

Jeffrey men Meet Owls Tomorrow

When the Nittany soccer team lines up against the powerful Temple Owls, defending NCAA soccer titlists tomorrow in Philadelphia, it will have a man-sized task in roping the calves of one Jack Dunn.

Dunn, who is leading the Owl booters in the delicate matter of scoring with 13 goals in six games, heads soccer Coach Pete Leanness' booter attack.

The Temple offense received a shot in the arm this week when it was announced that Al "Lefty" Diedriksen, a leading goalmaster for the Owls who suffered a shoulder separation earlier in the season, would be available for the Penn State contest.

Cup to Be Given
The Temple-Lion clash, which could determine who will represent the East in the annual Soccer Bowl classic, will also feature another sort of "bowl."

The student governments of both Penn State and Temple have purchased a cup which will be placed in competition tomorrow. This trophy will be held temporarily by the winning school each year.

Aside from Dunn and Diedriksen, the Owls boast a bit of added wisdom in the person of sophomore Len Oliver, 1951 All-American booter. "And the wisdom is definitely there," according to Coach Leanness, for the 6-foot LA major's field generalship from his center halfback slot is sensational.

Snappy Workouts
The Owl booters suffered a jolt this season when Army's rough riders ended a 20-game win streak that stretched over three years by surprising them, 4-2. Temple, however, promptly rebounded from the setback the following week and trounced a winless Rutgers eleven, 7-1, with Dunn scoring three goals.

Lion soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey is sending his charges through their usual snappy workouts in preparation for the Owl contest, scheduled to get underway at 10:30 a.m.

Jeffrey summed up the game in a few words which expressed the sentiments of the team: "This is the big one—the one we especially want to get."

The Lion booters are physically in excellent shape with the possible exception of Hubie Kline, whose injured knee is still a little weak. Jack Pinezich, leading Lion scorer, is no longer bothered with his bad knee.

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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Far from the madding football crowds, Penn State's soccer and cross country teams have been keeping the "noiseless tenor of their way." And although by the very nature of their sports they have remained noiseless and crowdless, both teams have been performing in a manner worthy of great noise and large crowds. In fact, as the booters and harriers go into this next to the last weekend of the season, both have excellent chances to bring back a championship.

Amid all the football bowl rumors flying between the Nittany Valley and the Southlands during the past two weeks, no one has noticed that the Lion soccer team is hounding the door of the New Year's Day soccer bowl committee. All State has to do is demonstrate that it has more brains in its feet than Temple tomorrow in Philly, and the Lions may find themselves back where they were in 1950—the soccer bowl.

Barring the Nittany Pilgrims' Progress to the bowl are two monsters: Temple, last year's national champions, and Nittany inconsistency. Take the worst first, inconsistency. State has been either very, very good, or very bad. Most of the time they have been very good as evidenced by the early season rout scores and by last week-end's victorious march through the South.

However, twice State failed to win games which "on paper" they should have won. The 1-1 deadlock with Army wasn't too bad a day for the booters since the Cadets hold the lone victory over Temple this season. But State's sole loss, 3-2, to Navy, was downright mortifying. It became more so last week when a virtual non-entity in the talented toe sport, Lehigh, tripped the Middies, 2-0.

Temple, the second monster in the way to the bowl, is consistently good. Its 4-2 loss to Army this year was its only defeat in the last two years to any team other than Penn State. However, the Templars haven't beaten State since 1947. Even as national champs last year, the Owls could only get off with a 1-1 tie against State.

With the soccer picture muddled—Temple has lost once, State once, Penn once, and Army is against post-season play—the outcome of tomorrow's clash could tipoff the soccer bowl team. Should State win, they will still have to get past Penn the following week. But that's easier than Temple who must go down in the bookies' books as "the one best."

Chick Werner's harriers, too, are up against a "one best"—Syracuse—Monday in the IC4A's. Although Penn State has twice consecutively won the annual romp over the tough hills and plains of New York's Van Cortlandt Park, unbeaten Syracuse has the best seasonal record. The Orange runners have tromped the field, including Army. State also licked Army but suffered its lone defeat to Michigan State. You can almost discount the Spartan victory over the Lions since it was on MSC's own flat, four-mile course. VCP is five miles—and hilly. Army would seem to be eliminated on the basis of dual meet setbacks to State and Syracuse. Thus, its the Orange or State, unmatched during the dual campaign, who should stand alone near the finish.

Individually, Syracuse's Ray Osterhout looks like the best now that Army's indestructable Pony Express, Dick Shea, has released his three-year monopoly on the event. The fiercely competitive Osterhout—if pushed by standouts like State's Lamont Smith and Red Hollen, Michigan State's Jim Kepford, and Georgetown's George Cappozzoli—could conceivably approach Shea's mark of 24:55.1 set last year. In taking second last year, Osterhout did 25:27, but already this year he has run 25:25. It will take an outstanding day by anyone to beat him.

However, Shea alone wasn't able to beat State last year—the Lions won 67-58—and it isn't believed that Osterhout can either. In Smith, Hollen, Jim Hamill, and Jack Horner, the Lions have four men who should finish before Syracuse's fifth man. Nittany depth stops there. But if either John Chillrud, Stan Lindner or Jim Cressman can get under the wire before the Orange fifth man—again believed they can—the Lions should win. Syracuse may be favored, but stick with the champion Lions until they are licked. They are an excellent risk.



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