

# Lion Soccer Team Hit Hard By Graduation; Eight Lost

When Penn State soccer coach Bill Jeffrey calls roll for the start of this his 26th season as head mentor at State College, he will find the nucleus of his New Year's Day National Soccer Bowl winning and Iranian touring team gone.

And what a nucleus the eight men lost to graduation formed. Among them were two-time All-American booter Harry Little and once-honored as All-American, Venezuelan Gus Bigot.

**Lose Buss**  
Also not returning are second team All-American Clarence Buss, fullbacks Jack Kurty and Bill Yerkes, shutout specialist goalie Ron Coder, halfback Red Emig and team high-scorer Bullet Joe Lane.

The men who are returning to the lineup, however, with the coaching wizardry of the amiable Scot whose teams have won 139, lost only 20 and tied 24 contests over 25 seasons, are not likely to hurt Penn State's soccer reputation.

**Went to Iran**  
This reputation reached even to the United States State Department last spring when it chose the Lion booters to go on a good will tour to Iran. Although the Lion booters lost 2 of 3 games to all-star teams of three Iranian cities, they scored a tremendous diplomatic success.

Last fall the Lion kicking eleven had a skein of 21 straight victories and appeared headed for their 14th unbeaten season under 1948 Olympic coach Jeffrey. But West Chester Teacher's College upset the dope by scoring a bitterly-fought 1-0 extra period victory. It was the lone loss of a season with eight victories.

**Win Bowl**  
The National Soccer Association nevertheless still rated the Lions as best in the East and awarded them a New Years bowl game with the West's best, the Purdue Soccer club. Penn State justified the selection with a 3-1 victory.

**Schedule**  
Bucknell, Oct. 6, home; Army, Oct. 12, at West Point; Western Maryland, Oct. 17, home; Navy, Oct. 20, at Annapolis; Maryland, Oct. 24, away; Colgate, Oct. 27, at Hamilton.

North Carolina, Nov. 10, home; Gettysburg, Nov. 17, home; Temple, Nov. 24, home.

**Spartans Were Tops**  
Of Penn State's nine 1951 football opponents, Michigan State compiled the best 1950 record—an 8-1 log against top-flight teams.

**Protege of Lawther**  
Elmer Gross, Penn State basketball coach, is a protege of John Lawther, his predecessor in this position.

## Soccer Coach



BILL JEFFREY

## Penn State Offers Eleven Varsity Sports

Penn State's athletic program offers 11 varsity sports for the students to enjoy as a spectator or participant.

Football, soccer, and cross-country take up the fall season. The indoor season opens with basketball, with wrestling, boxing, and gymnastics falling close behind.

The spring brings baseball, track, lacrosse, and tennis. In previous years, State was represented in 16 sports but five were dropped last spring. The sports dropped were golf, fencing, swimming, skiing, and rifle.

The head coaches of the respective teams are: football, Rip Engle; cross-country and track, Chick Werner; soccer, Bill Jeffrey; basketball, Elmer Gross; wrestling, Charlie Spiedel; boxing, Eddie Sulkowski; gymnastics, Gene Wettstone; baseball, Joe Bedenk; lacrosse, Nick Thiel; tennis, Sherm Fogg.

A new turf has been planted at Beaver Field for the forthcoming football season. Groundkeepers say the field will be in perfect condition for Penn State's opening test against Boston University September 29.

## State in Bowl Games Twice

The Nittany Lion football records show that Penn State has played in two post-season bowl games, once in the Rose Bowl and once in the Cotton Bowl.

In 1923, Southern California topped the Lions 14-3 in the rose classic. In 1948, State tied Southern Methodist, 13-13, in the Cotton Bowl.

The longest unbeaten string by a State football team came between 1919 and 1922 when the Lions went unbeaten in 30 games. Only five ties marred a perfect record.

**109 Points**  
Highest grid score by a State team was amassed by the 1920 squad when it defeated Lebanon Valley, 109-7. The highest score by an opponent was the 106 points by Lehigh in 1889.

Penn State holds six major college single season records. In 1947, the Lions held their opponents to 17.0 yards rushing per game and .64 per play. Both are NCAA standards.

**Pass Defense**  
In 1938, Penn State's team set four pass defense marks—fewest passes completed by opponents (13-1), fewest yards per opponents' pass attempt (1.78), fewest passes completed by opponents (10), lowest percentage completed by opponents (16.9).

The only individual major college record held by a State player is the one set by Chuck Peters in 1940 when he averaged 52.2 yards per kickoff return.

**Watchful Waiting**  
Thirty-five years elapsed between Penn State's first (1912) and second (1947) unbeaten, untied football season.

## Rogel Meets Pro Opponents In Army

Corporal Fran (Punchy) Rogel, former Penn State great on the gridiron, recently had a reunion at Fort Meade, Maryland, with two other ex-collegiate and professional football stars.

Clyde Tonnemaker, Green Bay Packer center and All-American at Minnesota, and Len Szafaryn, Green Bay guard and Grantland Rice All-American at North Carolina, got together with the ex-Penn Stater at the Post Fieldhouse. "Punchy," before going into the U.S. Army, was the Pittsburgh Steelers first team fullback.

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