

# Penn State Gridders Oppose Duquesne Saturday Scrimmage Tilt Concludes Spring Practice Sessions

With a scrimmage against Duquesne University slated for Saturday afternoon, Penn State's 1950 gridders will concentrate on ironing out flaws in the offense that developed in the course of a loss to Bucknell over the weekend. The Lions were humbled three touchdowns to two.

Although the Lions looked in need of work on the defense Earl Bruce, the man in charge of Spring drills, wasn't especially disappointed over the showing the Nittanians made at Lewisburg. The squad has not worked on defense at all, Bruce points out and was especially unfamiliar with the spit-T employed by the Bisons.

Blocking, passing and ball-handling will get a thorough going over by Bruce and his four assistants before the Lions take the field against the Iron Dukes Saturday. Downfield blocking will receive special attention, Bruce said, in an attempt to iron out what the staff thinks was the Lions' chief shortcoming.

### Flashes

The Lions showed flashes of promise against Bucknell, but, with one exception lacked the consistency to get a sustained drive rolling. Only in the fifth quarter of the six-period Bucknell battle did the Lions show the necessary drive to push across a touchdown. Their other score came on a recovered fumble by substitute quarterback Phil Klocek.

Tailback Tony Orsini bucked over from the one to score the only legitimate Penn State TD. Orsini, a wingback last year, has been switched to the deep position in State's single wing, and has been impressive in his new role. The Nittanians rolled 46 yards for the score, Orsini and fullback Herb Kurtz gaining most of the yardage.

### KURTZ IMPRESSIVE

Kurtz, who spelled Len Shephard at the bucking-back slot, won the plaudits of Bruce and his assistants for his work against the Bisons. The impressive performances by both Shephard and Kurtz foretells power up the middle for the Lions in the Fall.

The offensive play of John Podrasky, the number-one quarterback, drew the approval of Bruce, as did the running of Emory McCourt 1949 jayvee standout. McCourt, a diminutive speedster, was given an opportunity late in the game and showed up as a clever, slippery ball carrier.

The defensive play of Chan Johnson, George Harvan, Tom McDermott and Mario Santangelo drew the praise of Bruce. Johnson looked good at the safety position despite a charley horse, while Harvan was singled out for his line backing. McDermott was hard to move from his position at left tackle and Santangelo played well at end.

Midfield Mutterings: Vince O'Bara, number one tailback, did not see action because of a knee injury. He is not expected to play against the Dukes... Others out of action were tackle Dick Cripps, center Ken Bunn, tackle Ed Hoover, and wingback Owen Dougherty. Cripps is on the track squad, Dougherty on the baseball team, and Bunn and Hoover are recovering from knee operations.

Orsini wears contact lenses while in action, as will Cripps when he returns to the grid sport in the Fall... End John Smidansky suffered a strained knee ligament early in the game and was sidelined... Johnson and Harvan came up with charley horses, while Podrasky suffered a bruised knee...

Robert Ciesielski, a 6-foot 2-inch tackle from Schenectady, N.Y., is the biggest man on the Syracuse University football team. Ciesielski earned a varsity letter from the Orange last year.

Although Michigan State lost 21 lettermen from its 1949 team, the Spartans are looking forward to another successful season. Coach Biggie Munn can pick his replacements out of 185 candidates participating in Spring practice.

### Intramurals

Intramurals softball, golf, tennis doubles and soccer entries are now being received at the IM office, 213 Recreation Hall. Entry fee is \$1.00 per team except for tennis which is 50c per team. Only one team per each fraternity may be entered in each event.

### Independent Teams Remain Unbeaten

Nittany Co-op-A, Section 10, Ridge Runners, and Dorm 29 polished off its opposition this week to capture fourth straight wins in the independent volleyball circuit. Four other contests were marred by forfeits.

Nittany Co-op-A came back after a first game loss to defeat the hitherto undefeated Mustangs, 12-15, 15-0, 15-11, Section 10 walloped Woodsdale AC, 15-2, 15-2, the Ridge Runners outspiked the Jesters, 15-10, 15-8, and Dorm 29 rapped Dorm 5, 15-13, 15-9.

In other league battles, the Crusaders downed Nittany Co-op-B, the Spikers blasted the Junior Foresters, Dorm 28 took a

### Close Decisions In Fraternity League V-Ball

Matches extended to the maximum three games marked last week's intramural volleyball contests in the fraternity league. Delta Upsilon-B, Beta Theta Pi-B, Alpha Zeta-B, Sigma Chi-B, Delta Theta Sigma-B, Phi Delta Theta-B, and Phi Kappa-B all won their second straight league contests without a loss.

Sigma Pi-B came through in the season's highest scoring game as they took the third and crucial battle from Delta Tau Delta-B, 19-17. The other scores were 15-9, 11-15.

Delta Upsilon-B surged back to defeat Phi Gamma Delta-B, 12-15, 15-8, 15-11; Beta Theta Pi-B stopped Sigma Alpha Mu, 15-8, 3-15, 15-5; Beta Sigma Rho-B downed Acacia-B, 15-9, 15-7; Alpha Zeta-B rapped Triangle-B, 15-8, 12-15, 15-3; Delta Theta Sigma-B bumped Kappa Sigma-B 15-9, 15-9; Phi Delta Theta-B won by forfeit from Theta Kappa Phi-B, and Phi Kappa-B beat Phi Sigma Kappa-B, 15-7, 15-6.

Other battles were won by Alpha Tau Omega-B, 15-11, 6-15, 15-13 over ZBT-B, Theta Xi-B outtipped Phi Kappa Sigma-B 12-15, 15-6, 15-13, while Delta Sigma Phi-B and Kappa Delta Rho-B took losses by forfeiting to each other.

15-13, 15-1 decision from Dorm 40, while the Penn State Club lost to the Creampuffs.

### Lacrosse Squad Seeks First Win of Season

Coach Nick Thiel's Nittany stickmen will be after their first victory of the season Saturday afternoon when they take on Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N.J.

The State lacrosse men, having suffered setbacks at the hands of Loyola and Navy last weekend, have their work cut out for them again Saturday. Rutgers has a veteran squad which turned in a record of five wins and five losses last season.

### Veteran Squad

Tutored by Red Twitchell, in his first year as head coach, the Scarlet upset powerful Navy in a practice tilt early in the season. The Rutgers roster list ten seniors, an indication that the team is loaded with experienced stickmen.

Thiel has had his charges running through scoring plays and brushing up on the zone defense which will be used in the event a penalty leaves the Lions short-handed on the field.

### MAY MAKE CHANGES

The line-up hasn't been decided as yet, but a few new faces might break into the starting array.

Thiel was pleased with the showing turned in by defenseman Joe Drzenovitch and Vance Scout. Either or both may start against the Scarlet. Both will see considerable action in any case, since Mervin Snyder came up with a charley-horse in the Loyola contest and might remain on the sidelines. Saturday John Hagerman and Don Coeelin are possible

starters at the same position.

### START ON ATTACK

The attack positions appear set with Ed Belfield, Bud Wolfram and Jim Reed in the main roles. At the midfield posts, probable starters will be Bob Louis, Paul Raffensperger and either Jim Fulton or Jack Wilcox, who scored three goals against Navy.

Phil Benedetti, five-foot-three inch goalie, will undoubtedly be in the nets again on the strength of his fine showing last weekend. "He looked like an All-American," said Assistant Coach Ernie Baer.

Steve Sebo, newly appointed Michigan State freshman football coach, also starred in baseball as a Spartan undergraduate. Sebo, a catcher, led his team in hitting in 1935 with a .342 mark and boasted a fine .402 average in 1936.

Michigan State baseball team members have given catcher Bill Bower the nickname "Yogi," after Yogi Berra of the New York Yankees, because of their mutual like of comic books while on road trips.

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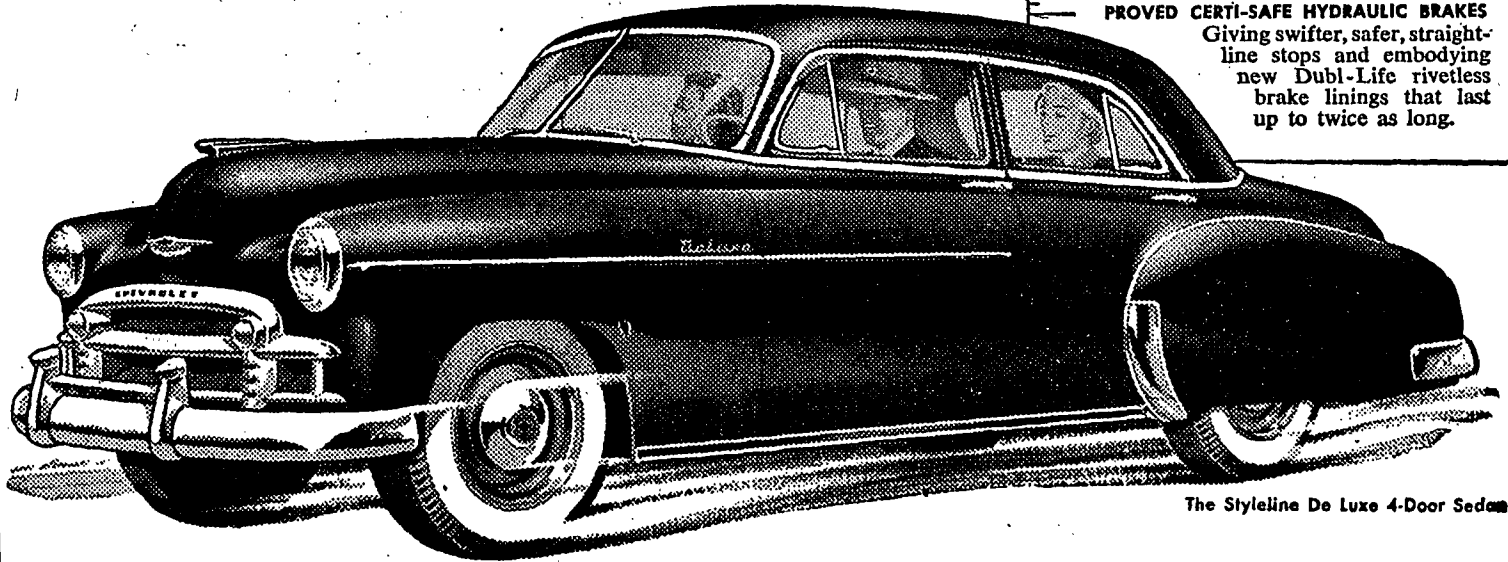
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