

# Aerial Contest Expected In Hoya-Lion Grid Clash

## State Faces Task Of Halting Attack Of G. U. Passers

If the meteorologists report strange disturbances in the area of State College Saturday afternoon they will probably be able to trace the phenomenon to Beaver Field, for the Fall air will be filled with man-propelled pigskin when the Nittany Lions and Georgetown's Hoyas open the 1950 football season.

While both Bob Margarita, the Hoyas' youthful coach, and State's Rip Engle rely heavily on the ground attack, neither has shown the disposition not to take to the air should the opportunity arise. Engle's pitching will be done by quarterbacks Vince O'Bara and Dick Koerber, and wingback Owen Dougherty, all of whom have been hitting with consistency in drills.

### Mattingly Ace Hoya Tossers

Doing the T-tossing for Margarita will be either Capt. Tommy Hardiman, or Frank Mattingly, the lad whose aerial blitzkrieg created no-man's lands all over opposition territory last year. Mattingly completed 67 out of 148 tosses in ten games in 1949. (Continued on page four)

## Giant Soph Bolsters Hoya Line



JACK MCGINN, 200-pound sophomore guard, will probably be in Georgetown's starting lineup when the Hoyas meet the Nittany Lions Saturday.

## Yankees, Phils Near Pennants

Time was running out for the contenders in the two major leagues today.

Both the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Yankees drew nearer their respective flags with important wins yesterday. The Yanks split a doubleheader with Washington and the Phils tripped the Boston Braves.

The Yankee split, coupled with Detroit's split with St. Louis, lowered to two the number of games the Yanks must win to gain the title. The World Champions lost the first game 11 to 9 but won the second 10 to 7. Detroit triumphed 5 to 3 after losing 3 to 1. The Red Sox were idle.

The Phillies followed a familiar script in winning yesterday. They came from behind twice to win 8 to 7.

The Dodgers won their game from the New York Giants by an 8 to 4 score behind Ralph Branca. But the Phils win reduced their magic number to three games.

Today the Yanks play Philadelphia in the Quaker City in a single game and Boston takes on Washington in friendly Fenway Park in a twinbill. In the National League the Phils play the Giants in two games and Brooklyn and Boston tangle in a double header.

## Soccermen Aim To Keep Unbeaten Streak Intact

With less than two weeks of soccer practice sessions remaining before the opening encounter of the season, Coach Bill Jeffrey's Lions are gradually molding themselves into a well-coordinated unit. This unit will attempt to add all ten 1950 opponents to the 14-game winning streak now in process.

The last team to vanquish the top team in Eastern Collegiate circles was Navy, early in the 1948 season. Many of the present Nittany booters have never seen or played with a losing Lion squad.

The question this year is not whether Jeff will come up with a good team but whether he will have a great team. With the return of last year's high scoring line, a good attack is almost a surety.

**Expect Lane to Shine**  
High scoring Joe Lane, will spearhead the offense from the center position. Working with him from the inside spots will be Captain Harry Little, a 1949 All-American selection, and clever, sure-footed Ron Coleman, a junior. Clarence Buss, a fast, hard-driving wingman will be at the peak of his career in his last season as a soccer Lion. His running mate at the other wing probably will be Gus Bigott, a 32-year-old, who returns to State after being selected as All-American in 1938, his last active season.

Given a good halfback line, this quintet could make beautiful

music in the goals of the ten 1950 scheduled opponents. The halfback line at the present time seems destined to be at least 66% sophomore.

## Lion Shrine Again Is Victim Of Vandalism

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In its ten years of existence at Penn State, the Lion Shrine near the entrance to New Beaver Field has been set upon by vandals or pranksters seven times.

In the latest act of vandalism, early Saturday morning, the Lion was smeared with white calamine and blue enamel. The word "Hoyas" was clearly daubed on the Nittany symbol. In addition, the initials "G. U." were scrawled on the pillars in front of Old Main and on the campus sidewalks.

**Committed At Early Hour**  
Like the previous sins, the painting was done in the early morning hours, and preceded an important athletic contest. Last fall, prior to the Villanova game, the Lion was painted, a large "V" was burned in the grass on Beaver Field, and paint was applied to the ticket booths.

This year, as last, the act was committed early in the week, leading local authorities to believe it may have been a prank by a local group to instill greater spirit against Georgetown.

Very few people knew of the latest escapade of the pranksters because the paint was quickly removed. In some of the earlier cases it took much longer to restore the Lion to its natural hue. But when it became apparent that the paintings were becoming an annual affair, the Lion received a protective, transparent coating which prevents paint from seeping into the pores of the statue.

Probably the worst painting the shrine ever received took place before a Temple football game, when it was liberally dosed with red paint. West Virginia games have apparently been the cause of two of the outbreaks. Villanova, Syracuse, and Pitt have also figured in the vandalisms.

## Pigskin Fever Invades College

On the Nittany recreation field, and on almost all fraternity lawns, the nippy weather has brought out almost a thousand men who engage themselves daily in tossing around the old grass-stained football in preparation for the intramural touch football season.

Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics at the College, reminded all fraternity and independent men yesterday that the deadline for entries for intramural touch football is today at 5 p.m.

Play is expected to begin by Friday and all games will be played under the lights at the New Beaver practice field.

Last season and during 1948 there was no more formidable independent outfit than the famous Coal Crackers, a touch football team whose members came largely from Mt. Carmel, Pa. In both of these Fall seasons, the Crackers ran up a total of eleven straight triumphs.

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