

Booters Field Strong Unit; Jeffrey Eyes 'Good' Season

Only four days remain until the Penn State soccer aggregation raises the curtain on the 1949 campaign with a home battle against West Chester Teachers on Saturday afternoon.

"We should be stronger than last year," comments Lion booting Coach Bill Jeffrey.

Usually the veteran tutor isn't at all optimistic when he forecasts the future of his booting charges but he tabs his present unit even better than last year's outfit which completed the season with a 7-1-1 record.

Jeffrey is especially blessed with a strong forward line which includes two very likely All-America candidates in Joe Lane and Ronald Colman.

LANE, COLMAN

Lane, ineligible last year because of transfer rulings, is considered "great" by many soccer experts while Colman, a native of Missouri, is also an able performer who starred at Edinboro Teachers last season.

Back to bolster the attacking body is last year's high scoring Harry Little. The diminutive forward is one of the trickiest performers ever to play for Jeffrey.

At the flanks Jeffrey has lanky Ted "Utz" Lieb and Clarence Buss. Lieb, a Philadelphia soccer product, is out to earn his third varsity 'S' this season while Buss, a star linemen last season, was also an able catcher on Coach Joe Bedenk's baseball nine.

But the wealth of stars doesn't end with the front line, the trio of halfbacks which operates behind the forwards being equally as highly touted.

ALL-AMERICANS

Heading the halfbacks are Jeffrey's two All-Americans, Dick Hannah and Ralph Hosterman. Both were selected last year because of their superb play under pressure.

Hosterman also was elected to lead the soccermen this fall. Lancaster's Will Kraybill is the other half who'll be out to garner his third letter.

The most bitter battle at the moment seems to be between George Lawther, Ed Watson and Ron Coder for the starting goalie position. Lawther and Coder are neophytes at the soccer game while Watson guarded the nets for Lock Haven Teachers and then State last year.

FULLBACKS

Another hounding of a battle is in store for the starting fullback positions. Chuck Margolf, a veteran of the past two Lion soccer campaigns seems to be on a one-way street to one of the fullback slots but a scramble royale is going on for the other starting spot with Red Emig as the top contender.

Good Home Slate

Penn State's four home football opponents in 1949, in their order, will be Villanova, Boston College, Nebraska and Syracuse.

Sox Nip Yanks Take 1st Place

A crowd of over 66,000 who crammed Yankee Stadium yesterday witnessed a spirited four-run eighth-inning rally by the rampaging Boston Red Sox, which enabled them to eke out a 7-6 decision over the New York Yankees and assume undisputed possession of first place.

Over in the senior circuit, the St. Louis Cardinals, with five games to play, enjoy a comfortable one-and-one-half game lead over the Brooklyn Dodgers, who have four to complete their slate. Any combination of four Cardinal victories or Dodger defeats would give the former their tenth loop crown.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Results
Boston 4, New York 1
Washington 5-4, Phila. 8-0
Chicago 7-2, St. Louis 5-5
Cleveland 7, Detroit 1

Yesterday's Results
Boston 7, New York 6

Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
Boston	94	55	.531
New York	93	56	.524
Detroit	87	64	.576
Cleveland	83	65	.561
Philadelphia	79	70	.530
Chicago	62	86	.419
St. Louis	51	100	.338
Washington	48	101	.322

Today's Games

Cleveland at Chicago (N)
Boston at Washington (N)
Philadelphia at New York

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Results
Philadelphia 5, Brooklyn 3
St. Louis 6, Chicago 1
Pittsburgh 7-5, Cincinnati 3-8
New York 3-5, Boston 2-2

Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	95	54	.538
Brooklyn	94	56	.527
Philadelphia	79	72	.523
Boston	73	77	.487
New York	73	78	.483
Pittsburgh	67	82	.449
Cincinnati	60	90	.400
Chicago	59	91	.393

Today's Games

St. Louis at Pittsburgh (N)
Chicago at Cincinnati

Injuries Few As Lions Prep For Army Tilt

Lack of serious injuries, the one ray of sunshine in an otherwise bleak grid picture, gave Head Coach Joe Bedenk hope today that his Nittany Lion warriors would be strong enough to give the powerful Army Cadets a fight all the way Saturday.

"We came out of the Villanova game with the usual number of bruises which a coach must expect. But outside of a bad charley-horse for Ray Hedderick, we'll be at top strength for Army," the coach said.

Trainer Chuck Medlar also commented on the fortunately small injury list.

"We had our fingers crossed in Saturday's game in hopes that Fran Rogel, Joe Drazenovich and Vince O'Bara would come through the contest in good shape," Medlar said.

LEG INJURIES

(Rogel, Drazenovich and O'Bara were all suffering from leg injuries before the Villanova game and could be used mainly for offense.)

Rogel, Dougherty and several of the other players sustained severe bruises but nothing, it is believed, that would keep them out of the Army engagement. Hedderick, it is feared, will have to sit this one out.

Loss of Rogel, O'Bara, and Joe Drazenovich for defensive duties must bear some of the blame for the Lion's allergy against passing. Rogel is primed for defensive halfback duties, O'Bara will work the safety and Drazenovich functions as a line backer, and when the three are lifted out of the lineup it leaves the brunt of the pass defense to reserves.

PASSING

Bedenk plans to work his charges on pass defense tactics and aerial maneuvers this week. Those two phases of Saturday's game showed up worst for us, and we'll concentrate on them this week in an effort to smooth them for Army."

State will need a smooth functioning pass defense against the Cadets, with Arnold Galiffa throwing for the grey. A whipping aerial attack would help open the Army line and allow Fran Rogel a little more running room through center.

Nat'l Champs Guide Harriers

Penn State may not produce the greatest cross-country team in the nation this year, but aspiring runners will at least have the aid of two of the greatest distance runners in the world in Curt Stone and Horace Ashenfelter.

This was the gist of Coach Chick Werner's comments upon completion of his untried squad's first official practice session last night.

GRADS COACH

Both Stone and Ashenfelter, two of the brightest young stars on the distance running horizon, are proteges of Coach Werner and are at the present time doing post graduate work at the College. In spare moments they will be assisting their former mentor and Norm Gorden, assistant cross-country coach.

"There are still openings for any number of boys who like to run and feel they can make the team, and in addition to earning a college letter they'll have the opportunity of rubbing elbows with two of the world's outstanding distance runners," said the track overseer.

CONDITIONING

Work is still progressing in the conditioning stage in order to work kinks out of aching, tired muscles. Speedwork may be expected to start near the end of this week or early the next.

Ashenfelter and Stone both return to the College after winning several races in their summer Northern European cinder path invasion.

Lions To Concentrate On Aerial Defence

Nittany Gridders To Unveil Air Lanes Against Cadets

Coach Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lion gridders are concentrating on strengthening their pass defense and bolstering their aerial attack this week, preparing for what looms as the toughest game of the schedule against Army Saturday.

Bedenk pointed up those two weaknesses as most responsible for the opening day loss to Villanova. The Lions hit the practice



RALPH PASQUARIELLO Villanova Fullback

field yesterday afternoon determined to iron out the kinks, and with Fran Rogel, Joe Drazenovich, and Vince O'Bara now ready for fulltime duty, Bedenk hopes to weld a defense that will keep future Lion opponents from going wild through the air lanes.

The Lions reported for drills in good condition. Only one injury, a painful charley horse for Ray Hedderick, figures to keep the Lions below full strength for the Cadets.

SMARTING

Meanwhile, the Lions were still smarting over the disrespectful 27-6 lacing handed them by an underdog Villanova Wildcat before 20,000 fans in Saturday's home opener, Bedenk's first contest at the helm of the Blue and White. It marked State's first opening home defeat since 1931 when Waynesburg turned the trick, 7-0, and the first loss at home since 1946 when Michigan State won, 19-16.

There was nothing tainted about the Wildcat victory, either. Villanova's outweighed line outcharged and cracked State's vaunted front-wall wide open, allowing halfbacks John Geppi and Joe Rogers to cruise for large hunks of open-field yardage. Lion tackling and blocking, once a strong point, slipped erratically.

But most disastrous to the local cause was the long, accurate passing of quarterback, Steve Romanik. The visiting "T" general tossed for two touchdowns, the first, 30 yards to left end Dan Brown in 7:45 of the first quarter, and the other covering 35 yards to Dom Frinzi, halfback, running the count to 20-0 in favor of Villanova in the third stanza. Romanik's five completed aeriels accounted for a total of 101 Villanova yards passing.

PASQUARIELLO

State, primed to stop the charges of Ralph Pasquariello, kept the Wildcat fullback bottled up in the first half. In the third period, however, the lumbering giant, in two tries, plunged over from the ten for Villanova's second score, and he later added several good runs, one an 11-yard jaunt, to set up the winner's final touchdown in the last quarter. Only Fran Rogel gave Bedenk

any cause for cheer in the disheartening result. Rogel slammed the opposition's center and guard spots for 60 yards of Penn State's 109 yards rushing to live up to his pre-season notices. He was the Lions' only reliable ground-gainer, although Owen Dougherty in the first quarter unreeled a couple nice gains, and Vince O'Bara's passes to John Smidansky, 24 yards in the first quarter, and 17-yards for a first down in the third, hinted at a future aerial attack. Bill Luther served notice of a potential punting ace to fill the shoes of departed Joe Colone.

WASTE NO TIME

Villanova wasted no time admiring State's new "T" shifting "single-wing attack" before the main liners took the leather and lugged it for the initial score early in the first period. Luther kicked out of bounds on the Villanova 43, and the Wildcats came charging back, with Geppi doing most of the carrying, to rack up two first downs to the State 30. On the second play from that spot, Romanik heaved to Brown for a TD and Tom Calvin's placekick was good to put the visitors ahead, 7-0.

That was the half-time score. The Lions threatened in the second quarter when O'Bara passing and Rogel's running moved the ball for a first down on Villanova's six-yard-line. But a fumble and recovery by Rogel lost six yards and the Wildcats staved off the Blue and White rally.

With only three minutes gone in the third quarter, Jim Caulfield intercepted O'Bara's pass on the State 47 and ripped to the 10 from where Pasquariello carried over in two tries and Claven's kick was good again.

Geppi, and Rogers racked up three first downs in succession, then Romanik passed to Frenzi for 35 yards and another Villanova third-period touchdown shortly after. Claven's kick was off this time, but the Wildcats held a convincing 20-0 lead.

State's only score was set up near the end of the third stanza when reserve linemen Lloyd Amprim and Conrad Brown blocked Al Schmid's punt, the Lions taking over on Villanova's 25. Rogel plunged for two first downs to the 5, then as the teams switched goals at the quarter, O'Bara rounded right end for the score. Joe Drazenovich's conversion attempt was no good.

The Wildcats instantly came back to wrap up the result, this time with Geppi, Pasquariello and Rogers sparking a ground attack to the State 21, then Rogers sprinting around right end for another touchdown. Claven added the point to make it 27-6.

The Villanova band entertained the crowd at halftime with formations spelling "State" and "Hello." State College High School band handled the marching chores for the recently re-organized Penn State Blue Band which played a few selections from seats in the East stands.

VILLANOVA

ENDS: Brown, Bogan, Patrick, Schmid, Gattuso, Simeone, Rilo
TACKLES: Mantone, Smith, Sandusky, Kerwin, Limanni
GUARDS: Pavalko, Morrillo, Wills, Lanigan, Liotta
CENTERS: Witsch, Nowanski
BACKS: Romanik, Rogers, Geppi, Pasquariello, Clavin, D'Alonso, Snyder, Moran, Caulfield, Coletta, Frinzi, O'Boyle

PENN STATE

ENDS: Smidansky, Amprim, Hich, Storer
TACKLES: Norton, D. Murray, Brown, Ross, Godlaaky
GUARDS: J. Drazenovich, Kelly, Pebaum, Bartek, Pevarnik
CENTERS: Hedderick, Beatty, Skumock
BACKS: C. Drazenovich, Luther, Dougherty, Rogel, Jacobs, Orsini, Shephard, Johnson, O'Bara, Shaginaw, Mandell, C. Murray
Villanova 7 0 18 7-27
Penn State 0 0 0 0-6
Villanova scoring—Touchdowns: Brown, Pasquariello, Frinzi, Rogers.
Points after touchdown: Clavin 3.
Penn State Scoring — Touchdowns: O'Bara.

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