

The Nittany Realm

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To the students who have been attending Penn State for a couple of years or so, and to the folks who once attended or are familiar in other ways with the campus, "Nittany and Nittany Lion" are familiar and meaningful terms.

But to the many freshmen and people who are unfamiliar with the history of the Penn State trademark, questions may arise as to what it means.

The Nittany Lion emblem, which has been treasured by Penn State students throughout the many years, dates back to 1906.

The State baseball team of that year was playing Princeton on the latter's diamond during the Commencement exercises. Some of the Penn State team, who were being shown around the Princeton campus, noticed at the entrance of the gymnasium two tigers imported from Philadelphia for a class reunion.



These tigers, the traditional symbol of Princeton, suggested to them the idea that Penn State should also have an emblem. It also occurred to them that since the Lion is more formidable than the tiger, it would be a proper emblem for the College.

Since then the Lion has been the symbol of Penn State and Penn State teams. The famous Nittany Lion is the variety of animal that inhabited the Nittany mountain which overlooks State College, and not the African variety.

The class of 1940 donated the Lion Shrine in front of the water tower adjoining Beaver Field. It is a splendid piece of statuary, sculptured by Heinz Warneke and was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on October 24, 1942.

It is a customary, though crude procedure for "hepped-up" students of visiting schools to give the Lion Shrine a colorful coating of paint, usually the night before a game.

A group of Villanovans, incidentally, bestowed upon the Lion one of its baptisms of paint, when before the 1949 encounter, they colored it a ghastly shade of purple.

For fear that constant sandings, needed to return the Lion to its natural palor after the paint baths, would reduce the shrine to vest-pocket size in the years to come, pledges from various fraternities have been placed on guard at the shrine before game time in recent years.

Well known as the king of beasts and chosen as a symbol of power, the Nittany Lion goes with all Penn State teams in their quest for "the Lion's share."

State Soccer Team Opens With Bucknell Today

By TOM SAYLOR

Penn State's soccer team will be seeking its 140th win over a 26-year span, all under the present Coach Bill Jeffrey, when it faces Bucknell here on Beaver Field at 2 p.m. today.

The match will mark the opener for both clubs. Coach Joe Diblin, a former soccer star for the Bisons in 1944, will bring a club of unknown caliber to State. If previous records

have anything to do with the outcome, State should win handily as the Lions have yet to lose to Bucknell although the Bisons did manage to tie Jeffrey's 1943 club.

Good Lineup

Against Bucknell, Jeffrey will use a lineup that could cause a lot of trouble before the season ends.

Up front, where Jeffrey has a wealth of potential scoring material, Penn State will open with John Hess and Hap Irvin. Hess is an excellent ball-stealer while Irvin, who, never played wing until this year, is expected to shine because he has more room to operate.

At the inside posts, State will no doubt open with Captain Ron Coleman, and Jack Pinezich. In Coleman, State has a very capable ball handler and passer while Pinezich will probably do the Lions more good at inside right because he'll be in the plays more often.

Another Little?

At the center forward spot, where State lost a prolific scorer last year in Bullet Joe Lane, the Lions will use Don Shirk. Shirk is described by Jeffrey as "having the makings of another Harry Little."

Three experienced men—Frank Follmer, Kurt Klaus, and Jack Charlton, will open at the half-back posts. All three played soccer at the same high school (Northeast) Philadelphia, as well as playing together at the Swarthmore Center. Klaus and Follmer were regulars on last year's Soccer Bowl team while Charlton saw action as a reserve.

Frosh Regular

Jeffrey will feature two big men at the fullback spots; Jay Simmons, and Paul Dierks. Simmons, a regular last year, and Dierks, a freshman, are well adapted at kicking the ball out of danger.

At goalie, State will use one of two inexperienced men. Dick Cheskis and Jack Krumrine will see action against Bucknell although Jeffrey is not sure who will start.

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United States Under Par In Soccer

When it comes to football, the United States rates the top spot among countries of the world in producing topflight clubs.

But when it comes to soccer, a distant cousin of football, the United States is pitifully low compared with other nations, according to Coach Bill Jeffrey.

"United States soccer is very low compared with that of South America and Europe," the likeable Scotsman said. "In fact, I wouldn't rate the United States in the first sixteen nations of the world."

Played All Over World

The Penn State coach, whose teams have won 139, lost 20, and tied 24 over a 25-year span, should know what he is talking about as he has seen soccer played in just about every country.

Jeffrey believes that Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil produce the best clubs in South America, while Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, and Great Britain put out the best teams in Europe.

In the summer of 1950 Jeffrey was in charge of a United States team that journeyed to Brazil to participate in the soccer world series, which is held every four years. The United States team was picked from the best professional and semi-professional players in the land.

Lost to Spaniards

Even with the best professional players in the country on his team, Jeffrey's crew lost to Spain, 3-1.

"We had them on the ropes for 70 minutes, but they took us in the final ten minutes," Jeffrey recalled.

Spain, however, lost to Brazil in its next match. Brazil, in turn, dropped the championship game to Uruguay before 200,000 people.

Soccer Must Wait While Klaus Weds

By TOM SAYLOR

Soccer will have to take a back seat for center halfback Kurt Klaus next Saturday.

On that date, Klaus will take the "big step" with Miss Joan Moore of Philadelphia. The affair promises to be a gala celebration as Klaus has invited the whole soccer team.

Until then, however, Klaus will continue to concentrate on soccer, the only sport he has ever played.

Halfback Duty

From his high school days in Northeast until the present, Klaus has seen nothing but halfback duty. At Northeast, he was chosen captain of the team in his senior year and was later picked on the Philadelphia All-Scholastic team. This team later played a similar club from New York, featuring Paul Dierks, who now is Penn State's regular right fullback.

Klaus isn't exactly sure why he chose to play center halfback except that "there's more action there and the plays seem to revolve around it."

At Swarthmore Center, where Klaus played before he came to State, the bridegroom-to-be played along side several of his present Penn State teammates—Frank Follmer, Gary Nugent, and Jack Charlton. Ironically, all four started at Northeast.

Lighthouse Team

Klaus's soccer career goes even further than high school and college. Klaus was a member of the Lighthouse soccer team of Philadelphia, which won the national junior title for two years.

Klaus believes that Coach Bill Jeffrey is striving for the type of soccer at Penn State that is played in Iran.

"What Bill is trying to do at State is emphasize an acceleration type of ball. That's a short pass coupled with keeping the ball in motion at all times," Klaus said.

"Another idea that Bill uses is the idea of having all three halfbacks on the offense, instead of two," Klaus said. "Usually the center halfback will play back with the fullbacks."

GOAL LINE GOSSIP: Klaus is a member of Sigma Pi social fraternity and Phi Epsilon, Kappa, physical education honorary. . . . He is 20-years old, stands an even six-foot tall, and weighs 167. . . . Klaus thinks that Temple will be State's toughest match.

Beat Villanova

Homecoming Foe

For the third time in six years, Michigan State will be Penn State's Homecoming football opponent at State College, Pa., Oct. 20.

Pete Sarantopoulos Still Runs at Young Age of 31

By JAKE HIGHTON

Once every April 63-year-old Clarence Demar jogs 26-miles in the Boston Marathon. Therefore it shouldn't be so unusual that Penn State's Peter Theodore Sarantopoulos is running cross-country at the youthful age of 31.

Yet the story behind the Lions' smiling Greek is just as amazing as Demar's annual exercise. When Pete left Carnegie Tech for the army after his freshman year in 1941, he didn't do any further distance running until he entered Penn State in '48 and reported to the cross x-country squad.

Eight years previous Pete had been captain of a Schenley High harrier team which won the Pittsburgh area championship in his senior year.

The interval found Pete an army lieutenant island-hopping all over the Pacific with General MacArthur's famed "Red Arrow" 36th division. He did lots of recreation work but no running.

Ready for Pitt

The long layoff put Pete in a rough position. He had to spend two difficult years just getting himself ready for this season. Patient Coaches Chick Werner and Norm Gordon greatly encouraged Pete. Today Pete is ready and willing to race against his home town Pitt in the x-country season opener.

The road wasn't easy. Pete ran continuously. He ran in snow and rain. He ran as many as 16 miles a day. This season should find rewards for Pete's incessant toil.



Yet the surprising thing about Pete is that he could have earned a varsity letter easier. A three- (Continued on page seven)



Bill Jeffrey

Soccer Team Has Won 139

Since soccer was started at Penn State in 1926, Coach Bill Jeffrey's teams have won 139 games, and 86 of these came as a result of two winning streaks.

From 1932 to 1941, Penn State was unbeatable. All opposition was swept aside as the Lions won 65 consecutive contests.

The streak started against Army, and, ironically, ended against the same club. Army defeated State, 1-0, at West Point in December to give State its first loss in 66 matches.

The second streak, which was stopped last year by West Chester, 1-0, after State had gone 21 games without tasting defeat, covered three seasons—1948, 1949, and 1950. The match was a thriller all the way with neither team having any district advantage. West Chester finally pushed across a goal in the overtime to give itself a well-deserved win.

"One of the main differences," Jeffrey added, "between the American soccer player and players from South America and Europe is the method of kicking. The American boy has a tendency to reach for the ball, as if he were kicking a football, while the South American and European boys kick from the knee."

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