

The Nittany Realm

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The return of Nebraska's Bobby Reynolds to the lineup, and the new ray of hope he will bring to the so-far impotent Cornhuskers illustrates clearly the important role which injuries play in making a team successful.

Every Saturday all over the country key players are helped or carried from the field while others return to the lineup after several days or weeks on the sidelines. Twisted ankles, twisted knees, pulled muscles, shoulder separations plague players, worry coaches, and frustrate fans throughout the season.

It is interesting to note that a football player's chances of coming through a season unscathed aren't worth a plugged nickel. According to a poll taken at the University of Missouri and reported recently in People Today magazine, of 4000 players at 62 colleges last year, only 1120 escaped being forced out of action for at least a couple days. This means that out of every four college players three are likely to get hurt.

Despite the claims of many old timers that they played when the game was "really rough," figures prove that modern football has not become tame with the years, but is a more rugged game than ever. Records show that from 1906 to 1930 the football fatality rate was only around five per year, with one year seeing as high as 20 deaths. In the next 15 years the rate increased rapidly, averaging 28 deaths a season, and reaching a frightening total of 49 in 1941.

Even though football equipment has improved greatly in the past 20 years, it has failed to slow the injury rate. Although modern equipment provides good protection for the wearer, it may also loom as a deadly weapon for opponents. Hard helmets shield skulls, but they also break bones.

Columbia's veteran coach, Lou Little, who starred for Penn in the "good old days" supports the concept that the modern game is rougher. Lou says, "The ball moves further and faster before being brought to the play's striking point. Constantly there is severer impact." Injuries on the football field are of many different types,



ranging from knocked out or chipped teeth, which 180 out of every 1000 players suffer, to broken backs which happen to one player in every 1000 on the average.

The guys who carry the ball are taking the greatest risk of being injured, for the most fatalities occur at the halfback post. Center, according to statistics, is the safest position.

Loyola End Is Ahead of Weiner's '49 Receiving Pace

NEW YORK, Oct 10 (AP)—Fred Snyder, rangy end who does the catching in the aerial act of the Loyola of Los Angeles football circus, is grabbing passes at a record rate.

The six-foot-two-inch receiver pulled down 11 last Saturday as Loyola filled the air with 63 passes in a vain attempt to outscore Florida, giving him a total of 22 receptions in three games. That's one more than Art Weiner of North Carolina had at the same stage of the 1949 season, when he tied the record of 52.

Hall's rapid receiving pace was included in statistics announced today by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau, service bureau of the NCAA.

Gridders --

(Continued from page six) back; Bill Leonard at wingback; and Paul Anders at fullback.

On the defense, the Lions will line up with Pat McPoland and either Dave Simon or Andy Sillock at ends, Stew Scheetz and Dick Cripps at tackles, and Don Barney and Carl Pfirman at guards.

Joe Gratson, Joe Shumock, and Co-captain Len Shephard will do the line backing with Bob Polard and Bill Leonard at halfbacks, and either Chan Johnson or Wayne Wolfkeil at safety.

Cadets Loom As Booters' Big Test

Penn State's soccer team will play the first of its four away games when it collides with Army at 3:30 p.m. today.

The Lions have three other matches scheduled on foreign grounds with Navy, Maryland, and Colgate, but the one with the Cadets looms as State's biggest obstacle.

Coach Bill Jeffrey, a firm believer in keeping his starting lineup intact once the season has started, will open with the same eleven that brought State an easy 5-0 win over Bucknell.

Scoring Power

Along the front line, Jeffrey has a well-balanced quintet which has great potential scoring power. The lone possible weakness is at the wing positions where either Bill Norcik or John Hess will open on the right side with Hap Irvin or Charlie Snyder seeing action on the left. Norcik and Irvin will probably receive the nod.

The inside slots will be handled by Captain Ron Coleman (left) and big Jack Pinezich (right). Coleman, who performed so brilliantly last week, will be State's main threat up front. Pinezich

also played a commendable game last week in ball handling.

State's backfield, which had little chance to show anything against Bucknell, will find Frank Follmer, Kurt Klaus, and Jack Charlton at the halfback posts. What offense there was to halt last week, Follmer practically took care of himself as he gave a dazzling exhibition of ball stealing and upfield passing.

The fullback positions will also be intact with Jay Simmons and freshman Paul Dierks ready to go. Simmons and Dierks are expected to be put under real pressure by the Cadets as the New Yorkers are loaded offensively.

At the all-important goalie spot, Jack Krumrine will handle the duties with freshman Dick Cheskis on reserve. Like Simmons and Dierks, Krumrine will get his first real test.

Chance for Soccer Bid

Army could ruin Penn State's chances for another spot-season soccer bid as the Cadets are not particularly noted for their gentle play. This fact, coupled with some good material, could very well

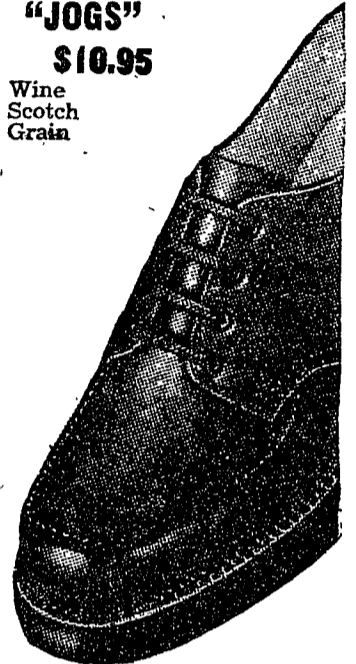
turn the tables on the Lions.

Jeffrey, however, was of the opinion that the four foreign players Army possesses might have the tendency to give Cadets a better brand of soccer.

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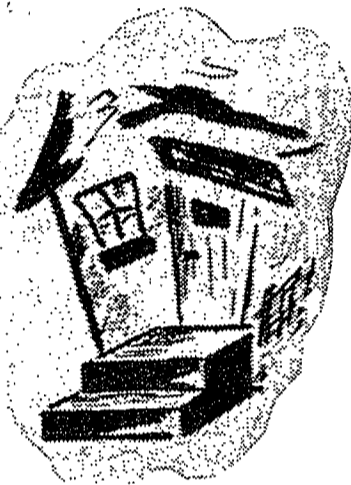
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