

Track Drills Start; Seek Candidates

Veterans on the Nittany track squad began hard workouts this week for the fast approaching cinder season but Coach Chick Werner could not emphasize enough the need for new candidates, whether or not they have had previous experience.

All new candidates, freshman and varsity, should report to Coaches Werner or Norm Gordon this week in Rec hall but are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Meeting Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a meeting of both new and old candidates in the water tower behind Beaver field.

Werner is a firm believer that many a potential trackman like the flower in the poem "is born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air" simply because the initial attempt is never made.

Take the case of the captain of the Lion's National cross-country champions, Bill Ashenfelter. Long-striding Bill never had run a competitive race in his life until his sophomore year at Penn State. All he had was the inspiration from a great running brother, Horace. Now look at him!

Places For All

Track and field teams have a place for all types of abilities and body builds. Strong men, for weights, jumpers, gymnasts for events like the pole vault, swift runners for the dashes and stamina-packed lads for the distances all find a place.

The schedule of meets is: April 27-28 — Penn Relays, Franklin Field, Philadelphia. May 5 — Navy, Annapolis, Md. May 19 — Pitt, West Virginia, Pittsburgh. May 26 — Intercollegiate, Franklin Field, Philadelphia. June 5 — Nationals, Seattle, Washington.

Quarterback Quest Poses Grid Worry

Under cloudy and rain-threatening skies, Nittany Lion football Coach Rip Engle and his staff of assistants yesterday afternoon began a quest for a new quarterback to run the Lions' wing-T formation as spring drills opened.

With the practices scheduled to last five weeks, Engle will drill the candidates in the intricacies of the wing-T and attempt to place the men in positions for which they are best suited. Engle emphasized, however, that fundamentals would be stressed throughout the period.

Engle's big job will be to find a replacement at quarterback for the graduating Vince O'Bara.

\$64 Question

"That's the \$64 dollar question," was the way Sever Toretti, line coach, explained the situation.

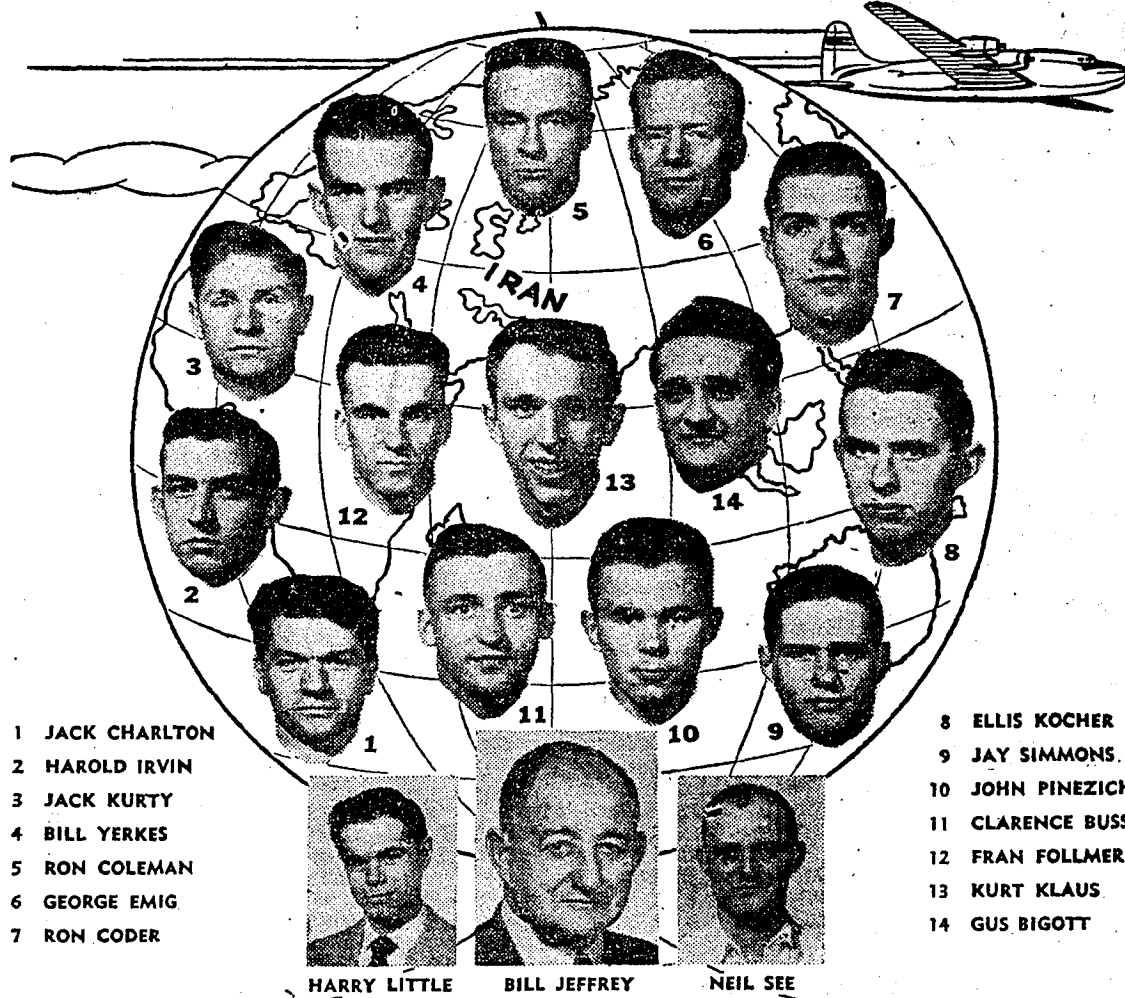
Engle emphasized the importance of finding a quarterback to handle the tricky Penn State formation.

"You will never see a good football team that doesn't have a quarterback who has played a couple of years," he said.

O'Bara Commended

O'Bara turned in a fine job last season when Engle introduced the wing-T in the Nittany Vale, but facing the fact that O'Bara won't be around to call the signals this year, Engle is looking for a quarterback that he can count on for several seasons play.

Last year, Engle's first at the helm of the Nittany gridders, Penn State turned in a record of five wins, three losses, and a tie—a much better record than was expected from a team riddled by graduation losses.



- 1 JACK CHARLTON
- 2 HAROLD IRVIN
- 3 JACK KURTY
- 4 BILL YERKES
- 5 RON COLEMAN
- 6 GEORGE EMIG
- 7 RON CODER

- 8 ELLIS KOCHER
- 9 JAY SIMMONS
- 10 JOHN PINEZICH
- 11 CLARENCE BUSS
- 12 FRAN FOLLMER
- 13 KURT KLAUS
- 14 GUS BIGOTT

HARRY LITTLE BILL JEFFREY NEIL SEE

PENN STATE'S NATIONAL championship collegiate soccer team, coached by the veteran Bill Jeffrey, is now in the Middle East playing Iran's best on a rapid-fire tour envisioned by the State department at Washington as an international goodwill mission. The Iranian Ath-

letic association extended the invitation through the State department and College officials readily agreed. The team, which boasts all-American Harry Little of Dover, has been licked only once in its last 24 American starts. Jeffrey, Manager Neil See, and 15 players comprise the party.

Troisi Is Found Ineligible; Little, Buss To Miss Baseball Opener

By LOWELL KELLER

Penn State's varsity baseball squad was dealt a severe blow yesterday when it was learned that Carmen Troisi, 1950's first-string shortstop, will be ineligible for the coming campaign. Troisi, who is in the School of Agriculture, was dropped from the nine because of an academic deficiency.

Troisi played in a number of last season's contest when Chris Tonnelly was hurt in an auto accident. Carmen hadn't been hitting too well at the start of the year, but when he finally dented the line-up, his average climbed considerably. He is a fiery-type player, always gabbing, and was one of the best fielders on the squad.

Coach Joe Bedenk said that "Carmen will be sorely missed this year since shortstop is a tough position to fill and he was one of two regular infielder returnees from last year."

With the season's first battle scheduled for April 7 with Western Maryland, Bedenk now has an extra breach in his starting array. Two other positions to be filled are third base and catcher since Harry Little, of Dover, regular third sacker, and Clarence Buss, veteran backstop of Watertown, are currently overseas with the soccer team on its goodwill tour of the Middle East.

The Lion coach has been trying new sets of infielders all this week in an attempt to come up with the right combo. Guesses for the Troisi-vacated slot are Captain Bill Ondick, of Munnhall, and Paul Mowry, the speedy infielder from Meshoppen. Both Mowry and Bill Mihalich are still fighting it out for the keystone post.

Chris Tonnelly is tentatively slated for the third-base position, while Stan Laganosky, of Eckley, and Jim Pollard are contenders for the first base job.

Bill Leonard, of State College, and John "Gus" Vogt are vying for the backstop spot, while the opposite end of the battery is still extremely hazy.

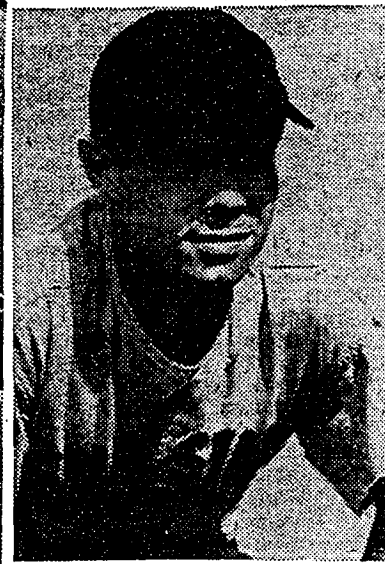
Football Managers

Candidates for assistant managers of varsity football are to sign up in 104 Old Main today.

Vacated Infield Spots Must Be Filled



CARMEN TROISI Shortstop Whiz Sidelined



HARRY LITTLE 3rd Baseman Now In Iran

Ten-Minute Quarters Replace Halves For NCAA, AAU, YMCA

MINNEAPOLIS, March 29 (AP)—College, AAU and YMC basketball games will be played in 10-minute quarters in the future instead of 20-minute halves, the joint rules committee voted today.

The change was the only one made in the code by the group which controls the playing of the game in both the United States and Canada. The committee is made up of representatives from the NCAA, or collegiate phase of the game, the AAU, YMCA, high schools and of Canada.

The high schools will continue playing eight-minute quarters.

The interval between the first and second quarters and between the third and fourth quarters was cut to one minute. Previously the high schools had been given a two-minute rest. All quarters will start with a jump ball.

The law makers, who had been asked by the coaches not to tamper with the rules, also said that some games in the Big Seven

conference would be played under an experimental rule that would prohibit the waiving of the free throw. If the toss is made, the offended team would retain possession but if the throw is missed the ball would continue in play.

The Pacific Coast conference will try another version in some of its games. In the west the waiving of the free throw also will be prohibited and all personal fouls in the final three minutes will be two-shot affairs.

Penn State's team victory in the 1951 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling association championships was its tenth in 33 years.

Freshman Baseball

Candidates for the freshman baseball team should report to Coach Oggie Martella on Beaver field between 3:30 and 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Lion Mitt Entries Await Nat'l Test

Penn State's four entries in the NCAA Boxing tournament at East Lansing, Mich. next weekend stand a good chance of piling up enough points to make the Lions a power to be reckoned with in the final standings.

That's by way of saying that the current entries might even do as well as last year's group. At that time Chuck Drazenovich took the national heavyweight title and Pat Heims finished runner-up in the 155-lb. class.

Of the four Lions making the trip, two have had previous experience in the national tournament. Frank Gross, 135 lbs., and John Albarano, 145 lbs., participated in last year's NCAA tourney in Rec hall. Lou Koszarek, 165 lbs., who fought six bouts at 155 lbs. last year, did not take part in the tournament. Heims, representing Penn State at this weight, was the surprise of the tourney, winning two bouts before bowing to Eli Thomas, of Gonzaga university.

Although Koszarek and Sam Marino, 125 lbs., will be new to national competition, neither will lack ring experience. Koszarek, along with Albarano, is a current Eastern champion, and a veteran of sixteen bouts. Marino, in his first year of collegiate competition, took part in all seven dual meets, and one bout in the Eastern tournament.

SCOOP...



Ray Koehler Collegian Sports Editor

Since arriving on the Penn State campus in 1948, Ray Koehler, the Daily Collegian's lanky sports editor, has achieved several noteworthy "firsts."

While assisting in the editing of the official AIM organ The Independent last spring, Koehler was pledged to Pi Kappa Phi, thus probably becoming the first fraternity member to edit an independent publication.

He is also probably the only person in Penn State journalistic history to simultaneously assume the sports editing positions of three campus publications—Collegian, The Independent, and LaVie.

Collegian Whiperacker

Koehler's Collegian ascent was greatly influenced by Tom Morgan and Elliot Crane, former sports editors. Known variously as "Scoop" and "Mad Man Koehler," because of his personal drive, the six-foot two-inch journalism major began his campus career by covering the varsity basketball and lacrosse squads.

A two-letter man in baseball and basketball at Wilson high school in West Lawn, Ray, in his frosh term, directed the press relations of the Kutztown Teachers college. Last summer he was employed by the College's Department of Public Information.

As a result of his association with the Nittany sports scene, Koehler has contributed numerous articles to newspapers and magazines. He is a firm advocate of pointing out the human side of athletics as well as translating the news peg.

Ray Says: I always try to drop into Gramham's for a few minutes every day. I'm always sure to meet some of the boys who are making the sport headlines at State.

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