football team for three days. Harlow and Higgins exchanged jobs during Spring practice so that both teams would learn something of the other coach's system.

## Track Records--

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ent-day Penn State stars, claims the records in both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low hurdles. Jim raced the first event in 14.2 seconds and did the latter in 23.2 seconds. Both records were set in 1948, Jim's sophomore year, and hopes are high that he will better both marks in the next two seasons.



CHICK WERNER

The Penn State varsity record has withstood the test of time longest in the relay races in that set in 1919. In that year the team of Daniel Taylor, Frank Thomas, Jay Steele and John Demming established the record of 3 minutes 26.1 seconds in the mile relay.

Schuller Enck, Ed Carter, Joe Edgerton and Allen Hellfrich combined in 1923 to set the record for the two mile relay. They covered the distance in 7 minutes 48.8 seconds.

### RELAY

A more recent mark is that chalked up last year in the four-mile relay. The record of 17 minutes 30.7 seconds was placed on the books by Horace Ashenfelter, Gerry Karver, Bill Shuman and Mitch Williams.

Present assistant coach Norm Gordon is among the holders of the sprint medley relay. Norm, Barney Ewell, Marty Schiff and

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## The Nittany Realm

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and her name now graces the stately mountain, the peaceful valley sheltering the College, and the Nittany Lion.

When Nitane and her fellow brethren were roaming the state, the Nittany Valley was Lion country. In 1866 eight were killed in one week by local hunters. The last Lion to be shot in the state was a Centre County specimen, killed in 1886.

Lions were still in the valley for at least 30 years after Old Main was completed. They did some unforgettable howling and roaring until the hammering and building had ceased and all was peaceful again on the 600 acre campus below them.

On snowy nights the mountain lions crossed the Penn State campus and professor's dogs stopped barking to let them pass unmolested to their haunts in the barrens.

### STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Nittany Valley settlers termed the mountain lions as "strong and courageous" for when they had to die they used their teeth and claws in a bitter death struggle.

But the rush of students to the campus and to classes pushed the mountain lions from their haunts and dens on Mount Nittany, until now the only lion than can be seen in these parts is the low crouching beast that symbolizes the spirit of Penn State at his shrine near Rec Hall.

### Bar-One on Sports

On a test given by the physical education department on the common rules of the major sports, sixty percent of the Class of 1936 failed to answer enough questions to receive a passing grade.



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