

Lions Must Stop Agganis Lion Harriers Face 'Loaded' Schedule

If Penn State is going to beat Boston University in the opening game of the 1951 football season this Saturday on Beaver Field, the Nittany Lions are going to have to stop the Terriers ace passer, Harry "The Golden Greek" Agganis.

State assistant coaches Al Michaels and Jim O'Hara, back from scouting the Boston U.-William & Mary game which BU lost 34-25, couldn't say enough about the Terriers' southpaw passer.

Agganis, who was just discharged from the Marine Corps, last Wednesday, scored one touchdown, passed for two others and kicked an extra point in a losing cause Saturday. Michaels, who has the job of setting up Penn State's pass defense patterns, compares Agganis with Kentucky's Babe Parilli.

Agganis Best of All

"Parilli and Agganis are the two best passers I have ever seen in college football," said Mike. And he added, "Agganis is by far the best passer any Penn State team has ever been called upon to face."

Michaels went on to tell how Agganis, when trapped behind the line, would time and again, run away from tacklers until he could spot a receiver.

Agganis' favorite receiver in the W & M game proved to be Bob Capuano, who also came in for praise from Michaels and O'Hara.

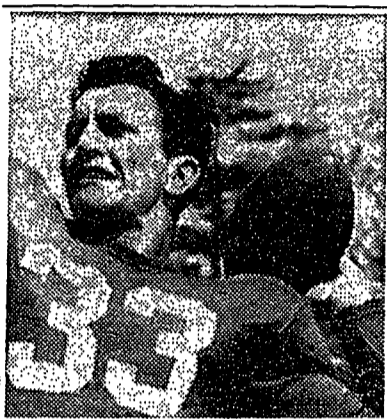
Circus Catches

Capuano's favorite trick in the W & M game, according to Michaels, was to leap into the air at the last possible moment and literally steal the ball from William & Mary pass defenders. Two of these circus catches were good for touchdowns. On another occasion, after making a "steal," Capuano fumbled as he fell to the ground and the pass was called incomplete.

"Never, in all my days of football have I ever seen a receiver do that three times in one game," said Michaels.

O'Hara was also high in his praise of Agganis not only as a passer but as an all around player. "He's fast and he runs hard. He played defense, even though Buff Donelli had not intended to use him both ways. He called signals, kicked the extra points, and kicked all but the last BU punt," O'Hara said.

The meeting between Penn State and Boston Saturday will be the first time the two teams have ever met on the gridiron.



Harry Agganis

Soccermen About Ready For Opener

With the opening match with the Bucknell Bisons slated for here, Oct. 6, all starting positions on the 1951 edition of the Penn State soccer team are practically cinched with the exception of the goalie slot.

At this position, Coach Bill Jeffrey will use Jack Krumrine and freshman Dick Cheskis. Both men are of equal caliber and both have some good points the other is lacking. "Cheskis can stop ground balls better than Krumrine because he's somewhat smaller. Krumrine, on the other hand, seems to be able to kick the ball farther," Jeffrey explained.

Rest Intact

The remainder of the State lineup seems to be intact. Thus far, it looks as if it will be Hap Irvin, Ron Coleman, Don Shirk, Jack Pinezich, and John Hess across the front line.

Shirk, said by Jeffrey "to have two good feet and the makings of another Harry Little," will probably start at Joe Lane's former position of center forward. Coleman and Pinezich will start at the inside spots with the Lion captain getting the nod at the left.

The wing posts will be handled by Hap Irvin and John Hess. Irvin is a sophomore while Hess is a freshman. Hess's greatest asset is his speed.

Letter Winners

At halfbacks, the Nittany Lions will open with the usual reliable trio of Frank Pollmer, left; Jack Charlton, right; and Kurt Klaus, center. All won letters last year.

The fullback positions will probably see Jay Simmons and Paul Dierk in the opening-day lineup. Simmons was a letter winner last season.

Top Athlete To Be Selected Each Week

Starting next week the Collegian sports staff will feature the selection of the athlete of the week, Ernie Moore, sports editor, announced yesterday.

Members of all of the College's athletic teams will be eligible for the honor. Candidates will be voted on by the entire sports staff. The award will be given to the player who in the sports-writers' opinions was the outstanding Lion player of the week.

Announcement will be made in the Collegian sports pages every Tuesday, beginning Oct. 2. The winner of this week's poll will be a football player since the gridgers are the only varsity team scheduled for action.

The cross-country team opens with Pitt Oct. 6 and the soccer team also begins intercollegiate play Oct. 6. Members of these teams will then be eligible for the Collegian's selection the following weeks.

Lettermen Dominate

Lettermen will dominate Penn State's offensive and defensive units during the 1951 football campaign.

Stengel Walks, Worries While Rain Falls

NEW YORK, Sept. 25—(AP)—Casey Stengel did approximately a mile and a quarter, or the full derby distance, as he paced between the Yankees' dressing room and the dugout before today's game with the Philadelphia Athletics was postponed because of rain.

The Yankee pilot wanted badly to get the game out of the way—win or lose—so that his athletes might enjoy two full days of rest before going into their vital five-game set with the Boston Red Sox over the coming weekend.

He got himself down to a pair of bright green underpants, suitable for pacing, long before noon. Between that time and the actual postponement an hour later he beat a steady path through the depths of the stadium to the dugout's dripping steps, looking anxiously for some sign of a let-up in the moisture.

"What if it rains again tomorrow?" he demanded while taking the clubhouse turn.

"Know what that'll mean?—It'll mean my pitching staff will have six games in four days, startin' Thursday. Whenever we play these fellows (the Athletics) I'll start Bob Kuzava, the way I planned today, but it means he'll have that much less rest if I need him in the bullpen against those other fellows (Boston)."

IM Grid Schedule

- 7:00—Theta Kappa Phi vs. Kappa Sigma
- 7:45—Kappa Delta Rho vs. Pi Kappa Phi
- 8:30—Zeta Eta Tau vs. Theta Xi
- 9:15—Alpha Tau Omega vs. Alpha Zeta

Looking over the opponents on Penn State's 1951 cross-country schedule one can hardly fail to see that all six dual meet foes are "loaded for lion," the Lion being State's national champions.

Season-opener Pitt, here Oct. 6, will bring a squad which has every varsity man returning from last year's team. Chief among them are Bernie Luterancki, Ken Mahanna, and Frank Kuzma.

Only Breather

The following Saturday the Lions duel Cornell, here, in what should be the only "breather" on the schedule. Even such a term for the Big Red runners would be hotly denied by Lion Coach Chick Werner.

On homecoming weekend, Oct. 20, the Nittany runners run smack into Michigan State. The outcome of this one often tips off IC-4A and NCAA honors.

The Spartans don't have their crack distance runner Warren Druetzler anymore but they are expected to come here with more headaches. Chief among them are Dick Roberts and Don Makielski who will lead the Spartans bid to revenge the Lions two-point victory margin in the nationals last fall.

More Trouble

Traveling to Army on Oct. 26, the Lions can expect nothing but more trouble. IC-4A runnerup last season, the Cadets still have intercollegiate individual champ Dick Shea to pace an experienced team missing only two from last fall's roster.

Characteristic of a schedule with nothing but IC-4A runner-ups is NYU. The Violets run over the Nittany golf course Nov. 3 and are expected to be slightly stronger than their fifth place intercollegiate finish last fall.

Manhattan, third in the intercollegiate a year ago, closes the dual season for the Lions in New York Nov. 10.

The Jaspers are stacked with experienced x-countrymen, including Bill Lucas, who took third in the IC's behind State's Bill Ashenfelter last fall. Pat Duffy is also an old hand at the hill-and-dale sport who is returning along with Bob McNeill and Jim Sheehan.

Count on Sophs

In the IC-4A title run in New York, Nov. 19, the Lions will face the same murderer's row all over again, in addition to Syracuse. The Orange are counting heavily on a raft of good sophomore prospects and their Captain Bill Ireland.

Werner's present national champs will then seek to retain their crown at East Lansing, Mich., on Nov. 26.

Ex-Duquesne Coach Will Be Discharged

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24—(AP)—Captain Phil Ahwesh, former Duquesne University head football coach, probably will be job-hunting two days from now. He is slated to be discharged from the Army Wednesday.

Ahwesh was recalled to active duty with Pennsylvania's 28th Infantry Division last September while directing the Dukes' grid squad. Since then Duquesne has abandoned football.

Vernon Law I-A

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 25—(AP)—Vernon Law, Pittsburgh Pirate pitcher, received word from his Boise, Idaho, draft board today that he has been classified I-A. The 21-year-old right-hander has won six and lost nine in the 28 games in which he has played. Law, an ordained Mormon minister, lives in Meridian, Idaho.

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State Theatre—Soon

Saddler, Pep Meet in Title Brawl Tonight

Chapter four of the Sandy Saddler-Willie Pep featherweight title serial, scheduled for tonight at the Polo Grounds, in New York, is fighting an uphill battle against rain, baseball talk, and Louis-Marciano.

Showers put the damper on the International Boxing Club's hopes for a good windup sale. Plenty of choice seats remained on the racks at \$20. Best estimate is a house of 15,000 and a gate of \$75,000.

Despite a ban on home television and radio the fight failed to whip up the enthusiasm of their third meeting last September, when 38,781 paid \$262,150 to see Pep retire on his stool after seven rounds, claiming a dislocated left shoulder.

There will be theater TV, with New York blacked out, in 17 theaters in 13 cities, and movies of the fight the next day in the theaters. This package will bring in \$110,000 or more than the IBC expects at the gate.

Saddler, the defending champ and 2 to 1 favorite, takes a 37½ percent slice of the gravy. Pep, trying to become the first to hold the same title three times, gets 22½ percent.

If this 15-round match, scheduled for 9 p.m., lives up to the others it will be an interesting contest. The first two were better than the third, with its unfortunate ending.

No Fresh Teams

No frosh athletic schedules are contemplated at Penn State during the 1950-51 sports year.



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Sport Flashbacks

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Coach Bill Jeffrey's soccer team anxiously awaited the opening of its crucial campaign—crucial, for there were five undefeated seasons behind them. The winning skein in which the Nittanians had won 36 out of 40, and tied 4, established them as the strongest soccer power in collegiate competition.

Barney Ewell, famed Lancaster High School track star, and later of Olympic fame, enrolled at the College.

In coaching circles, Danny DeMarino, star tackle for the preceding three years, was selected assistant freshman football mentor. Eugene Weistone took over the coaching reins of the Nittany gymnastics, replacing Gene Bischoff who was placed in charge of intramural athletics.

An unorthodox, but fighting Bison soccer squad held the undefeated Lions to a lone tally as the aggressive Bisons stumbled to a 1-0 loss. Gus Bigott, swarthy sophomore Venezuelan, at outside left, cracked through the Bucknell defensive midway in the second quarter, and kicked the ball ten yards for the Lions' lone goal of the contest.

In one of the biggest upsets of the collegiate cross-country season, the State harriers defeated a highly-rated Manhattan team, 25-30. Bill Smith, sophomore flash, paced the victors. Smith completed the five mile grind in 23 minutes, 12 seconds—just two seconds slower than the course record.

After eleven years of defeat and tie scores at the hands of the Pitt frosh gridgers, the

Lion Cubs finally came through with a 13-12 conquest over their arch-rivals.

Bucknell's football team downed the Lions, 14-0. The setback marked the first time State had been held scoreless since Villanova turned the trick early in 1936.

In their final practice tilt before the Maryland engagement, the Nittany Lion varsity football squad smothered the State yearlings, 79-0. Chuck Peters and Steve Rollins scampered wildly over the turf to score three touchdowns apiece as Bob Higgins' outfit tallied three times in each quarter of the regulation game. Chuck Medlar starred on defense.

For the first time in the history of the College, grid games were sent cut over the air waves. Jack Barry, well known sports commentator, handled the chores.

Amid a drizzling rain at Beaver Field, the State grid machine rolled to a 36-0 triumph over the Lock Haven Teacher's eleven.

The Statesmen were rated 27th in the country, and 20th in the East that season.