

The Lion's Lair

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It's amazing to see the change that has come over Penn State's football team in the last week. The Lions have developed from a stage of "also rans" into a team that's going to give opponents plenty of trouble as the season progresses.

In a scrimmage against Bucknell earlier in the practice season, the Lions were anything but impressive, displaying nothing in the way of a running game. The scrimmage was a great disappointment to those Penn State fans who saw it.



A week passed—a week of hard drills. Cornell, rated second in the Ivy League, came to Beaver Field to scrimmage the Nittany Lions.

Against Cornell, the Lions looked like a different ball team than the one which played Bucknell. The offense, which the Bisons' first string defensive line had stopped cold, began to click. If State's offense didn't match Cornell's, it bettered it. True, the Lions received some good breaks. But it takes a good team to capitalize on the breaks to enjoy any benefits from them. And Penn State did capitalize on them.

Another thing apparent dur-

ing the Cornell scrimmage which seems to be a minimum at Bucknell was the team spirit. The men seemed to have more confidence in themselves as a team. Right now the team spirit is at a higher pitch than it has been since practice started.

Penn State's football team has come a long way in a week. It is certainly a better ball team than the one which scrimmaged Bucknell.

But Rip Engle isn't satisfied. As long as there's room for improvement, he'll never be satisfied. Rip's the type of coach who would not stand pat with a championship team.

"Even the Cleveland Browns can improve," Rip explains.

With the team progressing fast, the team spirit at a high pitch, and a coach the caliber of Rip Engle in the drivers seat, it's going to take a pretty good football team to stifle the Nittany Lion's roar this season.

Pigskin Prayers . . .

AP Writer Picks BU To Beat Penn State

By RALPH BERNSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26—(AP)—After last week's horrible 9-7 tabulation, we've been hiding in the corner. However, the boss sought us out today with a "come out you coward, and try again." So here fellow believers—if they're any left—are this weekend's football winners:

Boston U at Penn State—We're torn between two forces here—

Penn State's usual impregnability on its home field and the talented arm of ex-marine Harry Agganis. But Boston U. and Agganis have one tough game under their belt—Boston.

Villanova at Army—we may as well start off with our blue plate special. Plenty of tears have been shed for Coach Earl (Red) Blaik but none in this corner. Villanova should win this game, if we're to believe that poor Army is denuded. We think a fired up Army team—not half as bad as it is painted—will surprise em' all and win a high scoring game by a point or two.

Penn-California

Penn-California — California beat the Red and Blue by a touchdown on the coast with the fiery red head, Francis Bagnell in full regalia. Well, Bagnell is gone and California apparently is just as strong, so we'll string along with the Golden Bears.

Temple at Brown — Temple played some good football against a very strong Syracuse team last week although beaten 19 to 0. The alma mater to win this one—Temple.

Duke at Pitt—There is an old story about the athletic director asking the football coach, "how come we lost that game. I thought we should have won." Well, Pitt Athletic Director-Coach Tom Hamilton will be talking to himself after Saturday—Duke.

Muhlenberg at Bucknell — The Mules will pay dearly for handing Bucknell its only defeat of the season last year. Bucknell can name the score in this one.

IM Grid Schedule

- 7:00—Alpha Chi Rho vs Phi Epsilon Pi
- 7:45—Alpha Phi Delta vs Triangle
- 8:30—Alpha Epsilon Pi vs Alpha Phi Sigma
- 9:15—Sigma Phi Sigma vs Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Penn State's football rooting section was bolstered by the marriage of four players during the summer vacation. The newlyweds are Co-Captains Art Betts and Len Shephard, Tony Rados, and Chan Johnson.

Practice Paid Dividends For Lion Soccer Star

By TOM SAYLOR

Someone once said that practice makes perfect. If that statement were applied to Frank Follmer, it certainly would hold true. For Follmer has been playing the game of soccer since he was eight years old, and he is still going strong. At the present time, he is one of Penn State's mainstays at the all-important halfback positions.

Follmer showed the makings of a real ball player three years ago when he was playing with the German-Hungarian Sport Club of Philadelphia. He was chosen from a squad of players from his team and the Philadelphia professional club to play the Hamburg, Germany, soccer club which was touring the United States. The German team came out on top, 5-0.

Rates Germans High

Follmer rates the German club a slight bit better than the Iranian clubs, which State faced last spring.

"It (the German club) had more drive than the Iranian clubs did, and the Germans were stronger physically, too," the Philadelphian concluded.

Follmer, a junior this year, began his college soccer at the Swarthmore Center, where he played along side of several of his present-day teammates, Kurt Klaus, Gary Nugent, and Jack Charlton. Follmer played right halfback at Swarthmore, the same position he is now playing. In fact, ever since he began the game, Follmer has been seen at the right halfback spot.

Predicts Good Year

Follmer believes that Penn State will have a great season this year.

"Temple will probably give us the most trouble this year because it has several former Northeast High school stars on its club," Follmer believes.

"The dark-haired speedster should know what he is talking about as Northeast had a 90-game streak going at one time, part of which Follmer was responsible for.

Backbone of Club

Follmer thinks that the halfbacks are the backbone of a ball club.

"They must have a lot of hustle and drive as well as having the knack of diagnosing plays. Of the three halfback positions, the center is the most important one," he added.

Follmer has high regards for Coach Bill Jeffrey. He believes that Jeffrey's ability "to handle players gives him that extra quality."

SOCCER SIDELINES:

Frank is a student in mechanical engineering . . . He belongs to Druids and the Sigma Pi . . . He would like to continue the game in some manner after graduation . . . Follmer stands five-feet, nine-inches tall and weighs 160.

Korean Armistice Delay Continues

TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 27—(AP)—Efforts to arrange a reopening of negotiations on a Korean armistice appeared today to hold only a slim promise of success.

Allied liaison officers were prepared to go to Kaesong, however, for a possible fourth meeting with their Communist counterparts to discuss renewal of full dress talks suspended by the Reds Aug. 23.

But there was nothing here to indicate either side was ready to budge from the stands they took at each of the first three meetings this week.

Pirates Release Sewell

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 26—(AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates today released Truett (Rip) Sewell after he had been 14 years with the Bucs as pitcher and manager.

Last year, Sewell managed the Charleston club in the Class A Sally League and this year the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern Association.

Penn State's soccer team will play nine instead of ten games in 1951. Syracuse University's decision to discontinue this sport as an economy measure leaves the November 3 date open on the Nittany Lion card.

Train Schedule Changes Made

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26—(AP)—Schedules of two daytime Pennsylvania Railroad trains from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh will be adjusted when new timetables go into effect Sunday.

The Duquesne, now leaving New York at 10:45 a.m. (EST) will be advanced to depart at 8:35 a.m. arriving in Pittsburgh at 4:50 p.m.

The Metropolitan, serving more intermediate points, which now leaves New York at 7:05 a.m. will leave at 11:35 a.m., arriving at Pittsburgh at 8:15 p.m.

The PRR also said that the Duquesne will be extended to include a through reclining seat coach between Washington and Pittsburgh, leaving the nation's capitol at 8:30 a.m. and departing from Pittsburgh at 2 p.m.

Penn State traditionally plays four games at home during each football season. In 1952, five of the Lions' ten games will be played at Beaver Field, marking the first time since 1931 that Penn State will play five games on the home gridiron.

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