

Grid Injury List Keeps Growing

If Penn State manages to field a full football squad for the Boston University opener, Sept. 29, a good deal of the credit will have to go to Doc Greiss, team physician, Chuck Medlar, team trainer, and the rest of the assistant trainers who've been working with the Lions almost as long and hard as Rip Engle and his coaching staff.

Putting the Lions through the closest thing to actual games as possible—intra-squad scrimmages—in order to give the men practical experience, Engle's practice plans have all but been upset by the ever increasing injury list.

Pollard Hurt Again

In Monday night's scrimmage, Bob Pollard, No. 1 man at wing-back, suffered a contusion of the hip as did guard Don Barney. Defensive tackle Dick Cripps also was forced to the sidelines with a muscle strain.

Pollard had just returned to contact work after being sidelined for a week with a bad charley horse. Both he and Barney will be forced out of scrimmages for another week. Cripps should be able to scrimmage again in a couple of days, according to Trainer Chuck Medlar.

List Grows

These three will join halfback Ted Shattuck, quarterbacks Tony Rados and John MacAvoy, center Joe Shumock, and guard Pete Schoderbek on the "unavailable for scrimmage" list.

The injury problem is beginning to get real serious what with a number of key men unable to take part in any contact work. With Shattuck and Pollard not expected back for another week and the Boston University game just a week and a half away, State's backfield punch might not be as sharp as it could be in the season opener.

Three Backs Out

Rados is expected to ready in a few days but even that's not certain. With Pollard, Shattuck, and Rados out, that leaves only Paul Anders from the first team backfield able to participate in scrimmages.

Although the injuries have undoubtedly hurt the Lions' progress, Engle reports that the team spirit is still high and hopes it will stay that way.

"We only hope that the breaks will even themselves out as the season progresses," Rip commented.

Writers Challenge Lion Football Team To Guessing Game

It's a challenge! The Daily Collegian society of sorry swamis throws down the gauntlet to the Nittany Lion football squad, and dares it to join the scribes in putting its foot in its mouth every Friday.

Each year four Collegian sports staffers join to predict the outcome of the weekend's top football contests. Each year they do pretty badly. Each year the ball-players have a hearty laugh at the efforts of the sportswriters.

So this year the writers challenge the football team to do any better. They offer the Lions the chance to send a man up against them every week, to match his forecasts against theirs. The percentages of the writers will be averaged and chalked up against that of the ballplayer.

Here's your chance, Lions. Put up or pipe down.

Nine-Game Card

Penn State's traditionally strong soccer team will undertake a nine-game schedule in 1951.

AIM Bowling League

The Association of Independent Men's bowling league will have a meeting at the Beaver House, 329 E. Beaver avenue, at 7:30 p.m., Monday. Non-fraternity students are eligible to enter this league. Only one representative from each team is required to attend the meeting.

Injured Again



BOB POLLARD

Allen, Stern To Describe Grid Games

A topnotch pair of announcing "teams," Mel Allen and Bob Stanton, and Bill Stern and Joe Hasel will describe 19 college football games televised this season by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, on NBC and affiliated stations.

First video games on the Westinghouse-NCAA schedule are for Sept. 29 when the Eastern states will see the Pittsburgh-Duke contest and the Princeton-Columbia game will be received in the mid-west.

J. M. McKibbin, Westinghouse Vice-President in charge of consumer products, said, "We have been successful in arranging a most attractive schedule. We are also happy that Westinghouse has been able to secure such outstanding announcers. These four men represent 60 years of radio and television football and will add to the viewing of the nation's top games."

Allen and Stanton will air the Notre Dame-SMU, Oct. 13, and Michigan-Ohio State, Nov. 24 games carried on NBC's full 52 stations. Stern and Hasel announce the Illinois-Wisconsin Oct. 6 game to the full network.

Both "teams" will be heard throughout the fall doing games exclusively for eastern viewers and others for western viewers.

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Freshmen Will Have Rough Time Breaking into X-Country Lineup

By JAKE HIGHTON

Of all the Penn State freshman athletes eligible to compete on varsity sport squads this year, it is doubtful if any has a harder path toward achieving that goal than frosh cross-country runners.

For the naturally burly griddler, husky boxer or skillful wrestler, basketball or baseball player it is still quite a feat to make a Penn State varsity as first-year man but nothing compared to the achievement it would be if one of the twenty-odd freshman candidates for the x-country team made the grade this fall.

Five Mile Jaunt

No matter how "natural" any of this season's frosh may be, the fact that they are confronted with a five-mile run for the first time in their lives makes their attempts to make the varsity most unnatural.

In high school, if the frosh runners ever did run x-country it was never more than two and one-half or three miles. It is probable that many of the budding Penn State hill-and-dalers

never ran a race of more than one mile in their lives.

With freshman x-country re-introduced here last fall after a seven-year lapse, it gave the young runners a gradual step before moving up to varsity five-mile competition as sophomores. Freshman races were only three miles.

No Frosh Squad

But the frosh harrier sport is again a thing of the past. Frosh runners are faced with the Paul Bunyan-like task of going two extra miles before they are physically developed for such a grind. In x-country each succeeding mile gets mighty long.

Distance-running maturity doesn't come until later in the twenty-year age bracket. That's the main reason varsity track Coach, Chick Werner doesn't approve of kids fresh from high school running five miles.

In all the 19 years of Coach

Werner's reign as head Nittany track coach, and most likely before, there has only been one man who could have made the varsity if he had been eligible. For that extraordinary athlete Werner harks back to 1937 and a Lion frosh Intercollegiate x-country champion, Billy Smith.

May Be Surprised

Although the silver-thatched Werner would not commit himself he did let a hint slip that it was possible that by the time the third or fourth meet rolled around and a couple of the frosh had "found" the distance, some varsity men might be greatly "surprised."

Who could possibly be another Billy Smith? It is not likely that anyone will be. However, the names of Tom Dembuski and Lamont Smith ought to be tucked away in a small corner of the track fans brain.

Coleman Is Sure Starter For Booters

With a little more than two weeks remaining before the opener against Bucknell, the Lion soccer team now is rapidly rounding into shape.

In the front line, where State lost the heaviest by graduation, Jeffrey has but one sure starter. At the present time, Captain Ron Coleman, inside left, is the only one assured of a starting berth.

Soph May Start

At the wing positions, sophomore Hap Irvin and Gil Hess seem to have the inside track. Irvin was one of two frosh who made the now-famous Iran trip. The other was Jack Pinezich, a second semester freshman who might open up against Bucknell at inside right, Harry Little's old position.

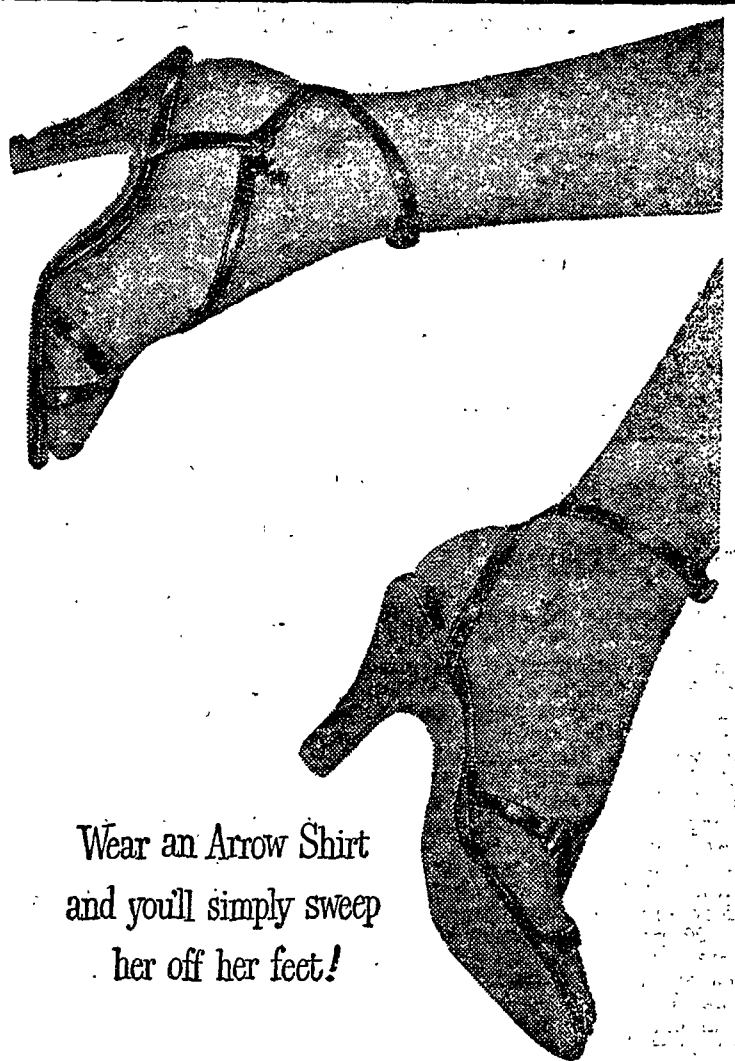
The other forward spot, center, is a battle between junior Ellis Kocher and sophomore Don Shirk. Should Kocher receive the nod come Oct. 6, then Jeffrey might possibly shift Shirk to an inside position. On the other hand, should Shirk start against the Bisons from Lewisburg, then Kocher might be moved over to a wing position. Both men are, nevertheless, good control men and good ball handlers.

Another battle looms at the
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