

The Scorebook

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SPORTS — PENN STATE STYLE

Welcome to Penn State and to the world of sports a la Nittany Valley. The sports program at the University, including freshman, varsity, and intramural schedules, is one of the best in the nation.

It might be helpful to note here that Penn State's varsity athletic competition is governed by the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

According to an NCAA regulation now in its third year, freshmen are ineligible for varsity sports. However, the University has been expanding its schedule by adding more and more sports for the yearlings.

Penn State is blessed with some of the finest coaching talent in America. One new head coach is added this year, John Egli, who has been elevated from the assistant basketball coach's slot to Elmer Gross' former position.

Gross guided the Nittany quintet to upset after upset in this year's NCAA playoffs, defeating, among others, Louisiana State and Notre Dame, on the way to the number 3 berth in the tournament. He resigned from his coaching job in order to devote his full efforts to his teaching duties at the University.

FALL AND WINTER SPORTS

Besides basketball, the sports schedule for this fall and winter will offer competition in cross-country, football, soccer, indoor track, wrestling, and gymnastics.

Last year's cross-country team posted an unbeaten record. The Lion harriers won three dual meets and one triangular encounter and then finished the campaign by placing third in the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America title run and fourth in the NCAA run for the roses.

Chick Werner, cross-country and track and field mentor, is one of the most highly respected men in the coaching profession. Down through the years he has made Penn State one of the track powers of the nation. He developed Barney Ewell and the Ashenfelter brothers and has been on the United States Olympic coaching staff.

Football coach Rip Engle has been accused of using the "crying towel" too much. This season he has good reason to use it. The Nittany grid mentor no longer possesses the talents of Tony Rados, the East's top passer last season. Finding a replacement for Rados has been no easy job, and whether the search has paid off or not will not be known until the team takes the field and the action begins.

On the bright side, Engle can still count on the services of such stars from last year as Jim Garrity, end; Rosey Grier, tackle; Charlie Blockson, fullback; and Lenny Moore, halfback.

Soccer at Penn State ranks with the tops. Bill Jeffreys, former Lion coach, was largely responsible for the Lions' success in this sport. He is now in Puerto Rico, spreading the popularity of the head-and-foot game. His successor, Ken Hosterman, comes from a family of famous Nittany booters. Hosterman did a fine job in his first season at the helm last year, winding up with one of the sharpest teams in the East.

Back to basketball again. Egli will be able to get plenty of aid from Ron Weidenhammer, Jack Sherry, and Jesse Arnelle during the coming campaign. Weidenhammer is a classy ball handler and fine set-shot artist. Sherry will graduate in February, and his services will be available for only one semester. Arnelle hit the spotlight in the NCAA playoffs, being named to the all-tournament squad and being recognized on the Helms Foundation All-America quintet.

Wrestling has become one of the favorite sports in the Vale during the past few years. This can be attributed largely to the fact that the Lions came up with a national championship outfit in 1953. Coach Charlie Speidel has lost a lot of his top performers in the past two years, but he can still be counted on to come up with a fine team.

Gymnastics Coach Gene Wettstone is one of the most successful men in the sports world. His team copped the national title in 1952 and walked away with the crown again this year. The team has good balance and should be able to keep its winning ways despite the loss of some of the main stars through graduation. Jean Cronstedt, exchange student from Finland, has been Wettstone's pride and joy and is regarded as one of the top gymnasts in the nation.

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Nittany Booters Lose Five Stars

By ROY WILLIAMS

Despite the fact that Penn State's soccer squad is minus five outstanding veterans from last year's team, Coach Ken Hosterman has a bright outlook for the coming season. And the youthful coach—who is now piloting the Lions for his second season—has plenty of reason for taking such a view.

Hosterman has 11 veterans returning for action this fall, after the Lions posted a 5-2 card in Hosterman's debut as soccer coach at Penn State last fall. In addition, seven sophomores have moved up from the frosh squad with hopes of cracking into the first string lineup.

Nevertheless, Hosterman will still have a rebuilding job to do. This season he will be without the services of fullbacks Hap Irvin and Emil Borra, and the outstanding play of goalie Red Harris. The graduation of linemen Hubie Kline and Bill Norcik has also left a noticeable hole in the Lions' front line.

Of the 11 men returning from last year's squad, six seniors will move into their final season with the Lions. On the front line, Hosterman will have three seniors and three juniors returning. Captain Jack Pinezich, Charley Snyder and Joe Majares—all seniors—and juniors Dick Packer, Dick Matacia, and Milt Springer have seen action for Hosterman.

A major part of Hosterman's rebuilding job, however, will be in his backfield ranks. Returning are senior halfbacks Galen Robbins and Gerry Gillispie, senior center halfback Paul Dierks, and junior halfback Ihor Stelnyk.

In the goal tending position, junior George Geczy will be returning after seeing limited action last season. But Hosterman will have a careful eye scanning such sophomore prospects as Ward Hill, Tom Nute, Steve Flamporis, Harold Walz, Dominic Tremonte, Bohdan Guran, and John Lawrence to bolster his squad.

This season, Penn State will play eight matches—one less than last season's card. Five games will be at home, with three scheduled for foreign fields. Bucknell will visit the Lions in the season opener, followed by a trip to College Park, Maryland, on Oct. 13. Then the Lions will return home for a four-match home stand against Syracuse, Colgate, Army, and Navy. The final two tilts will be played in Philadelphia, first against Temple, followed by the season's final game against Penn.

Lion Coaches

- FOOTBALL**
Head Coach—Rip Engle
Assistants—Sever Toretti, Jim O'Hara, Joe Paterno, Earl Bruce, J. T. White, Frank Patrick
- SOCCER**
Head Coach—Ken Hosterman
- CROSS COUNTRY TRACK**
Head Coach—Chick Werner
Assistant—Norm Gordon
- BASKETBALL**
Head Coach—John Egli
- WRESTLING**
Head Coach—Charlie Speidel
- GYMNASTICS**
Head Coach—Gene Wettstone
- BASEBALL**
Head Coach—Joe Bedenk
Assistants—Chuck Medlar, John Egli
- TENNIS**
Head Coach—Sherm Fogg
- GOLF**
Head Coach—Bob Rutherford
Assistant—Joe Boyle
- LACROSSE**
Head Coach—Nick Thiel

Engle Has Hat Trouble

Only the kindness of a Danbury, Conn., hat manufacturer keeps Rip Engle from going bareheaded. "If I would take an iron hat to withstand the punishment I deal out during a football game," the Penn State coach says, "and what's worse, I lose two or three chapeaux a year."

Kane Impressive

Sophomore halfback Billy Kane, of Munhall, has been impressive in early-season football drills at Penn State. Coach Rip Engle says the newcomer "can do more things well than any sophomore I've had in recent years."

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