

Newcomers, Veterans Work for Soccer Roles

More than two dozen Lion soccer hopefuls are in the midst of daily booting drills on the golf course practice field.

The Penn State team which went through last season's schedule with a 7-1-1 record, has its eyes focused on a perfect slate this autumn.

Bill Jeffrey, the veteran Lion tutor who usually is mighty glum about the outlook of his soccer editions is playing a different tune on his bagpipe these days, and rightly so.

The genial Scot Coach has 11 lettermen returnees on the squad plus three "S" winners of past campaigns.

Although Captain Dean Witmer, Goalie Ed Taggart, fullbacks Frank Taucher and Jim Kline are gone via graduation there are still better than an even dozen of the sharp-shooting Nittanians back from last year's team, an outfit that was tabbed by Jeffrey "as one of the best in the last ten years."

ROSY FUTURE

To make the future even rosier the booting forces have been bolstered by Joe Lane and Ronald Coleman.

Lane, out for the squad last year, was declared ineligible because of transfer regulation. The blonde center-forward should prove to be one of the Lions' most consistent point getters along with stellar performing Harry Little.

Coleman, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, has been kicking the pill around every since the sixth grade and last season was the sparkplug of the Edinboro S.T.C. soccer unit.

Although he usually performs from a halfback slot, Jeffrey has switched Coleman to the forward line.

With more than a week's work behind them and less than two weeks to go until the opening battle against West Chester, Jeffrey's front performers stack up like this.

'UTZ' LIEB

Ted "Utz" Lieb, a regular and letter winner the past two seasons will be at outside-left; Coleman at inside-left and Lane at center-forward.

Diminutive Harry Little, one of the most valuable performers last season will be at inside-right with Clarence Buss, another 1948 standout, at outside-right.

The Lion's midfield aggregation, the halfbacks, should be "among" the best in the East, if not "the best."

All-Americans Dick Hannah and Ralph Hosterman along with Will Kraybill should cause no little trouble to opposing foes.

Hannah is one of the speediest men on the entire squad, while

Hosterman's alert play and sportsmanship caught the fancy of many a visiting coach last year. Hosterman is also team-captain. Kraybill, a Penn State soccer veteran who earned his first varsity "S" back in '45, rounds out the dazzling midfield trio.

MARGOLF

Chuck Margolf returns to his fullback position. The other fullback post is still open with two State College boys, Dave Bischoff and Don Storch and another 45 letterwinner, Red Emig, fighting to gain Jeffrey's nod.

The keenest battles rages for the starting goalie position. With Jeffrey still in the experimenting stage, in hopes of finding a suitable replacement for Ed Taggart, last year's goal tender, George Lawther and Ed Watson, two State College High lads, are running neck in neck.

Lawther, a polished tennis and basketball performer, is a neophyte at the soccer game while Watson guarded the nets at Lock Haven and during the early part of last year's Lion campaigning.

Jim Doman, a husky Lancaster product and a Jeffrey regular three seasons back, is also expected to see some duty.

OTHER PLAYERS

Among the other promising comers, now practicing daily at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. on the golf course field, are Webster Haag, Don Vasel, Bill Yerkes, Bud Cope and Dick Jung.

All sophomore or transfer students who are interested in going out for the squad are urged by Coach Jeffrey to take their physical examination and then report to Rec Hall for locker space before coming out for practice.

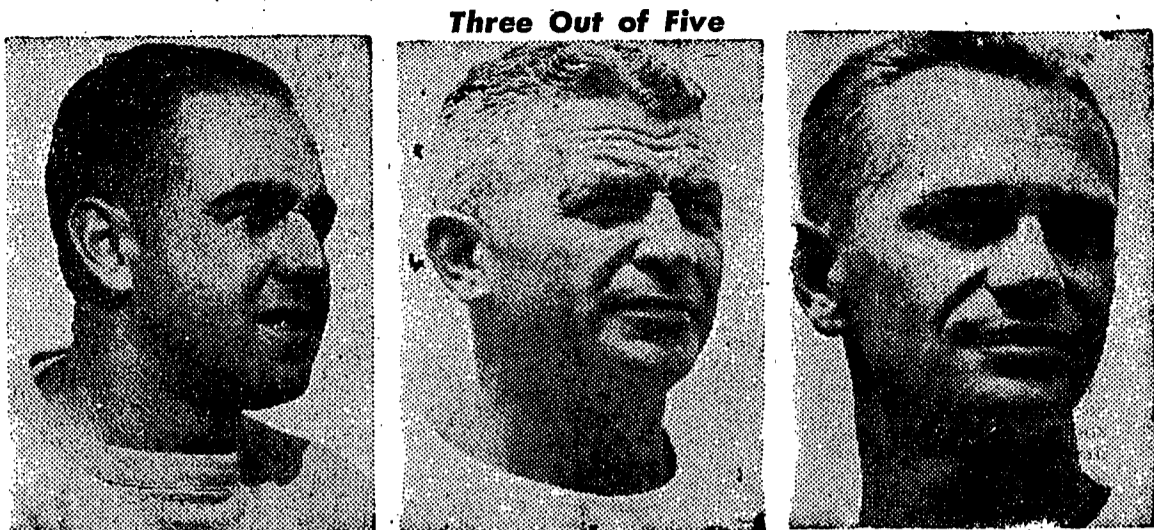
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Lions Concentrate on Attack, Prepare for Villanova Opener

Penn State's Nittany Lion football team, boasting a new head coach in Joe Bedenk, two new assistants in Frank Patrick and Sever Toretto, and a flashy new attack, the "T", to bolster State's old favorite single wing, is concentrating on light drills and skull sessions this week as the 1949 grid opener with Villanova looms.

Rather than risk serious injury to any of his squad, Bedenk has abandoned the grueling scrimmaging, the hard blocking and tackling in favor of lighter drills. And the squad is recuperating from several injuries sustained during four weeks of tough body contact which culminated in the practice session against Bucknell last week.

The Nittany Realm Gridders Tackle Rough Card, 9 Foes Would Clip Lions' Claws

By Ray Koehler

	Last yr.	Last yr.
Sept. 24 Villanova *	D.N.P. Oct. 29 Syracuse	34-14
Oct. 1 Army	D.N.P. Nov. 5 West Virginia *	37-7
Oct. 8 Boston College *	D.N.P. Nov. 12 Temple	47-0
Oct. 15 Nebraska *	D.N.P. Nov. 19 Pittsburgh	0-7
Oct. 22 Michigan State	14-14	
D.N.P.—Did not play		* Home game

Nine hungry football opponents will be vying to become the second team in three seasons to plant their heraldry over a beaten Penn State eleven when the whistle ushering in the 1949 collegiate campaign blows.

Replacing Washington State, Penn, Bucknell and Colgate this Fall will be such high-caliber units as Villanova, Army, Boston College and Nebraska. Yielding to a percursor glance it appears that the College schedule-makers have heeded the pleas of both alumni and students for stronger schedule.

Without doubt the most publicly heralded contest, one one which will probably decide the East's No. 1 outfit, will be the clash between Army and the Lions.

Much discussion, both pro and con, was voiced last winter when it was announced that the colorful and crowd-pleasing series between Penn and Penn State was to be sidetracked, at least for this year. The Cadet tilt should serve as the cushioner.

STORM WARNINGS

Storm warnings are up and indications point toward the Oct. 1 clash with Coach "Red" Blaik's boys in New York being the thriller of the week and possibly the season. Army is given the favored rating, both squads stepping into the arena with one game under their respective belts. The Black Knights oppose Davidson in their opening game appetizer.

Following is a rundown of the Blue and White opponent list denoting strengths, weaknesses, and ratings as combined by several of the nation's outstanding pre-season football handicappers.

VILLANOVA—After an absence of 12 years, State and Villanova again tangle. The Lions hold a five-game series edge. Jim Leonard, in his first season as head coach of the Wildcats, has the stuff enabling him to work between the time-tested "T" and its junior model, the winged-T. Speed to burn. Ralph Pasquariella, 225, and Pete D'Alonzo at fullback, Joe Rogers and John Geppi halves and Dan Brown, end, are expected to star.

ARMY—Out to prove to skeptics that football is still the old Army game. Named to repeat as Number 1 in the East by most prognosticators, the West Pointers have nevertheless lost 14 lettermen and Coach Blaik foresees nothing more than a "mediocre" team at best.

But fans will wonder what kind of mediocrity it is which has Dan Foldberg, a superb end, Arnold Galiffa, outstanding quarterback, and Gil Stephenson, 195-pound fullback who averaged 5.1 per carry last year on one team. It is quite possible that Hal Shultz, 165, could develop into Army's greatest climax runner. Keep your eyes on him.

BOSTON COLLEGE—Coach Denny Myers foresees his greatest year at the Eagles' head since his Eastern title team of '42, but expresses concern over lack of depth. Bellweather of the Bostonians will be Ed Songin, quarterback, fifth nationally in passing last year. Art Spinney, captain end, and Ed Clasby, fullback, are rated standouts.

NEBRASKA—Winning only two while losing eight, the Cornhuskers are a far cry from the teams which used to terrorize the country but a brand new coaching staff headed by Bill Glassford

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The second and third teams, however, will scrimmage against Juniata here this afternoon, starting at 3 p. m.

Bedenk, who this season replaced Bob Higgins at the helm of the Blue and White after working as line coach for 20 years, is running the huskies through dry scrimmages, working with new plays and polishing the ball-handling of his backs. Blocking sleds and tackling dummies are taking the brunt of the linemen's attention.

Part-Time "T"

The Lions, this season, will operate (part-time) from the first "T" formation in the recent history of Penn State football. Bedenk plans to experiment with the "T" with and without the flanker, hoping that the wide-open play will open the opposition for fullback Fran Rogel, plunging for his third and possibly best season. The threat of the "T" should increase the effectiveness of the powerful single-wing attack.

When State lines up to move against Villanova, either from the "T" or after shifting into the single-wing, familiar Chuck Drzenovich will be at the quarter-back slot, with Owen Dougherty at the wing and either Vince O'Bara or Bill Luther in the tailback. O'Bara is recovering from an ankle injury, and may not be ready for Saturday's opener.

On the line, veteran and co-captain Bob Hicks and John Smidansky look like starters at the terminals, co-captain Negley Norton and Don Murray should get the nod at tackle, with Paul Kelly and Joe Drzenovich pounding at the guards. Either Chuck Beatty or Ray Hedderick could move into the center's role without loss of power.

Reserves

Behind the starters, first-string reserves are few and far between with most of the candidates lacking experience. Charlie Murray can capably replace 60-minute-Chuck at quarter-back, Clarence Gorinski and sophomore Len Shephard, who is looking good in drills, can aid Rogel. Johnny Chuckran will help at the tailback and Tony Orsini and Chandois Johnson at the wing.

Jack Storer, Dan Kline and Lloyd Amprim are first-string replacements at end, Bob Ross can be a pillar of strength at tackle, Fred Felbaum and Joe Sarabok are powerful reserves at guard and Ken Bunn will aid Beatty and Hedderick with center duties.

Those men, together with a sprinkling of returnees and a back of eager but untried sophomores will carry Penn State's '49 football hopes. The first string is capable of carrying Nittanyville far, and with a few tough games under their belt the reserves could help mold the Lions into a team to compare with those elevens of the last two years.

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