

Jeffrey men To Defend Long Unbeaten Skein

A seventeen-man contingent of booting Jeffrey men will be out to annex victory number five of the current soccer campaign when it invades Hamilton, N. Y., tomorrow for a soccer fracas against Colgate.

Not only will the Blue and White be out to keep its '49 slate unmarred but Jeffrey's proteges will also be gunning to run their unbeaten skein to eleven.

This season the Red Raiders have chalked up two wins and one setback, the victories being a 4-3 thriller against R. P. I. and a 4-1 rout over Syracuse. Dartmouth downed Colgate 2-0.

Meanwhile the Nittany men ran up impressive margins in subduing West Chester, 6-0; Bucknell, 5-0; Syracuse, 6-1; and Navy, 3-0.

COMMON FOE

Both Colgate and Penn State have had one common opponent—Syracuse. The Lions, by trouncing the Orange by two more goals than did Colgate, are established a better-than two goal favorite in tomorrow's game.

Last season the Nittanians, on their home field, slammed Colgate by a 4-2 margin as Harry Little led the way in the scoring column.

Ron Coleman, star forward who was injured at Syracuse two weeks ago, is back in uniform and is expected to start at inside-left. "Other than that," Jeffrey states, "I'll stick with the same starting lineup. They've done all right."

LIEB, BUSS

As usual, lanky Ted Lieb and accurate-passing Clarence Buss will start at the line flanking posts with Little and Coleman filling in at the inside positions.

Joe Lane will be in the center of the line to greet the game's opening whistle while Harry Lawroski, top performer against Navy last weekend, will be the number-one relief-man.

Jeffrey, still undecided last night about his other reserves, stated: "It's hard to pick the others, they are all good." He plans to let Spence Boyer, Pete Buzad, Bud Fenton and Dick Yeagley flip a coin—the two losers will drop out while the two victors will make the trip.

HALFBACKS

Will Kraybill, an ex-Lancaster booter will be at his usual left halfback position while Dick Hannah, an ex-Frankford star, will be the right halfback. Captain Ralph Hosterman will be setting up pass plays from his center-half slot.

Ready to spell the trio of halfbacks, considered by experts to be one of the best in collegiate circles today, will be Red Emig and Doug Diffendoffer.

Reliable Chuck Margolf along with Bill Yerkes will be called upon for fullback chores with Jack Kurty ready for relief. Ron Coder and George Lawther will share the goal-tending duties.

Churning Water

Syracuse University's crew, under its new coach Gus Eriksen, former University of Washington mentor, has almost 100 blade-wielders on the water daily.

Bill Luther Named Week's Top Player

Bill Luther, standout Nittany halfback, was awarded the second weekly citation as the outstanding football player of the week.

The award, presented by a group of coaches and writers, was given to Luther on the basis of his stellar performance in the Michigan State game last week.

Manpower Outlook Dark As Lions Signal Drill

The outlook concerning injuries continued dark in the Nittany Lion camp last night as the Lions ran through signal drills in preparation for tomorrow's final home football game with Syracuse.

Ray Hedderick and Chuck Beatty, first string centers, and Ed Hoover, tackle replacement, remain safe bets to sit out the coming

tilt. Hoover will be sidelined for the season. And in tackling drills Wednesday, Jack Storer, end, came up with a painful charley-horse that threatens to keep him out of heavy duty.

Head Coach Joe Bedenk indicated yesterday that Ken Bunn, senior, would probably fill the center slot, if his injured knee holds up. Bedenk may also call on sophomore Joe Shumock.

The availability of fullback Fran Rogel, at least for limited service, helped buoy the Lion hopes, somewhat. Rogel leads the team in yards gained rushing, (he has 172), although he has been sidelined with an ankle injury for two weeks. With him in there, Bedenk can field a more driving offense.

Missing Rogel's power at Michigan State, the Lions, for the first time in three weeks, dropped below their five opponents in rushing and total offense effectiveness. State's five opponents to date have rolled up 1299 yards, 818 rushing against the Lion frontwall. The Lions have moved for a total of 1107 yards, 764 along the ground.

Lawther Sees Mexican Cagers Prepping for Future Titles

Those rumblings on the Mexican basketball menu are not caused by indigestion, but rather indications of a dormant ulcer which is expected to erupt into a spray of titles within the next few years.

According to no less an authority than John Lawther, former Nittany court coach, the Gay Caballeros will soon have to be recognized as outstanding contenders for the '52 Olympic amateur court throne.

Recently returned as prexy of a basketball clinic in Monterey, Lawther saw for himself the giant steps being taken by Mexican sports officials in their zeal to build up the cage game.

NATIONAL APPEAL

As "Gentleman John" himself puts it, "The sport's appeal seems to be national. Although it is comparatively young, no matter how far you go into the hinterlands—to places where Spanish is not even spoken—you can always see two signs of the times . . . coca-cola advertisements and a basketball net."

The nationally-known zone master upended the popular belief that the average Mexican athlete is on the small side. While talking to Major Diaz, head coach of the Mexican entry, he was informed that two six-foot, ten-inch giants had seen action in that country's Olympic encounters.

"The most striking difference I can see between the Mexican and American dribbler is temperament," said Lawther. "As it is with all athletes of Spanish ancestry they can be keyed-up to an amazing pitch and then suddenly stage a complete reversal of form."

BETTER SHOTS

As to which country produces the better shotmakers, Lawther believes that the Mexican has the edge. "The game beyond the Rio Grande places much more emphasis on a running attack with little worry given to defense."

Many of the Spanish teams play a "Rhode Island" type of game where defense is thrown to the winds and the burden is placed upon the point producers. This causes their greater shooting accuracy.

One of the outstanding features of Mexican basketball is the tremendous amount of enthusiasm which has greeted outdoor play. Although all the larger cities have well-equipped gymnasiums, it is in the smaller hamlets that the idea of the outdoor arena has really become popular.

NO RICKEY

Just as night baseball struck the United States with a suddenness and took hold during the war years, so outdoor cage championship play is now the thing in



John Lawther

Mexico (and without a Branch Rickey to produce it).

Following Mexico's defeat to the U. S. in the 1948 Olympics, Coach Diaz said, "We weren't ready for the Americans, BUT we'll be prepared the next time."

It could be that the senior was only whistling in the dark, but to a few observers the tune may be a "Dance Macabre" to the future ambitions of many top-notch court teams.

Lots of Seats

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IM Grid Teams Score Shutouts

Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, and Dorm-43 advanced in intramural touch football competition with shutout victories under the lights of Beaver practice field Wednesday night.

Phi Sigma Delta gained a 23-18 swimming conquest of Beta Sigma Rho in Glennland pool. Alpha Tau Omega was credited with a forfeit triumph over Sigma Phi Alpha.

A 30-yard touchdown pass play from Bill Ondich to Ted Matuzeski to Dave Welty enabled Sigma Nu to edge by Alpha Tau Omega, 7-0. The victory was Sigma Nu's third straight.

Phi Delta Theta came up with its third in a row, dumping Theta Xi, 6-0. A second half 60-yard pass from Jack Pickett to Bob Kelly accounted for the lone score.

Dick Koerber, John Lowrey and Chuck Shanot combined to produce Kappa Sigma's only touchdown in a 6-0 conquest of Lambda Chi Alpha. Chanot tallied the TD that gave Kappa Sigma its second victory of the season.

Buddy Cope passed one yard to Jim Scully as Dorm 43 marked up a 7-0 triumph over Dorm 27 in independent play.

Ed Prossak, Sid Manes, Sam Ellowitz, and Irv Taren teamed to give Phi Sigma Delta the nod in the meet-deciding 120-yard freestyle relay as Phi Sigma Delta toppled Beta Sigma Rho, 23-18.

Javelin Thrower

Harry Nussbaum from Garwood, N.J., Syracuse's right end, is also a star javelin thrower.

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