

# Six Seniors Bow Out In Soccer Bowl Clash

Less than two weeks of tune-up sessions remained today as the all-triumphant Penn State booting steamroller prepares for its New Year's Day tussle at Sportsmans Park, St. Louis, Missouri. Just 15 days from now, Coach Bill Jeffrey's team faces the University of San Francisco in the nation's first collegiate soccer bowl contest.

Not only will the tussle against the Dons close out 1949 campaigning for the Nittanians, a year which saw the Lions run their unbeaten skein to 14, but it will also be the last time six booters will wear the Blue and White.

About those six, who'll play their valedictory contest for the Lions, Bagpipe Bill comments, "They are a great group of boys who have cooperated with me all the way. They'll be sorely missed next season."

These are the seniors who'll bow out of the collegiate soccer picture on New Year's Day:

**CAPTAIN RALPH HOSTERMAN** — Without a doubt one of the finest all-time halfbacks to don a Penn State uniform. He scored three goals from his position in the last two seasons, a very surprising feat for a halfback. For his superb play last year, Ralph was named to the soccer All-America team.

**DICK HANNAH** — A streak of lightning from Philadelphia, he is playing his best ball of his career this season. He has burned up soccer fields since his high school days. When All-America honors were handed out last year, Hannah was not overlooked. A NROTC student, Dick might be

back in the Nittany Valley next year.

**WILL KRAYBILL** — One of the hardest workers on the Lion unit, Willie rounds out the starting halfback trio, "one of the best in the game today," according to Jeffrey. This is his fourth year with the Nittanians, he played as a freshman in 1945.

**TED LIEB** — A soccer letter-winner ever since he stepped into a Penn State uniform three seasons ago, Ted has been one of the finest flankmen in recent years. Always a leader in the scoring parade, Ted scored seven goals during the last two campaigns.

**CHUCK MARGOLF** — Pound for pound, Chuck is one of the best defensive players in the East. A three-time varsity 'S' winner, Chuck is well noted for his alert aggressive type of play in front of the Lion goal.

**HARRY LAWROSKI** — One of the fastest men on the squad, and maybe one of the smallest, Harry more than makes up for his size with his sharp passing and tricky maneuvering. He stole into the limelight against Navy this year when he scored two of the Lion's goals.

Jeffrey plans to take 15 players to St. Louis for the San Francisco encounter. Besides his starting eleven, which includes, George Lawther, Margolf, Bill Yerkes, Hannah, Hosterman, Kraybill, Lieb, Harry Little, Joe Lane, Ron Coleman and Clarence Buss, the Nittany coach plans to take Ron Coder, Jack Kurty, George Emig and Lawroski, along for relief duty.

## Double-Header

The first Saturday after Christmas vacation, January 7, Rec Hall will be the scene of the initial doubleheader sports program of the winter season. The basketball team will play Colgate and the wrestling team will open its season against Virginia.

## Dixie Classic Beckons Lions

Although the Christmas vacation period will bring a brief respite to most basketball teams in the nation, Penn State's cagers will spend most of the time between now and Dec. 28 preparing for the Dixie Classic tournament in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Coach Elmer Gross expects to have his dribblers go through their paces here every day except Dec. 24 and 25.

The tournament will be played Dec. 28-30 in North Carolina State's newly erected coliseum which seats 13,000 fans. Eight teams are listed for action with first-round pairings matching four North Carolina clubs against the four visiting teams.

The Nittany Lions will open against Duke, Dec. 28, at 9 p.m. Teams listed for action include Rhode Island State, West Virginia, Georgia Tech, Duke, Wake Forest, U. of North Carolina, N. Carolina State and Penn State.

## '50 Fencing Schedule

Jan. 14—Lehigh, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Jan. 28—Army, West Point, N.Y.  
Feb. 11—Temple, home  
Feb. 18—New York Univ., home  
Feb. 25—Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md.  
Mar. 4—Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y.  
Mar. 17-18—Intercollegiate, New York, N.Y.

# Cagers Break Jinx on Road, Upset American U. Away, 57-49

The long fast is over. After 11 straight losses on the road accruing over a three-year span, Penn State's happy hoopmen snapped back Thursday night to bombard a favored American U. quintet, 57-49, before only a handful of spectators in Uline Arena, Washington, D.C.

The win gave the Lions their second win against a single loss.

In three games thus far the Lions have produced 194 tallies, averaging 64 per contest. After subduing a weak Susquehanna outfit, 74-44, in their first engagement, the Lions were jolted by Georgetown, 70-63, Wednesday but came back strongly the following night with the 57-49 win over the Eagles.

### THREE COMBINE

It took a combination of the accurate left-handed hook shots of Marty Costa and the back-board guardianship of Jay McMahon and Lee Schisler to upset the oddsmakers prophesies. The giant 6-foot, 6-inch forward came through with twenty points against Georgetown and returned to post 17 against the Eagles.

While outscrambling the A.U. defenders on the boards, McMahon and Schisler also aided Costa with an offensive punch which netted 13 and 12 points apiece.

Captain Bob Lamon, American U. ace, also pocketed 17 points but he didn't receive enough aid from his teammates to cause the invaders much trouble.

### SWITCH DEFENSE

The Feathered Flock broke from its customary zone defense to a man-to-man but if this maneuver was meant to confuse the Pennsylvania collegians it failed to accomplish its purpose.

Penn State pulled out to a 7-0 first period lead via tap-ins by McMahon, Costa, Lou Lamie and a foul by McMahon. After that the Washington lads never did catch up. Lamon finally connected with a set shot to open A.U.'s scoring.

### A. U. CLOSES

American did manage to creep up to an 11-9 deficit shortly before intermission but Costa dropped two left-handed hook shots and McMahon laid up three field goals to give State a 22-18 edge at half-time.

After two minutes of the third period, Schisler caught fire and hit with four consecutive one-handers from the left side to pad the Blue and White lead. From there they took a 39-26 lead with 13 minutes left to play.



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