

Gross Sends Lion Quintet Through Scrimmages as Season Opener Nears

One more week remains before Coach Elmer Gross starts his quintet on its 21-game basketball schedule. Nightly practices and scrimmages have been rounding out the rough spots in defense and offense and with the exceptions of footballers Jack Sherry and Jesse Arnelle, the team is in good condition.

Due to the football schedule, Sherry and Arnelle missed the first four weeks of scrimmage and didn't start practicing until last Tuesday. It will be another week at least before they get back into basketball shape.

Second Teamers

Gross has gradually been narrowing down the squad. In the scrimmages the first team has consisted of veterans Herm Sledzik (captain), Jesse Arnelle, Ronnie Weidenhammer, Ed Haag, Joe Piorkowski, and Jack Sherry. With few exceptions these men will probably alternate as the starting five.

On the second team, Gross has been using Jim Hill, Jim Brewer, Frank DeSalle, Ted Jackson, and John Ward. Hill and DeSalle were out for the team last year; Jackson played freshman ball two years ago; and John Ward is a newcomer from Villanova where he also played frosh ball. A transfer student last year, the 6-4 junior has been playing good ball.

Blocker Ineligible

The Lions lost a good player for the semester when Jim Blocker was declared ineligible because of scholastic standing. An excellent rebounder, standing 6-3, Jim was expected to be a very capable substitute for Arnelle and Sledzik. Now Gross has been toying with the possibility of using footballer Bob Rohland as the replacement.

Rohland is also 6-3 and was out for the squad last year although he didn't see much action because of an injury. Another player, Bob Brasfield, a 5-10 forward, was also lost because of scholastic ineligibility.

With such forwards as Weidenhammer, Sherry, Piorkowski, and Haag, the Lions won't have to worry about the front line spot—that position is covered adequately enough. The big deficit now will be in the backline where Gross has only Arnelle and Sledzik without a good substitute since Blocker's loss.

WRA Results

Basketball—AZD—25, A Chi Omega—19; Thompson (Concorian)—21, Tri Delt—27; KKG—57, SDT—10; Mac Hall I—34, DZ—17.
Ping Pong—Ionians by forfeit; Phi SS by forfeit; A Chi O over SDT; Chi O over AGD.

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Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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Between the football and the basketball seasons, there comes a pause in the sports writing occupation that is known as the All-Everything hour. Everyone gets into the act with All-America, All-Sectional, All-State, All-Conference, All-Local, All-Opponent, and All-Younameit football teams. The latest entry in the All-Everything race is a West Virginia publicity blurb for frosh quarterback Fred Wyant—"Freshman of the Year."

Thersin lies much of the answer to why "Saturday's Heroes" make All-America. How hard was a player pushed by his school's publicity director and the local press? Philadelphia scribes were ringing the Bell overtime and sure enough Penn's Ed Bell made many "all" teams. Then too, it depends on whether or not the name is Vandersnoot, Astor, or Rockefeller from a big name university. Barneys, Dooleys, or Schoderbeks don't have a chance.

In the days of Walter Camp—who started the whole All-America ratrace just before the century's turn—everything was dandy. Camp had a bona fida team. Mr. Camp could look over the Yale, Princeton, and Harvard scholars practically every game of the year. That left little chance for an oversight or an undersight. But today, how can anyone know who is really All-America? Selectors can't possibly see everyone. And the one game they may see could be misleading. The outstanding player may have a bad day when a particular selector is on hand. Or, a star may be getting double-teamed or have a lot of plays run away from his side of the field.

Yet, All-Everything's will continue to grow, and grow, and grow. It's "hot copy" and makes wonderful fuel for the Hot Stove Leaguers.

CHIROPODISTS: State College's chiropractic high school turned out two of probably the best foot specialists to hit Penn State's football team at one time—Bill Leonard and Ted Kemmerer. Bootin' Bill was so accurate with his placekicking toe that he outscored both of State's touchdown leaders, Bob Pollard and Dick Jones by three points. Bill, a crack defensive halfback as well, kicked 21 of 23 extra points and two field goals to amass 27 points. At season's end he had 18 consecutive PAT's.

Thumpin' Ted, a dark horse to end all dark horses, wound up with a lusty 36.6 yards-per-kick. Not even out for the team when the season began, Ted's and the coaches' confidence came slowly as the hometown hero was punting 60 yards plus—in practice only. But by the Penn game, Ted had both his and the coaches' confidence and the pigskin took some long rides to prove Ted as invaluable as teammate Leonard. (Ted's 61-yarder against Pitt is an unforgettable punt.) Yep, State had two of the best chiropodists in the country.

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