

# Sport SPOTLIGHT

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To those who watched Penn State in the 1953 football season (the Lions were 6-3) the coming campaign, slated to open Sept. 25, looks almost like its twin. Powerful Wisconsin has been replaced by equally powerful Illinois, and Virginia and Holy Cross have replaced Boston University and Fordham. However, the picture is still the same—the Lions are faced once again with a season of tough Saturday afternoons.

Following the Illini opener there comes a parade of strong football muscle that promises to give Rip more than his share of headaches before it's all over. Besides newcomers Virginia and Holy Cross, the Nittanies will battle traditional toughies, Syracuse, West Virginia, Penn, Rutgers, and Pitt, and will travel West for an inter-sectional battle with dangerous Texas Christian.

Here's a quick look at what the Lions will face this year:

**ILLINOIS**—Big Ten Co-Champion in 1953, the Illini are expected to field another strong team this season led by All-American J. C. Caroline and power-driving Micky Bates, who scored 11 touchdowns last year. These two form a one-two punch that will be tough to stop. However, losses on the line and the graduation of quarterback Elry Falkenstein will hurt and Coach Ray Elliot foresees trouble in matching last year's record when his club won eight, lost one and tied one. The only loss was a 34-7 walloping by Wisconsin.

**SYRACUSE**—Coach Ben Schwartzwalder faces a rebuilding job with his Orange this season and a ban on spring practice at the school has made the job a lot tougher. Nine members of his 1953 starting lineup are gone, including most of the line. However, Schwartzwalder still has a flock of good running backs, and some promising sophomore linemen may carry a surprise for everyone.

**VIRGINIA**—A newcomer on the Lion schedule, the Cavaliers appear to be the weakest opponent on the Penn State schedule. The southerners won only one of nine games played last year, but have much better prospects this year. Coach Ned McDonald has his entire first team back, including split-T quarterback Rives Baily, one of the top passers in the Atlantic Coast conference.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—The Lions will be out for blood in this one. The Mountaineers dropped Penn State, 20-19 last season as they swept to the southern conference title. But Coach Art Lewis isn't expecting quite as much this year, although he has most of his key operatives back. Big man is quarterback Freddy Wyant and hard running halfback Joe Marconi. He and guard Gene Lamone were both mentioned on several All-American squads last season.

**TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**—The Horned Frogs have been the doormat in the Southwestern Conference for the past several years but show definite signs of rising from that position this season. A win against Southern Methodist in the final game last season, (only their third in ten games) raised spirits some. However, graduation has forced a rebuilding job on coach Abe Martin. But it's still football on the southwest and anything can happen.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—The Quakers are also rebuilding. After 20 years they have a new coach, and new athletic director—and there will be some new faces in the starting lineup. Graduation took its toll on the team that whipped the Lions 13-7 last season and Coach Steve Sebo, who assisted Biggie Munn at Michigan State, must rely on rookies to run his "multiple offense." Sebo is looking for two guards, a tackle, a left halfback and a quarterback. However, he still has speedy Walt Hynoski and a host of veteran linemen as a nucleus.

**HOLY CROSS**—An untried quarterback, Billy Smithers, freshman standout last year, could be the key to Dr. Eddie Anderson's combined T and Notre Dame box attack. If he is successful, the sophomore flinger could lead a well balanced offense that might cause a lot of trouble.

**RUTGERS**—The Scarlet had a losing season last year but figure to be much better in this campaign. Graduation losses did not hurt and replacements are at hand for Coach Harvey Harman. Halfback Ron Mastrolia, and fullback Angello Ianucci figure to be key men.

**PITTSBURGH**—The traditional windup with the Panthers seems to gain more drama with each meeting. This year the Lions will go to the Smokey City with two straight wins in the old series, and this one promises to be as good as any of them. Red Dawson will be getting a lot of help from a stronghold of outstanding sophomore players, and has a large gathering of veteran material, including speedster Henry Ford, and 1952 All-American lineman Eldred Kraemer who was hampered by injuries last season. Despite the loss of several key players, Dawson should field one of his best teams since he left Biggie Munn at Michigan State. Dawson has switched from the straight T this year to the unbalanced T and single wing, and optimism runs high in the Panther camp despite one of the toughest schedules in the nation.

## Quarterback Fight --

(Continued from page twelve) workouts. However, the injury has healed and he's in the thick of the fight for the signal calling berth.

All four of the prospects far outdistance Rados as a runner, but haven't matched the Steelton slingshot in the passing depart-

ment. He smashed every existing Penn State record last season when the Lions won six of nine games played.

Engle has not committed himself on the quarterback situation and probably won't announce his starter until shortly before the Illinois game.

## 16 Intramural Sports Offered At University

There was a time when varsity intercollegiate sports were the only outlet for sport-minded students at the University. But in the last two decades this picture has taken a turn to intramural sports—sports in which all students can participate.

Sixteen IM sports are on this year's calendar. Touch football will lead-off the year-round program which will begin in a few weeks. The program will run until track and field in the spring.

Other sports on the calendar, according to Director Gene Bischoff and Dutch Sykes, assistant director of the IM sports, are soccer, basketball, boxing, wrestling, badminton, volleyball, tennis singles and doubles, swimming, handball singles and doubles, golf, and horseshoe singles and doubles.

An indication of the great popularity had by IM sports is shown by the number of students that participated last year. Well over 100 teams entered the basketball tournament, while over 200 students participated in track and field.

Competition in all intramural sports is divided into fraternity and independent divisions. Each division will have its own champion. Since sports overlap, it is seldom that the two champions meet. In the only case last year where a fraternity champ met an independent title-holder the fraternity champion won. This happened in an all-University badminton championship meeting.

## Cooler Weather, Showers Ahead

Slightly cooler weather with occasional showers likely tonight and tomorrow was the weather picture for Centre County this morning.

Dr. Charles Hosler, meteorologist at the University Weather Station, said a mediocre storm system moving into the area will probably bring some rain.

## Phys Ed Required For Frosh and Sophs

Indicative of the importance of health, the University requires freshmen and sophomore men to take physical education regardless of curriculum.

Freshmen are required to take four semesters while sophomore transfers from Penn State centers must take phys education whether or not they have had it before.

An adaptive course, phys education 10 is available to students who are physically unable to take the regular course.

Students participating in an intercollegiate sport will be excused from their phys education classes only when that sport is in season. Any student who goes out for a varsity sport this fall must report to his first phys education class scheduled. New students will take swimming classification tests this week. Non-swimmers and beginners will be scheduled for swimming this semester.

Students scheduled for swimming must obtain a towel ticket from the Bursar's office in Willard Hall. The ticket will entitle the student to towel service in Recreation Hall. A \$2 deposit, which will be

refunded at the end of the year, is required.

Veterans, who have enrolled in the University, must also schedule physical education.

Many sports are open to new students in both the fall and the spring. In the fall all of the phys education classes are held in Rec Hall with the exception of hygiene, bowling, and swimming.

Sports which are available to new students in the fall are: wrestling, boxing, tumbling, volleyball, weightlifting, badminton, flycasting, bowling, and swimming.

In the spring, wrestling, boxing, volleyball, and tumbling are dropped and softball and golf are added to the program. The latter two sports and flycasting are played outdoors.

A student can participate in the same sport for only eight weeks, unless given special permission.

## Alumnae Plan Supper

Members of the State College chapter of Alpha Xi Delta alumnae and their husbands will meet for a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. R. W. Barker on Benner Pike today at 5:30 p.m.

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