



**HISTORY-MAKING SCENE:** Joe Bedenk (left), new head football coach of Penn State's Nittany Lions, receives the congratulations of Bob Higgins, former head grid mentor. The picture was taken March 12, the day that Higgins announced his resignation. Bedenk has guided Nittany baseball fortunes for 19 years, and formerly served as line coach for the football team for 20 years.

## '48-'49 Hi-lites in Revue

Oct. 1—Coach Bill Jeffrey's Lion soccer team open the fall sports season with a revenge 2-0 triumph over Army's booters.

Oct. 2—Penn State's white-clad football warriors coast to a 35-0 win over out-classed Bucknell.

Oct. 9—The Nittany Lion cross-country team opens the curtain on a new season with a 19-36 (low score wins) victory over NYU.

Oct. 16—Nittany footballers remain unbeaten for the 13th straight game as they smash West Virginia, 37-7. Navy stuns soccer forces with a 4-0 upset.

Oct. 23—An Alumni Day crowd watches in awe as two gridiron powers, Penn State and Michigan State, hammer away to a 14-14 stalemate. Booters edge highly-touted Maryland, 1-0, and harriers lose, 36-21, to Michigan State.

Nov. 5—80,000 screaming fans see the Nittany grid machine, spearheaded by Francis "Punchy" Rogel, the human battering ram, ground Penn into the Franklin Field turf, 13-0.

Nov. 15—Pi Kappa Phi ekes past Phi Epsilon Pi, 21-20, for the intramural swimming crown.

Nov. 16—State places second in the IC-4A cross-country run as Michigan State wins as predicted.

Nov. 19—Spirited Pitt ends the Blue and White's two year victory skein with a surprise, 7-0, victory. Jeffrey's soccer team drub Temple, 4-1, for the unofficial Eastern title.

Dec. 2—Sam Tamburo, star terminal, picked on Collier's All-America team.

Dec. 14—Bob Hicks and Neg Norton elected as co-captains for the 1949 football season.

Dec. 16—Sigma Nu captures the IM boxing title.

Dec. 18—Penn State's green courtmen down previously unbeaten Washington and Jefferson, 40-38, for the Lions' first taste of triumph.

Jan. 8—Jim Maurey and big Homer Barr spark Coach Charlie Speidel's wrestlers to a 19-9 win over Princeton.

Jan. 11—Halfbacks Dick Hannah and Ralph Hosterman win berths on the 1948 All-America soccer team.

Jan. 13—Larry Joe, speedy football tailback, signs with the Buf-

falo Bills of the All-America professional football Conference.

Jan. 15—"Untouchable" Cornell pinned by Lion matmen, 24-6.

Feb. 5—Penn State boxers outslug Army's Black Knights, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , for their second straight triumph. John Lawther's courtmen spring 63-47 surprise on high-gearred Syracuse. Wrestlers lose first to Syracuse, 13-16.

Feb. 7—Gymnasts flip over Michigan State, 61-51. Captain Joe Colone, pigskin punter supreme, signs with AAC's Baltimore Colts.

Feb. 10—Setting three new pool records, Penn State's swimmers whip Dickinson, 47-28.

Feb. 12—Lions' bid for 14th straight gym triumph foiled by Syracuse, 56-40.

Feb. 26—Mighty Navy submerged for first time since 1922 by Nittany wrestlers, 20-10.

March 2—Peppy Milt Simon sets a new Penn State scoring record, tallying 24 points in State's 52-41 conquest of Temple.

March 5—Jumpin' Jim Gehrdes out-runs the great Harrison Dillard in Knights of Columbus hurdles event in New York. Pi Kappa Alpha tars Sigma Nu, 33-24, for IM cage title.

March 7—John Lawther resigns after 13 years at helm of basketball Lions. Elmer Gross moves to the top spot.

March 12—Chuck Drazenovich raps Syracuse's Marty Crandall for heavyweight title in the Intercollegiate Boxing Association tourney at Rec Hall. Homer Barr snares Eastern heavyweight wrestling crown at Cornell. Bouncing Billy Meade successfully defends Eastern tumbling crown in championship gym meet.

March 12—Bob Higgins resigns as football coach. Joe Bedenk, line coach, named as replacement.

March 14—End Coach Earle

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Edwards picked as Bedenk's top assistant.

March 26—Hustling Homer Barr places 4th in NCAA mat meet at Ft. Collins, Colo.

March 27—Sever "Tor" Torretti named to football coaching staff.

March 29—All-American end Sam Tamburo affixes name to a contract with the New York Bulldogs of the National Football League.

April 7, 8 and 9—Captain John Benglian, Paul Smith and Jack Bolger eliminated in NCAA boxing trials.

April 21—Lacrosse team returns after Southern tour with a record of 3 wins and 1 loss. The baseball team prepares for its home opener after two straight triumphs on the road.

April 22—Earle Edwards confirms reports, named as end coach at Michigan State.

April 26—Coach Joe Bedenk's batsmen drop their first tilt to Rutgers, 6-2.

April 27—Golfers open home season with win over Bucknell.

April 29—Jim Gehrdes captures the Penn Relays 120-yard high hurdles event. Cy Miller twirls a neat two-hitter as the Lion baseballers stampede past Georgetown, 19-1.

April 30—Horace Ashenfelter gallops to victory in the Penn Relay two-mile run. The four-mile relay quartet of Mitch Williams, Bob Freebairn, and Bill and Horace Ashenfelter is also victorious. Captain Billy Bonsall takes second place in the all-around class at the NAAU gymnastic meet.

May 9—Golfers capture the regional EIGA title by defeating Army and Cornell in extra-day play.

May 11—Alpha Gamma Rho beats Delta Upsilon for IM soccer championship.

May 13—Nick Thiel's stickmen hand Hobart its initial loss, 13-12. Pitt is blanked in baseball by Al Tkac, and the Statemen sweep to a 5-0 win.

May 14—Michigan State romps to an 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ -47 $\frac{1}{2}$  track win. Links-men place third in Eastern golf finals.

May 18—Lion nine, with Cy Miller on the mound, clips Bucknell, 7-2, for its ninth straight victory.

May 19—Tennis team torpedoes Washington and Jefferson, 9-0, for its fourth win in the last five starts.

May 20—Colgate handcuffed by baseball nine, 10-2. Nittanies grab 10th straight.

**Scoring Punch**  
Nick Thiel's 1949 Penn State lacrosse team averaged better than nine goals per game as the Lions won five and lost four.

**Former Schoolboy Ace**  
Owen (Sonny) Landon, Penn State's sophomore tennis star, is a former Williamsport schoolboy ace.

Penn State played 86 baseball games over a five-year period from 1944 to 1949 without drawing a whitewash.



**CY MILLER**  
Recently signed by the Chicago White Sox, Miller is now with Muskegon, Mich., of the Class A Central League. The righthander fireballed to a 9-and-2 record with Lions during the past season.

**On All-Star Nine**  
Shortstop Hal Hackman and pitcher Cy Miller were Penn State's representatives on District 2's first all-star baseball team.

**Independents Gird**  
Two Eastern independents, Penn State and Rutgers University, will oppose each other on the football field in 1950 and 1951.

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