

# Soccermen Prepare For Opening Tilt



**SOCCKERMAN FRANK FOLLMER, halfback, races over to assist his teammates as the Lion soccer team prepares for their opening game against Bucknell on Saturday. The Lions are heavily favored to repeat last year's victory over the Bisons.**

## Booter Jack Pinezich . . .

### Began Career Early

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

It is said in some circles that champions begin their practical experience in a sport at an early age. This is certainly true in the case of one of Penn State's star soccermen, Jack Pinezich.

Jack attributes the success of his educated toe to continual practice in the fundamentals of the game, for it was at the age of 11 years that he began his experiences in soccer. His apprenticeship in learning the game was similar to that of a minor league baseball player working his way up a complicated farm system to the major leagues.

Another influencing factor to Jack's interest in the booter sport was his father, who, after taking a keen liking to the game while still living in Yugoslavia, encouraged his son to take up the game at an early age.

The Brooklyn-born youth began his climb upward by participating two years in juvenile soccer, then three years in junior soccer, and 2 more years in senior soccer. Each of his three years of junior soccer resulted in a championship team.

Jack graduated to "big time" soccer in New York when he latched on to a soccer team sponsored by the Eintracht Sport Club, which won the New York State Soccer Cup in 1950 and 1951. Advancement to the Eintracht team was quite an achievement for him since he was one of the few youngsters on a squad of experienced veterans.

It was here, also, that Jack learned his ABC's in soccer. Under the fine tutelage of a former English soccer player, Bernard Ramsden, who coached the Eintracht booter team, Jack learned the inside of the game.

During his tenure in Brooklyn Technical High School, Pinezich was a letterman in soccer for four years and captained the booter squad in his senior year.

Jack's fine work and brilliance of play did not go unnoticed, for no sooner had he enrolled at Penn State than he was asked to accompany the Nittany Lion soccer team on its trip to Iran. The sturdy booter considers it one of his biggest thrills.

And speaking of thrills, Jack relates his greatest experience in connection with soccer as being selected on the New York Amateur All-Star team in 1950. That year the New York All-Stars defeated New Jersey's Amateur All-Star soccer team, 5-3, and, needless to say, Pinezich booted a goal to help his side win.

In his first season of soccer at State, Jack had the misfortune of tearing a back muscle which sidelined him for most of the schedule. He recovered quickly, however, and returned in time to participate in the Lions' final three



Jack Pinezich

games. In one of these matches he accounted for four goals, and finished last year with a total of six goals to his credit.

Thus, with the ushering in of the 1952 Lion soccer season Saturday, Coach Bill Jeffrey will be pinning his hopes on the trusty toe of one Jack Pinezich, on whose actions may rest the success of the coming soccer campaign.

**EN ROUTE TO IRAN . . .** Jack and soccer team really saw the sights . . . Paris, Rome, Geneva, Teheran . . . everyone on the excursion marveled at the scenic beauty of the snow-capped Swiss Alps and its clear lakes . . . consensus was that European soccer players were tops . . . Europeans have better control of the ball and are more agile . . . all regretted that one of the events on the schedule had to be dropped . . . a little matter of a "plunge" in the Caspian Sea!

## Lions Play Bisons Here Saturday

Penn State's magnificently equipped soccer team is tightening its belt to prepare for Saturday's meet with Bucknell, a team the Lions have had no trouble in beating for the past eight years.

The best the Bucknellians could do was a tie in 1943, when sports were at a low ebb. State shutout the Bisons here last year, 5-0, and give every indication that they will repeat the performance.

Last year, it was former All-American Ron Coleman who murdered the Bisons, scoring a trio of goals and keeping Bucknell off balance with his tricky ball handling and passing.

**Kocher, Shirk to Start**  
Coleman was graduated last year, but Ellis Kocher, Don Shirk, Bill Norcik, Jack Pinezich, Hubie Kline, and Lynn Thomann more than make up for Coleman's departure.

Kocher and Shirk will handle the inside positions, baseballman Kline or Thomann the wings, and the man who wrenched his back against Bucknell last year, Jack Pinezich, the center forward slot.

Halfback positions will see the breaking up, for some time at least, of the Northeast (Phila.), high school trio of Frank Follmer, Kurt Klaus, this year's acting captain, and Jack Charlton.

**Dierks Injured**  
Missing from the threesome will be Charlton, who will be replaced by blond Ralph Hofmann. Coach Bill Jeffrey had words of praise for Hofmann after the exhibition tilt here with the Sampson Air Base, won by State, 3-1.

Hap Irvin (left fullback) and Paul Dierks or Emil Borra (right fullback) will start. Dierks has been bothered with a chipped ankle lately but will see some action.

Irvin was a converted lineman and in the words of one of the players, "has been playing beautiful ball." Irvin and Dierks and/or Borra should have little trouble with Bucknell.

**Frosh Whips Varsity**  
Bob (Red) Harris will probably start at the goal tending slot with Jack (Dewey) Krumrine, a local lad, in reserve.

Although the Lions probably won't have too much difficulty with the Bucknell Bisons, it is interesting to note that their freshmen, with the exceptions of Dierks and Irvin at fullbacks and Harris at goal, crumbled the varsity, 10-3. Fred Bright, Mert Springer, Dick Packer, and Dave Haase paved the way for the massacre.

This quartet will help make up the Penn State freshman line when State battles Milheim in its second county league match at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The young Lions overcame Boalsburg, 5-3, in their first match last week.

### Anders with Marines

Penn State's 1951 fullback, Paul Anders of Monongahela, now is playing the same position for the Parris Island Marines. The Marines play at Indiantown Gap October 11.

# 3 Independents Win In IM Football Race

By GEORGE BAIREY

The fraternities took a back seat last night in IM touch football race as three independent teams posted first-round wins, while one fraternity crew moved into the second round brackets.

Dorm 25, the Zippers, and the Hep Cats all posted shutout wins in the independent half of the tourney, while Triangle won in the fraternity standing.

A cunning Dorm 25 nine, showing no signs of traditional first-game jitters, got more breaks than it knew what to do with, and handed the Penn State Club a solid 20-0 setback.

**13-0 At Half**  
Paul Popovich started Dorm 25 on its merry way to the second round, by grabbing off a Penn State Club pass early in the period on the 33 and going all the way untouched for the first of three scores. The extra-point attempt was no good.

Popovich again figured in the Dorm 25 scoring, this time on the paying end of a 38-yard punt return started by George Mangigan. The extra-point, from Tom Yingling to Popovich, made it 13-0 at the half.

A 33-yard, four-man scoring combo wrapped up Dorm 25's scoring. Yingling to Pete Lang to Lawrence then back to Lang and then to Gene Pappart parlayed for the third TD. Yingling threw to Lawrence for the 20th point.

**Overtime Play**  
The Zippers and Dorm 34, both suffering from severe cases of opening game confusion, tried to out-mistake one another in their first-round game. The Zippers made fewer miscues and won, 1-0, in overtime.

On the second play of the overtime series, (designed especially for IM games), Ben Zuckerman threw out of the "Zipper T," good for 12 yards to Swede Larsen down to the Dorm 34 38-yard line. The number-four overtime play found Zuckerman again throwing from the T, this one good for 8 yards to lefty Bill Kuhn to the 30. Dorm 34 couldn't move on its final play. Kuhn ran out the sixth and final play on the ground for the Zipper win.

The Hep Cats, although always threatening, just scored what they needed to win over the Eight Balls in the third independent game. The score was 7-0. Hep Cat

Jim Tate set up the lone tally late in the first half by intercepting an enemy pass on his 33-yard line. Four plays and one first down later, little Al Lenz picked out Dick Carrick in the end zone for the score, Lenz added the seventh point with a shot to Don Swietzer. That was all the scoring.

Midway in the final half, Lenz took to the air successfully with a series of tosses that carried to the Eight Ball 4-yard line. Again the Eight Ball defenses tightened as Ken Cook plucked an errant Lenz-passes to stop the threat. The Eight Balls moved to the 25 in two plays before Hep Cat Wilson Myers intercepted and carried to the Eight Ball 22 to ice the win for the Hep Cats.

The lone fraternity contest found Triangle ousting Phi Kappa 7-0 on a sparkling 70 yard overtime scoring interception by Rod Beck and Don Brainerd.

The regulation halves were scoreless as the game turned into a tight, defensive punting duel between Triangle's Paul Brobst and Phi Kappa's George Gothier. Triangle drove to the Phi Kap 15 late in the initial half when Jack Rentchler picked out a Phi Kappa pass. Time ran out after three plays failed to materialize.

Phi Kappa's Don Schlegel stopped a Triangle drive early in the second half by intercepting on his 15.

Phi Kappa's Ritchler personally took charge of the loser's defense in the second half by snaring a pair of enemy passes to maintain the scoreless deadlock. Then came the overtime and the Triangle touchdown for its first-round victory.

**TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE:** 7 p.m. Fireballs vs. Nincompoops; 7:45 p.m. Graymen vs. Crusaders; 8:30 p.m. Blue Streaks vs. Pole Cats; 9:15 p.m. Kappa Delta Rho vs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

## BASEBALL PARADE

By BARRY FEIN

For the second time in three years, a relief pitcher will be on the mound in a World Series opener as Brooklyn's Joe Black faces Allie Reynolds of the Yankees at Ebbets Field today.

The game, which gets under way at 1 p.m., is the beginning of a set in which the Yankees could become the second team to win four consecutive World Series. The other winners, the Joe McCarthy crew from 1936 to 1939, also wore Yankee flannels.

The Yankees are favored by the betting circles on the basis of their pitching. Joe Black, however, who has a lower ERA than anyone else on either staff, should be no easy mark for Bomber stickmen today.

Allie Reynolds, who sports a 20-9 mark, will have to contend with the roughest lineup in the National League. The Dodgers led the league in such offensive departments as runs batted in, runs scored, home runs, and stolen bases.

The Yanks led their league in batting average and were second to the Cleveland Indians in RBI's.

Behind the plate both teams have the best in their respective leagues. Brooks' Roy Campanella and Yanks' Yogi Berra leave little to choose from at bat, with the former getting the nod in fielding.

At first it's Gil Hodges getting the edge on Joe Collins of the Bombers. Both long ball hitters, Hodges is the better gloveman.

There's no contest at second base with Brooklyn's old pro Jackie Robinson beating out rookie Billy Martin. Martin can cover more ground, but Robbie can make the double play better, has more experience, and is a much better hitter. Let Jack get on base and pitchers begin to worry.

There's a tossup at short between two other old pros, Pee Wee Reese and Yankee Phil Rizzuto. We'll take Pee Wee on the basis of his fielding.

Brooklyn's Billy Cox gets the vote over Gil McDougald at third, both in hitting and fielding.

The Dodger outfield of Pafko, Snider, Shuba, and Furillo seems to balance the Yanks' Woodling, Bauer, Mantle, and Noren.

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