

The Lion's Lair

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Football Around Corner

Well, summer has rolled past and here we are again knocking at the gates of the football season. In another three weeks, Rip Engle will trot his 1951 version of the Nittany Lion, grid machine onto Beaver Field to officially open the football season at Penn State.

As in every year previous, Penn State fans hope that this will be the year that the Nittany Lions will roar the loudest.

Faced with the toughest schedule, a State football team has seen in many a year, the Ripper and his staff have their work cut out for them. In his first season as head coach, Engle did a splendid job in leading the Lions to a 5-3-1 record. A like performance this season against such formidable opponents would be a job well done. Anything better than that would be a feather in Rip Engle's bonnet.

You can be sure of one thing. Engle will get the best out of Penn State's football team. And maybe even more. There might be some surprises passed out before this season has seen its last day. That's all we'll say now. We'll let the team speak for itself.

A lot has happened on the State

sports scene since we last dropped into The Lion's Lair and now is just as good a time as any to pick up the loose ends.

Just before we left last spring, Pitcher Owen Dougherty was named to the District 2 All-Star team and Outfielder Bill Hopper was named to the second team.

Owen Landon, captain of last year's tennis squad, went to the semi-finals of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association tennis tourney before bowing out to Bill Lisk of Colgate. But before being beaten, Landon upset top-seeded Ronnie Ryan of Colgate.

Ted Roderer, winner of the IC4-A javelin throw, finished fifth in the NCAA meet with a toss of 208 feet.

State X-Country Team Will Defend IC4-A, NCAA Titles

By JAKE HIGHTON

Of all the outstanding athletic teams in Penn State's sports history, the Nittany Lions' National Collegiate Champion cross-country team last fall must be ranked as one of the greatest of them all.

The 1950 Lion harriers climaxed an unbeaten dual meet season with a sweep of both the Intercollegiate and the National Collegiate hill-and-dale titles.

Rugged Schedule

But this is 1951 and the head which wears the crown lies very uneasy. Every opponent on State's rugged schedule—the best in the East are carded—look forward with glee to their engagement with the Lions and a chance to upset the defending champions.

Worst of all, everyone of State's foes has the potential to topple the nation's cross-country king. Army, Manhattan, Michigan State and New York University finished in that order behind Penn State in the IC-4A five mile run last year. All four foes are vastly improved and all four meet the Lions this fall.

Pitt Strong

Also on the Blue and White running slate are Pittsburgh and Cornell. Pitt, the stronger of the two, will field the same team as a year ago which means a stronger and far wiser team after a year of experience behind them.

Unfortunately for head coach Chick Werner, who begins his 19th season, and his assistant Norm Gordon, their "experience" left with the graduated national champs.

Few Returnees

A few letter-winning holdovers, freshman returnees and any unheralded newcomers will battle one another to gain the team's "wide open" running positions.

All new students with or without previous track experience should see coaches Werner and Gordon in Recreation Hall as soon as possible.

Schedule

Pitt, Oct. 6, home; Cornell, Oct. 13, home; Michigan State, Oct. 20, home; Army, Oct. 26, at West Point.

NYU, Nov. 3, home; Manhattan, Nov. 10, at New York; IC-4A, Nov. 19, at New York; NCAA, Nov. 26, at East Lansing, Michigan.

Frosh, Sophs Must Take Phys Ed

All freshmen and sophomore men at the College are required to take physical education.

Freshmen are required to take four semesters while sophomore transfers must take two semesters regardless of whether they have taken physical education before.

An adaptive course, phys ed 10, is available for students who are physically unable to take the regular physical education course.

Swimming Tests

Students participating in an intercollegiate sport will be excused from their phys ed classes only when that sport is in season. Any students that might fall in this class are reminded that they must attend their first class.

All new students must take the swimming classification test this week. Non-swimmers and beginners will be scheduled for swimming the first semester. Glennland Pool will be open starting at 9 a.m. tomorrow for the tests.

Towel Service

Students scheduled for phys ed or swimming must obtain a towel ticket from the Bursar's office in Willard Hall. The ticket will entitle the student to towel service in Rec Hall. A \$2 deposit which will be refunded at the end of the year will be required.

All freshmen must buy a regulation gym uniform, including shoes, trunks, supporter, sweat shirt, and reversible jersey.

More Losses Than Wins

Penn State's nine 1951 football opponents won 35, lost 45, and tied 1 during the 1950 campaign.

Intramural Program Has Wide Variety of Athletics

Headed by Eugene Bischoff and his assistant, Clarence "Dutch" Sykes, Penn State's intramural athletic program, run the year around, is one of the finest in the country.

Seventeen intramural tournaments will be held this year, offering a sport for every athlete's taste.

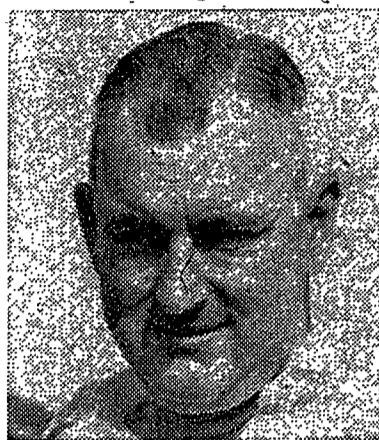
Touch football will open the program this month and before the soccer schedule is played off in the spring, intramural athletes will be able to enter tournaments in tennis singles and doubles, handball singles and doubles, golf medal and team play, horseshoe singles and doubles, basketball, boxing, wrestling, badminton, swimming, track, and volleyball. Last year, softball competition was dropped because of a lack of facilities. It will return to the IM scene this

year if spring football is dropped by the College.

The intramural schedule is run in two divisions, fraternity and independent. Fraternity and independent teams do not compete against each other.

Fraternity teams compete for the all-year fraternity championship trophy which is awarded to the fraternity amassing the highest number of points during the entire program. Team trophies are also awarded to the winner of each tournament.

Cross-Country Coach



CHICK WERNER

Football Season Tickets on Sale

The deadline for faculty members and other College personnel to return football season ticket applications is September 15.

Applications are being honored on a "first come, first serve" basis, according to H. R. "Ike" Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics. All seats will be located between the goal line and the 35-yard line in the West stands. Each employee is entitled to buy two tickets, priced at \$9.60 each, federal tax included.

The tickets will entitle the holder to a reserved seat at the four home games with Boston University, Michigan State, West Virginia, and Syracuse. The season opens with Boston University September 29.

Penn State 10-Year Football Record Ninth in Country

Penn State's football teams over the last ten years rank ninth in the country in win-loss percentage, an NCAA compilation revealed recently.

State's record of 61 wins, 22 defeats, and 4 ties was good enough to place the Lions among the ten top teams in the country.

The Nittany Lions' only unbeaten, untied team during the ten year period was in 1947 when they were awarded the Lambert Trophy and climaxed the season with a 13-13 tie with Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas.

The State teams of 1942 and 1948 were beaten only once. In 1941 and 1946, two defeats marred their records. During the war years of 1943, 1944, and 1945, the Lions dropped three games in each season.

Only Notre-Dame, Army, Michigan, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Oklahoma can top Penn State's record.

Football Managers

Candidates for second assistant managership of varsity football will please sign up in 107 Old Main as soon as possible.

Powerful Opponents—

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forces have cut Coach Floyd Schwartzwalder's returning lettermen from 28 to 18, the Orange is expected to be one of the top independents in the East this season.

Both quarterback Bernie Custis and his prospective replacement, Mario Domenici are gone, but Schwartzwalder should have a capable replacement in Bruce Yancey who played for the Syracuse frosh last season. Jim George, 215-pound line backer, and Gene Austin, 203-pound guard, will return to bolster the Orange defense.

RUTGERS, Nov. 17 at New Brunswick—Thirty returning lettermen make Scarlet prospects brighter than they've been in years—Jimmy Monahan and Bob D'Amato return at the halfback posts and Walt LaPrarie at quarterback.

Donald Duncan and Joe Ambrose will share the center duties which are vacated by Leon Root's graduation.

PITT, Nov. 24 at Pittsburgh—All records going into this game can be ignored. When Pitt and Penn State meet, it's no quarter asked, no quarter given—Bob Bestwick, who all but ruined State's 21-20 win over the Panther's last season, returns at quarterback to give Captain Tom Hamilton a capable field general in his first season as coach at Pitt.

Joe Capp, Bill Reynolds, and Lou Cimarolli will give Pitt plenty of punch in the offensive department. Cimarolli led Pitt's frosh to an undefeated season last year. Manny Campa, frosh quarterback last year, will move up to help spell Bestwick with the passing duties.

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