

Lion Soccer, X-Country Practice to Begin

Booters Sport 11 Lettermen

With eleven lettermen returning, of which nine were first stringers last year, Coach Bill Jeffrey bids fair to turn out another top-notch soccer team as his kicking lads get practice underway today on the golf course.

The amiable Scot Jeffrey was pleased with what he called a "decent picture," but warned that the key positions held by graduated Captain Ron Coleman and expert left-footer Jay Simmons will be tough shoes to fill.

Last fall the Lions had their "worst" season in several years, winning five, losing one and tying two following championship teams the two prior years. The lone loss came at the feet of Army, but the collegiate soccer "Team of the Year," Temple, was held to a draw by the Nittanians.

Jeff's returnees include the Philadelphia halfback trio Captain Kurt Klaus, Jack Charlton and Fran Follmer, Paul Dierks, Bob "Red" Harris, Bill Norcik, Ellis Kocher, Jack Pinezich, Don Shirk, Chuck Snyder and Hap Irvin. Norcik, Kocher, Pinezich, Shirk, Snyder and Irvin are front linemen. Dierks is a back and Harris a goalie.

Jeffrey reports several good fresh prospects who, although not eligible for the varsity, should get plenty of seasoning.

Lion Soccer, Track Coaches



Bill Jeffrey



Chick Werner

Experienced Returnees Aid IC4A Champion Harriers

When Coach Chick Werner opens his 20th season as head cross-country coach this week, he will have a strong nucleus of last year's Intercollegiate hill-and-dale champions with which to work.

Captain Jack Horner, Lamont Smith, Red Hollen, Jim Hamill, John Chilrud, and Bob Roessler are veterans of the campaign last year which saw the Lions cop second successive IC4A honors and miss by a whisker an attempt to retain the 1950 National Collegiate title.

Norm Gordon, Werner's assistant, places the emphasis not on the veterans returning but rather on the new freshman and sophomores who will form teams in future years. Gordon urges any with the desire to run, whether with past experience records or not, to come out for the team.

Candidates for the team should see either Werner or Gordon in Rec Hall or on the golf course, where the squad will practice, as soon as possible.

First Appearance

A Penn State baseball team participated in the "College World Series" for the first time at Omaha, Neb., last June.

Penn State Offers 12 Varsity Sports

By TED SOENS

Penn State's athletic program will offer 12 varsity sports for the students to enjoy as either a spectator or participant.

For the fall season the Blue and White will field teams in football, soccer, and cross-country. When the indoor season begins it will be such sports as basketball, wrestling, boxing, and gymnastics.

Golf Reinstated

In Spring, the Nittany Lions will have baseball, track, lacrosse, tennis, and golf. Up to last year State had sixteen varsity sports but due to economical reasons, four of these sports had to be dropped. They were fencing, skiing, swimming, and rifle.

Golf was also included in the "dropped sports" list but it was finally reinstated in time for the '52 golfing season.

Coaches and Captains

The head coaches and captains of the athletic teams are: football, Rip Engle with Stew Scheetz and Joe Gratson, as co-captains; baseball, Joe Bedenk and captain Sil Cerchie; basketball, Elmer Gross and captain Herm Sledzik; boxing, Eddie Sulkowski and captain Sammy Marino.

Gymnastics, Gene Wettstone and captain Robert Kenyon; wrestling, Charlie Speidel with co-captains Don Frey and Joe Lemyre; track, Chick Werner and captain Bob Roessler; cross country, Werner and captain Jack Horner; soccer, Bill Jeffrey and captain Kurt Klaus; tennis, Sherm Fogg; golf, Bob Rutherford; and lacrosse, Nick Thiel.

Good Home Schedule

Introduction of season tickets is expected to boost home attendance at Penn State's 1952 football games. Enhancing the pre-season sale of ducats is an attractive schedule which will bring Temple, Purdue, William & Mary, Nebraska and Rutgers to Beaver Field. The visit will be Purdue's first to the Lion lair, William & Mary's second.

Nittany Coaches Of Varsity Teams

Football—Coach Rip Engle; assistants, Al Michaels, Jim O'Hara, Earl Bruce, Sever Torotti, Frank Patrick, and Joe Paterno.

Basketball—Coach Elmer Gross; assistant, John Egli.

Baseball—Coach Joe Bedenk; assistant, Chuck Medlar.

Track—Coach Chick Werner; assistant, Norm Gordon.

Soccer—Coach Bill Jeffrey.

Cross-Country—Coach Chick Werner; assistant, Gordon.

Boxing—Coach Eddie Sulkowski.

Wrestling—Coach Charlie Speidel.

Tennis—Coach Sherm Fogg.

Golf—Coach Bob Rutherford.

Lacrosse—Coach Nick Thiel.

Gymnastics—Coach Gene Wettstone.

Trainers—Chuck Medlar, Ed Sulkowski and Ray Ulenski.

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