

## Stickmen Aim To Snap Navy Win Streak

### Unbeaten Middies Seek Seventh Win

Undefeated Navy, ranked as one of the three top lacrosse power units in the nation, will vie for its seventh straight win of the season tomorrow when the Midshipmen meet Penn State on New Beaver Field.

Charged by the play of their sparkplug All-America attackman, Lee Chambers, Navy has fought its way to the top of the webbed shillelagh heap, challenged only by Army and John Hopkins.

Chambers, one of the game's great players, holds the Naval Academy record for goals in one season with 37. He is averaging four goals a game over his four-year span of collegiate stickwielding and has yet to be shut out.

State Coach Nick Thiel is anxiously looking toward a comeback after sustaining two successive defeats, but at the pace the future admirals are setting, chances now look about as weak as the sick bay at a port of embarkation.

### MARYLAND

Maryland was the most recent victim to feel the power of the Annapolis stickmen, succumbing, 14-3, Saturday.

Last year it was practically the same Navy team which ruined the Lions' hopes of an undefeated season by pinning a 9-3 loss on the Thielmen. Until that time State had gone through five games without too much trouble. After its reverse by Navy, the Central Pennsylvania college went on to cop a total of six wins against three setbacks.

In addition to Chambers, Coach William "Dinty" Moore will probably call on Bob Sivinski and Willie Stutt, a pair of returning regulars, to round out Navy's potent attack positions.

Center man for the midshipmen is scrappy, little Milt Allen, of Teaneck, N. Y., a veteran Navy lacrosse performer. Batt Cruise and Tom Kilcline man the rear line of defense. All three are hold-over starters from last season.

### DEFENSEMEN

Two other defensemen who have shown up well in early spring games are Bill Rassieur and Bob Needham, a regular in 1948. With Navy's spring football sessions now at an end, Coach Moore will utilize Phil Ryan to bolster the Midshipmen's defense.

Veterans Red Cobb, Duff Arnold, Ed Page and Al Schauffelberger are battling for first-string midfield positions.

One of Navy's strongest reasons for its status as a contender for the National lacrosse championship is 5-foot 6-inch Dick Seth, a goalkeeper with speed and deception. He gained second-team All-American in '48.

### Innovation

Hugo Bezdek, former Lion baseball coach, tried to speed up college baseball by making 2 strikes "out" and 3 balls a walk. He used the system in a game against Dickinson. The Lions won, 5-3, and although the system is not used today, he stated that it was practical and didn't detract from the game.

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## The Nittany Realm Scherer---Hard-Luck Gridder

By George Vadass

When William "Rip" Scherer, the Lions' speedy football wingback, arrived in the Nittany Valley four years ago, he found himself in the shadow of such big names as Dino Taccalozzi, Al Bellas, Larry Cooney and Joe Tepsic.

Rip, only 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing a mere 175 pounds, was a bit discouraged, but the little wingman from Pittsburgh had no idea of being crowded out of the picture. He wasn't. He has been a leading candidate for the number one position in the Blue and White backfield since the '45 season.

Born in Pittsburgh in 1925, the "Ripper," as his teammates commonly call him, attended North Catholic High. But it was not in a backfield slot that Scherer starred in high school. He and his brother "Bones" held down terminal positions of the North Catholic High grid team.

Rip, a three-year letter-winner in football, baseball and basketball, enjoyed his greatest fame during his high school athletic career on the basketball boards. He was the main cog of the '43 outfit which went undefeated in 33 games and ended by trouncing Philadelphia's Roman Catholic in Duquesne's gym for the Catholic state cage title.

### CAGE CAPTAIN

In his senior year he was unanimously selected captain of the basketball team. Upon graduation he had hoped to enroll at a midwestern college to play basketball and football.

He took a trip to South Bend and participated in a week's spring training with the Irish of Notre Dame. While there he teamed up with such grid notables as Bob Kelly, Boley Danciewicz and 285-pound John Adams.

Mainly because of family ties Rip enrolled at Penn State. Enrolling too late for the '44 football season, Rip went out for the Lawther-tutored cage team and was a top relief man of that year's floor squad.

With the turning of leaves in the fall, Rip reported to Coach



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## Wettstone, 4 Gymnasts Leave For National AAU Competition

Coach Gene Wettstone and four of his Nittany Lion gymnasts left State College last night to compete in the National Amateur Athletic Union gymnastic competition at the University of Illinois Chicago Pier tomorrow.

Captain Bill Bonsall, Bill Meade, Rudy Valentino and Bill "Fuzzy" Lomady made the 600-mile trek in quest of individual NAAU titles.

Bonsall, who placed second in last year's all-round competition, will make his second bid to oust Ed Scrobe from his post as the nation's number-one gymnast. Meade and Valentino, one-two in the Eastern tumbling championships last month, are slated for the same event in the Chicago meet, and Lomady will be entered in the long horse and rope climb events.

### DOUBT

Bonsall's appearance in the NAAU meet was doubtful until yesterday because of a severe finger bruise sustained in a basketball game Tuesday morning. However, x-rays revealed no broken bones and Doctor Alfred Greiss, team physician, who diagnosed the injury as nothing more than an ordinary bruise, said yesterday that the Lion star will definitely see action.

Wettstone is openly pessimistic about the chances of returning home with a single first-place trophy.

The Lion mentor expects Scrobe to repeat his victory in the all-round competition with the possibility that Bonsall, faced with plenty of other rugged competitors, may be able to place in the top three.

### BEDERT

Irvin Bedert, University of Illinois Chicago Pier, looks like the best bet to annex the tumbling crown. Bedert won last year's tumbling event and this year captured the National Col-

## Football Team's Success Rests On Rugged Halfback---Bedenk

legiate title at Berkeley, Calif. Charles Thompson, outstanding tumbler from the University of California, shapes up as Bedenk's most serious threat to retain his NAAU diadem. Wettstone is hopeful that either Meade or Valentino can place third behind these two men.

In the rope climb Lomady is given little chance against such men as Bill Perry, last year's winner, and Garvin Smith, 1947 titleholder.

In 1948 the Nittany Lions captured the NAAU team trophy at Rec Hall to climax an undefeated season and compete a triple win of the year's three outstanding gym events, the Eastern, NCAA, and NAAU Championships.

### Horseshoe Entries

Pound in the pegs, unshoe the horses—the season for backyard pitchin' is here again.

Fraternity and independent horseshoe pitchers have until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file their entries at the intramural office for the great All-American pastime. Entry fee is 50 cents per team, and each organization may field one doubles combination.

## Track, Putting Thrown Open To IM Entries

### Fans May Register Until 5 p.m. Tuesday

Intramural track and golf-putting enthusiasts may now submit their entries to the IM office.

Eugene C. Bischoff, IM director, announced yesterday that entries will be accepted until 5 p.m. next Tuesday. Entry fee for track is \$1 per team; unattached independents may enter for 25 cents; for golf-putting 25 cents.

Men entering track running competition must take the authorized intramural physical examination. When filing their entries, participants should advise the IM office as to the most convenient day, from next Monday through Friday, May 13, for their physical. The office will then assign a time on one of the days.

Each organization may enter one man for golf-putting which this season will experiment with a new system of elimination. Instead of the previous pre-season qualifying round, the tournament will be conducted in single-elimination style this year, with all entering men competing in the actual tourney. That is the reason for only one man per organization being permitted to enter.

### MATCHES

Matches will consist of 18 holes, on the Caddy House practice green, and opponents may start at any cup and play their 18 holes in any rotation agreed on at the start of the match. The winner must post the results on official bracket in the Caddy house immediately after the match.

Three running and three field events will be carried off in the track tournament this season: 100-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard relay (four men to run 220-yards each), high jump, broad jump, and the shot put (16 pound.)

Each organization may enter not more than two men in each event, plus one relay team. An individual may compete in only two running events, although he may compete in any or all of the field events in addition.

Qualifying trial heats in the

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## Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan  
SPORTS EDITOR

### "Rogues' Gallery"

Gracing the den wall in the home of a retired football coach and surrounded by many others like it is a picture of a friend of this ex-football coach. Inscribed on the picture are these words: "Dear Bob, I certainly appreciate the many years we have known each other. Best of luck. Ray Eliot."

Similar inscriptions, with different names and different words, adorn other pictures. There must be at least 40 of them, all sincere tokens of friendship and long years of contact with Bob Higgins, who coached Penn State football eleven for 19 seasons.

These 40 framed photographs cover one wall and part of another in the Hig's den. That of Ray Eliot, coach at Illinois, is one. Others are just as famous. Here are Bob Voigts, Northwestern; Jeff Cravath, Southern California; Matty Bell, Southern Methodist; Dr. Eddie Anderson, Iowa; Mike Milligan, Pitt; Rex Enright, South Carolina; Wes Fesler, Ohio State. That of Frank Howard of Clemson is addressed "To Uncle Bob."

Over there are Harry Stuhldreher, Wisconsin; Wally Butts, Georgia; Dana Bible, Texas; Herman Hickman, Yale's 300-pounder who told his student body, "If you don't have the best coach in the country, you certainly have the biggest"; Stu Holcomb, Purdue; Wallace Wade of Duke; Earl "Red" Blaik, Army; Lou Little, Columbia; immortal Amos Alonzo Stagg, now of Susquehanna.

The lineup is virtually endless. There is one from Governor James Duff; another from Jim Thorpe, who played with Higgins on the Canton (Ohio) Bulldogs; another from Patsy Clark, a great halfback at Illinois, a football teammate of the Hig while in the Army overseas, and now athletic director of Nebraska.

We looked for George Munger's picture to see what he had written. Here it is: "Congratulations again, Bob. Here's hoping someday Penn has a win over you and State." Penn may beat State, but never the Hig.

How did this "rogues' gallery" in the Hig's den come into existence? Higgins himself answered that:

"Well, I decided last Christmas to hang some pictures here in the den. I wrote to some of my coaches and friends. Pretty soon I was swamped with so many pictures that I'm way behind in putting them up on the wall. It's hard to get the frames, and the job takes time."

The ex-Lion coach estimated that he has just as many more that he has yet to place on the walls of his first-floor den, where he entertains visitors at home.

When he's not at home on McGee street, nowadays, the Hig is, more often than not, following the banquet trail in some far corner of the State. He's in demand.

Before we left the Hig's den, he pointed out the picture he calls "the best of them all." It's one of himself; James Milholland, acting president of the College; Joe Colone, Nittany Lion fullback, and Francis Rogel, successor to Colone, about to board a plane in Pittsburgh, bound for last year's Washington State game in the Far West.

Indicating Colone and Rogel, ex-coach Higgins said: "In every respect, they're two of the best boys I ever had."

### From the Morg(ue)

Barney Ewell, of Lancaster, former Penn State sprint star, has been nominated for a place in the Helms Hall of Fame in Los Angeles. . . . Olympic Coach

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