

# The Nittany Realm

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In 1820, Harvard and Yale established the first football battlegrounds in America. On the first day of the school year the freshmen engaged the sophomores as a part of the frosh hazing program. While the frosh were forced to aim their kicks at the ball, the sophs aimed theirs at the frosh shins.

If the frosh turned their backs the soph kicks landed elsewhere. These "class day games" were soon abandoned; however, since they provoked too many injuries.

The first intercollegiate football game in America was played between Princeton and Rutgers in 1869 under rules drawn up by Henry Chadwick, the so-called "Father of Baseball." With both teams using an unlimited number of players, Rutgers came out on top six goals to four. The two teams met again the following Saturday with Princeton the victor, 6-0.

Cornell organized a team in 1873 and challenged Michigan to a game in Cleveland with 30 men on a side. When the Big Red team asked the university President White for permission to miss class to play in the game, the President gave forth with the following choice statement: "I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind."

In 1875 Harvard challenged Yale to a "game of football" and Yale accepted. After a great deal of dickering as to whether the game should be played under soccer or rugby rules, a compromise set of rules was agreed upon. In a hodge-podge contest leaning strongly toward rugby regulations, Harvard downed Yale, 4-0.

The Yale boys, however, liked

the rugby style of play because they could run and dodge with the ball, and so when the two schools were invited to a conference in Springfield, Mass., for the purpose of forming a governing body for football they agreed to back Harvard in advocating rugby over soccer.

The American Intercollegiate Football Association, as this governing body came to be called, made up of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers, and Columbia, wrote out the first set of rules deviating for the first time from the strict soccer rules of earlier seasons.

Before 1906 brawn was the greatest asset on the field. The "open game" was an unknown thing and end runs were considered a waste of time. The team with the most weight won.

In 1905 Penn and Swarthmore tangled. The Penn slogan was "Stop Bob Maxwell." Maxwell was one of the greatest linemen in the country, and the Penn boys knew they were lost unless they held him down. So throughout the entire afternoon Penn aimed its biggest guns at Maxwell. The Swarthmore great stuck it out and when he left the field his face was a bloody wreck.

A photographer snapped his picture as he was leaving, and President Teddy Roosevelt happened to see it the next morning in the paper. Roosevelt became infuriated and declared that if rough play in football was not stopped immediately he would abolish the game by executive edict.

To be continued.

## Possibility Of Series Delay Seen

CHICAGO, Sept. 20—(AP)—The possibility that the World Series may start a day later than the previously announced date of Wednesday, Oct. 3, was advanced today by President Will Harridge of the American League.

Harridge said that if a one-game title playoff is required in the red hot American scrap, or a postponed game must be made up, the series would open Thursday, Oct. 4 in the American League champion city.

The regular season is scheduled to close Sunday, Sept. 30. A playoff might be held either Monday, Oct. 1, or Tuesday, Oct. 2, the same pertaining to playing off a postponed game.

Previously, the series was set to start Wednesday, Oct. 3, if Boston or New York won the AL pennant, or Thursday, if Cleveland won.

Harridge said next Monday his office would devise playoff plans in event the regular season ended in a tie between two, or possibly three teams.

## Wicht, PIAA Director Dies

HARRISBURG, Sept. 20—(AP)—Edmund Wicht, executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association for the past 22 years, died today.

Wicht died at the Harrisburg Hospital at 2:34 p.m. (EST) of a cerebral hemorrhage. He collapsed at his office yesterday afternoon and was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Wicht, who was "Mr. schoolboy sports" in Pennsylvania, had been in poor health for the past two years since he suffered a stroke.

A native of Plymouth, Wicht joined the PIAA in 1929 as its first executive secretary and director. He formerly was principal of the Wilkes-Barre Township High School after graduation from Hiram College in Ohio.

### May Crack Record

Penn State's current home attendance mark of 24,500, established at the Michigan State game in 1948, may be cracked at the Homecoming game with the Spartans October 20. Officials anticipate a sell-out crowd of 28,000 for this test.

### Lacrosse Practice

All lacrossemen, candidates and returning veterans, should report to 221 Rec Hall at 4 p.m. Monday for the first practice session.

veterans Ed Herring, John "Doak" Walker, and Dick Rostmeyer. (Continued on page eight)

## Draft-Weakened Stickmen Open Fall Drills Monday

The draft situation seems to have put a damper on Penn State's hopes for fielding a topnotch lacrosse team next spring as annual fall practice begins Monday, and will continue until Thanksgiving.

Three first-string men have received the call as has Coach Nick Thiel's assistant, John McHugh. Jim Sabatelle has replaced McHugh, but finding replacements for attackman Jim Reed, midfielder Al Fulton, and defenseman Danny Grove poses another question.

McHugh, Reed, and Grove were called up by the Air National Guard while Fulton was drafted by the army.

The loss of this trio could well hinder State's plans this year as all had another year of eligibility.

### Top Scorers Gone

Four other men were graduated from Thiel's squad. Included in this list are the team's two top scorers, midfielders Paul Raffensperger and Jack Wilcox. Wilcox and Raffensperger were nip-and-tuck until the end of the season when Wilcox finally pulled away. Wilcox's grand total was 20 goals while Raffensperger ended up with 19 tallies.

The other two men lost to the Lions are Captain-goalie Phil Benedetti and defenseman Vance Scout. Scout will graduate this February.

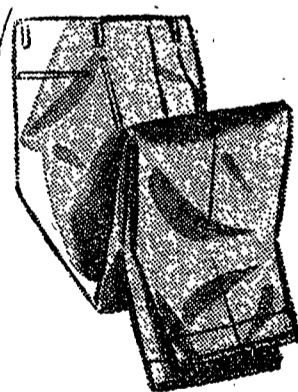
Even with the loss of seven key players, Thiel's club should cause plenty of trouble next spring.

At attack, Thiel will have

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## Collins Stars as Yanks Defeat White Sox 5-4

The New York Yankees, with first baseman Joe Collins in the hero's role, put on another dramatic performance yesterday at Yankee Stadium as they trimmed the Chicago White Sox, 5-4, to increase their American League lead over the idle Cleveland Indians to a half game.

A partisan crowd of 13,712 saw the Yanks overcome a two-run

and gave Charlie Dressen's charges a decided advantage since they have ten more games to play this season. The Giants have only seven games remaining on their schedule.

### Fatal Eighth

Up until the eighth inning the Bronx Bombers had been mowed down with monotonous regularity by Saul Rogovin, who had missed the Red Sox series because of a sore arm. Rogovin, who has been the only American League pitcher to wrap up four wins against the Yanks this season, appeared to have No. five in the bag until the fatal eighth. He had allowed only five hits and one earned run, and at one stretch had retired 12 consecutive Yankee batters.

Former Boston Brave hurler Bobby Hogue received credit for the win, putting out a fire in the seventh inning and setting down three men in the eighth.

In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers moved another step toward the pennant yesterday by trouncing the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-3, at Sportsman Park.

### Strategic Win

The victory moved the Bums four and one-half games ahead of the second place New York Giants, who lost to Cincinnati, 3-1.

Carl Erskine went all the way for the Dodgers, although he was in hot water frequently during the game, to rack up his 16th win of the season against ten losses. Cliff (no-hit) Chambers pitched eight and two-thirds innings and was the loser.

Big Gil Hodges, who is still breathing down Ralph Kiner's neck for the home run title in the National League, connected for his 39th four-bagger of the season in the sixth inning with no one abroad.

Musial Breaks Slump  
Having gone none for 14 the past few games, Stan Musial broke out of his batting slump in the sixth inning by blasting a double that led to a Red Bird tally.

In the remaining afternoon game, the fading New York Giants lost another game to the Dodgers in the National League pennant race by bowing to the lowly Cincinnati Reds at Crosley Field, 3-1.

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