

Jeff Eyes National Honors In 25th Soccer Campaign

By BUD FENTON

Bill Jeffrey will spend his Silver Anniversary as coach of the Nittany Lion soccer forces trying to improve on the record he achieved during his twenty-fourth year. An improvement on a season which included eight victories and a tie for the national collegiate championship can mean but one thing—the undisputed possession of national honors.

Lion Court Team Accepts Spartan Tournament Bid

Another hint that the powers behind the Nittany Lion basketball machine are pointing toward bigger and better things popped up during the past summer.

On a day when soaring temperatures were more suitable to sunbathing than sports, came the news that for the second successive year Penn State's basketball team will participate in an inter-sectional tournament during the 1950 Christmas holidays.

2nd In Dixie Classic

Last year, cast as decided underdogs, the Nittany courtmen clawed their way into the finals of the Dixie Tournament at Raleigh, N. C., before bowing to North Carolina State.

This year's plans were divulged by H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, who announced a 23-game schedule, including the two-day Spartan Tournament at East Lansing, Mich., December 29-30, Princeton, Ohio State, and Michigan State are the other teams enrolled.

New Opponents

Newcomers to the schedule, which will open against Ithaca College, December 6, are Ithaca, Rhode Island State, and Lawrence Tech. The Lions will play Lawrence Tech at Detroit, January 2,

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Jeffrey, who began a quarter century ago to develop "boys with educated feet," is looking ahead to his eight 1950 opponents as potential additions to the 14-game winning streak now in progress.

The squad which will carry Penn State's colors this season has been working since September 11 on the golf course practice field. Fifty men have participated in these sessions, including six members of last year's starting eleven. Of these six, four are forwards, which could mean that the Lion offense will be stronger than ever.

The 1949 team was held to two goals only twice, by powerful Temple, who succumbed, 2-1, and in the January 1 Bowl Game when San Francisco tied State, 2-2.

Defensive Problems

The defense this year, however, presents a problem. One starter remains from the '49 club, fullback Bill Yerkes. A complete rebuilding job will be necessary, with George "Red" Emig, a reserve last year, and a host of sophomores being counted upon heavily. Impressive among these have been Frank Fulmer, Kurt Klaus, and Jack Charlton, all halfbacks, and Jay Simmons, a fullback.

Forward linemen who have been impressive in early drills are Gary Nugent and Gus Bigott, a 32-year-old former All-American who can still hold his own and better, even though playing with men ten years his junior.

on the way home from the Spartan Tournament, while Ithaca and Rhode Island State both will appear on the home floor.

'On The Ball'—

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But the high-and-mighty magistrate bade the game go on
And Liverlips fouled a slider that landed on a lawn
"Four-eyes" looking plateward, seeing the batter's muscles thrum

Thought, "I hope dey got cold water, 'cause I fear my time has come."

Our hero makes an awful curse and slams his bat upon the plate

Out squirts a quid of 'terbaccy, through teeth clenched in hate

And now poor Schultz he holds the ball, and now he lets it go
And now confetti darkens the sky as the fielder watches it go.

Oh, open the winder, Aunt Minnie, my Pirates are coming back

Yodels the happy troubadour prostrate upon his back
And filing out of old Forbes Field, jumpy as a flock of wrens,

The crowd is boasting 'cause old Liverlips came through for them again.

Lions Buck Eastern Powerhouse

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Lion six pointers. Mundell turned left end for nine yards to cap a 65-yard drive, while Jacob lugged a punt return for 60 yards and a touchdown. Jacob went 70 yards on a punt return against Bucknell Wednesday.

Hard-driving fullback Jim Pollard sparked a second-period State drive which fell short of scoring by one foot, while the

Lions missed another opportunity to score in the third period when sophomore guard Earl Hower recovered a fumble on the Raider 13. Mundell went around end for a first down on the four, but the Lions failed to crack over in four tries.

State will be at full strength for today's battle except for halfback Tony Orsini, who is still resting a dislocated shoulder. Quarterback Dick Koerber, out of action for almost two weeks with a bad knee, accompanied the team and was expected to see action today.

Nixon's 3-2 Effort Lifts Bosox To 2nd

The Boston Red Sox rallied for two runs in the ninth inning to down the Detroit Tigers, 3 to 2, in the only game scheduled in the American League yesterday.

The Bosox victory moved them into second place in the Junior circuit ahead of the Tigers. They trail the leading New York Yankees by one game with Detroit one-and-one-half games behind the Yanks.

Hal Newhouser of the Tigers and Willard Nixon, Boston hurler, were locked in a 1-1 mound duel until the eighth. Then Detroit moved ahead with a run in the bottom half of that frame. However, the Red Sox got to Newhouser and his successor Hal White for two runs in the ninth.

Ellis Kinder put the Tigers down in the final frame despite a lead-off walk. Nixon got the win and Newhouser the loss.

In the National League, the Chicago Cubs topped the fading Brooklyn Dodgers, 9 to 7, and the New York Giants shutout the St. Louis Cards, 13 to 0, behind the two-hit pitching of Larry Jansen.

Tommy Brown hit three homers for Brooklyn but Ron Northey's grand slam homer spelled defeat for Preacher Roe. The loss left the Brooks only a half-game ahead of the Giants.

New Spartan Assistant

John Benington, newly appointed assistant basketball coach at Michigan State, was a great cage performer for Spartan mentor Pete Newell at the University of San Francisco.

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