'On The Ball'

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Sports Editor

An uninitiated onlooker to Saturday's soccer clash between Penn State and Western Maryland may have likened the scene to a group of boys in short pants manipulating a ball the size and color of a small pumpkin with the conscientious dexterity of a Nijinsky.

But to a close follower of Nittany soccer it meant just one thing—Coach Bill Jeffrey, in his 25th term as booting mentor on the Nittany campus, has come up with another smashing offensive squad which will once again threaten for national honors.

Although the score of 3 to 1 in favor of the Lions was relatively small for a Penn State soccer team, it still did not come anywhere near giving an indication of the Lions' odds on superiority against the Green Terrors.

Over three-quarters of the time the Nittany squad, generated by the magnificent play-setting of All-American Harry Little and Clarence Buss, was operating deep within enemy territory. When, on occasion, the southern team did manage to bring the ball up over the midfield line, it was only to find their best laid plans smashed by a trio of rugged defensive killjoys in Frank Follmer, George 'Red' Emig, and Kurt Klaus.

Before the game it was not a question of which team was going to win but, rather, would Western Maryland have the defensive power to stop Jeffrey's hotshots which so far this season have been paced by a blond whirlwind named Joe Lane.

In the two games that the Lions have played to date, they have scored 14 times with Lane, the Baltimore Bullet, personally accounting for nine tallies.

Following the contest referee Lou Spealer, a wee bit of a mon but an official who is in complete control of the game at all times, agreed—"Looks like Jeff's boys really have it again. Although they didn't hit today they'll polish up within the next four or five games."

Spealer also took time to praise the Penn State team for its clean play afield. That small item is in itself a credit to Jeff's coaching technique. He gets the most out of his men through their sheer love of the game and a recognition of the soccer traditions standardized by the great Nittany teams of the past.

As for roughing a weaker team —Nix! "Soccer is rough enough without the extra embellishments," says Jeffrey, who is said to have been born with a bagpipe under one arm and a soccer ball under the other.

Call For Cage Mgrs.

There are still openings for second assistant managerships in basketball. All interested should sign at the Athletic association office in 107 Old Main.

Bides His Time Copying Passers . . .

NO RIVAL PASSER is unknown to Penn State's Tony Rados (above), a transfer who's spending his year of ineligibility by impersonating rival quarterbacks in scrimmage sessions.

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Ex-Notre Dame Gridder Tests Lion Pass Defense

Tony Rados, a strapping six-footer who is good enough right now to play for the Nittany Lions —but can't—is Penn State's top "impersonator" on the football field.

For the week before the Army game, the Steelton youth wore the toga of Bob Blaik as the Nittany Lion strove to tighten its pass defense in anticipation of an aerial avalanche at West Point.

Last week, the former Harrisburg Catholic High ace mastered the mannerisms of Syracuse's Bernie Custis as the Lion coaches endeavored to prepare their charges for another air bombardment at Syracuse.

This week, it is the same story again, and only the name will be different as Penn State's scouts strive to mould Rados into a reasonable acfsimile of Nebraska's passing ace, Fran Nagle.

Notre Dame Transfer

But Rados, who is 20 years old and a transfer from Notre Dame, does not object. On the contrary, he likes it.

"It gives me a chance to study our own team and the other teams Penn State will play in the future," Rados says. "I'd rather play in a real game, of course, but since I can't, this is the next best thing. I'm learning something all the time."

Rados, who's an inch over the six-foot mark, weighs 187 pounds and represents what Lion Coach Rip Engle regards as the ideal build for a quarterback in the wing-T.

Because he chose Notre Dame when he graduated from high school, then changed his mind after a year at the South Bend institution, the Steelton youth must sacrifice a year of athletic eligibility.

Lions Outgained, Statistics Show

Official statistics for the first three games of the 1950 season show Penn State's gridders far behind their opponents in net yardage and touchdown production.

To date the Lions have totaled 700 yards, 411 on the ground and 289 through the air, while the opposition has reeled off 1019 yards, 759 overland and 260 via the airlanes. The Blue and White has scored 7 touchdowns and 6 extra points for 48 points, while the opposition has tallied 12 times and converted 10 for 82 points.

Orsini Paces Backs

Halfback Tony Orsini is the leading ground-gainer and scorer for Coach Rip Engle's crew. Orsini has accounted for 112 yards and 2 touchdowns. He is followed by sophomore fullback Ted Shattuck who has 103 yards to his credit.

Quarterback Vince O'Bara, who has completed 11 passes in 34 attempts, is the leader in the pitching department with 136 yards. He is closely followed by second-line quarterback Dick Koerber, who has connected 8 of 14 attempts for 107 yards and two touchdowns. O'Bara has one touchdown heave to his credit.

Art Betts is the leading pass catcher, having hauled in 5 passes for 65 yards and one touchdown. John Smidansky, who did not play Saturday because of the death of his mother, has caught 6 passes for 50 yards and one TD.

DU, PKS, Acacia Mermen Submerge IM Swim Foes

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Acacia easily submerged respective opponents in a tri-dual meet yesterday afternoon at Glennland Pool as the second round of competition for the fraternity mermen got under way.

In the opener Delta Upsilon outscored Theta Chi, 25-16; Phi Kappa Sigma dunked Alpha Chi Rho, 37-3; and Acacia edged Alpha Zeta, 24-13.

DU's Bud Nicholson displayed some spectacular low board diving for the winners. Bob Richardson, PK's winged-mermen, sparked his team to victory with a double triumph. Richardson won the 60-yard free-style, diving and was also on the winning relay team. Acacia also produced a double winner in Tom Schrettler. Schrettler won the 60-yard free-style and diving honors. PKS and DU will compete against each other in the first quarter fraternity finals on Oct. 26.

On today's IM swimming agenda six fraternity teams will see action. Sigma Nu will meet Lambda Chi Alpha; Alpha Sigma Phi faces Tau Kappa Epsilon; and Phi Epsilon Pi is pitted against Chi Phi. Both SN and ASP will be aiming for their second wins of the campaign.

IM Golf Entry Deadline Today

All entries for the intramural golf tournament must be turned in to the IM office in Rec hall by 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The medal tourney will get under way Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and wind up Sunday afternoon. Eighteen holes of golf will be played each day.

"Dutch" Sykes, assistant director of intramurals, has reported that entries have been coming in slowly. However, he expects at least 45 fraternities to be represented in the tournament, along with a large number of individual independent entries.

The entry fee is 50 cents per person. Fraternities may enter two men each while independents may enter as individuals.

Sigma Nu Gains First IM Grid Win

Intramural touch football moved into its eighth round last night.

Sigma Nu, last year's IM football champs, started the current season on the right track as Owen Wilkenson's passing and punting led them to a 12-0 win over Alpha Sigma Phi. In the opener, Omega Psi Phi spent most of the game in Delta Tau Delta's territory, but DTD edged out their rivals in overtime, 1-0. Dorm 38 downed Penn State Club, 6-0, and the Dragons won by forfeit from Dorm 21.

Tonight's gridiron activities matches the Brownies against McElwain Hall at 7 o'clock; Phi Kappa Psi meets Phi Kappa at 7:45; at 8:30 the Newman Club tangles with the Trilobites; and at 9:15 Alpha Epsilon Pi vs. Sigma Phi Sigma.

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