

Soccer Turnout Pleases Coach

By ROY WILLIAMS

With the start of the 1954 soccer season more than two weeks away, Coach Ken Hosterman has been taking a serious look at his candidates for the past week. Although practice sessions have been underway for only four days, a large turnout of both veterans and newcomers indicates Hosterman will have plenty of material for the coming campaign.

Nevertheless, the youthful coach has no ideas about pin-pointing any particular man to any definite team position—at least not this early in the scrimmage drills. "We're putting the accent on conditioning right now," Hosterman said. "Our conditioning program will be more thorough this season," he continued, "because we're trying to cut down on injuries."

Yesterday the Lions put in an afternoon of scrimmaging against the local high school eleven. Although the team is still working out the summer kinks, both veterans and newcomers put on a spirited display.

Backfield Needs Work

At a quick pre-season look, Penn State is expected to have a strong, experienced forward wall, but the backfield is going to need some juggling before the opening kickoff.

In the line, Hosterman has a wealth of material from which to choose. Veteran standouts Bob Norcik, Gary Nugent, and Hubie Kline are missing this year, but several veterans are returning to bolster these losses.

Captain Jack Pinezich, along with Joe Mijares, Dick Packer, Milt Springer, and Dick Matacia are being counted on by Hosterman. In addition, several sophomore prospects have been appearing to give the veterans some competition.

In the backfield, however, Hosterman has a different combination to find for his starting lineup. He's without the services of such starts as Captain Hap Irvin, Ralph Hoffman and Emil Borra in the backfield, and goalie Red Harris.

Hosterman Has Material

Hosterman's headaches is not concerned with the factor of being without good material. He has that, but where to put it is the question.

Last season Paul Dierks, Ihor Stelnyk, and Gerry Gillespie handled the halfback chores very well. Senior Galen Robbins also worked the backfield in addition to Irvin and Borra.

Sports Managers, Often Unheralded, Have Vital Jobs

Each of Penn State's eleven varsity teams has at least four men who are hidden behind the headlines. There to be rushing about, but seldom seen, and more seldom noticed, are the managers. These are the fellows who tote the bucket, carry the tape, and wrestle with the equipment in preparation for each game and each practice.

The manager's work begins long before the season starts and lasts long afterward. His pre-season labor includes preparing the equipment the players must use in prep'ing for the coming foes on a rugged inter-collegiate schedule.

During the season his errands and ministrations facilitate the operation of a smooth, high-g geared athletic machine. Post-season finds him storing and often repairing the materials used throughout the season.

But, as every pup must have his day, the faithful workhorse is finally given his day of recognition in the form of a big, block letter "S". The same proud symbol that his friends, the players themselves, have earned. The head and assistant managers of each squad is so honored.

Sophomore men are eligible for the post of second assistant manager for fall, winter and spring sports. At the conclusion of each season three first assistant managers are chosen to serve during the following season. One head manager is chosen from the three first assistants and serves in that capacity the following season. The two remaining assistants, although inactive, serve as associate managers.

Behind the punter, behind the goalie, back of the guard, and rooting for the wrestler is another star, the fellow who does the unnoticed work—the manager.

Lion Cagers to Play Navy, Penn at Home

Home skirmishes with Navy and Penn will highlight Penn State's 1954-55 basketball schedule. The Lions have also extended their schedule to 25 contests, six more than last year.

The cagers, who last year stunned the college basketball circles by rolling to the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament, are entered in the University of Detroit tournament at Detroit Dec. 27 and 28, Detroit, Toledo, and Wayne University round out the tourney entries.

The complete schedule follows.

Dec. 4, Dickinson; 9, North Carolina State, at Raleigh; 11, Carnegie Tech; 15, Colgate; 17, Gettysburg; 18, Rutgers; 27-28, University of Detroit Tournament; 30, Michigan State, at East Lansing.

Jan. 5, Bucknell; 8, U.S. Naval Academy; 12, Syracuse; 14, Carnegie Tech, at Pittsburgh; 15, Pitt, at Pittsburgh; 19, Lehigh, at Bethlehem; 29, Temple, at Philadelphia.

Feb. 2, West Virginia, at Morgantown; 5, Lehigh; 9, West Virginia; 12, Washington and Jefferson, at Washington; 18, Colgate, at Hamilton, N.Y.; 19, Syracuse, at Syracuse; 23, Rutgers, at New Brunswick, N.J.; 26, Pitt.

March 2, University of Penna.

Berra's Home Run Trips Tigers, 4-2

DETROIT, Sept. 16 (AP)—Yogi Berra complained before the game today that an infected finger should have kept him out of the lineup, but he hit a three-run home run in the first inning to enable the New York Yankees to defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-2.

Rookie Bob Grim yielded only six hits in his 19th victory against six defeats.

Manager Casey Stengel admitted he refused to bench Berra more because of the Detroit-Boston fight for fourth place than because of the Yankees' own slim hopes for a sixth straight pennant.

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Cross-Country Team Faces 'Rebuilding'

Nittany cross-country coach Chick Werner is sweating out a "coach's nightmare" right now.

The loss of three of the team's top stars—Red Hollen, Jim Hamill, and Lamont Smith—from last season's undefeated squad has left Werner with a big rebuilding job.

Along with Doug Moorhead, who will be back this year, the above threesome swept three dual meets and one triangular battle. They paced the team to third place in then IC4A title run and to fourth in the NCAA championships.

Penn State had one of the finest cross-country teams in the nation last year, but the loss of three of the main cogs has dampened the outlook for the coming campaign.

Moorhead, Ted Garrett, John Chillrud, and Skip Slocum are the only returning lettermen. This quartet has potential and should form the nucleus of this year's outfit.

Penn State traditionally has had a powerful hill-and-dale squad, and, while this year's team does not match some of the top outfits of the past on paper it could turn out to be another strong team.

Werner has had plenty of experience at rebuilding in his more than 20 seasons at Penn State.

The Lion mentor will be trying to mold another powerful team out of last year's lettermen, returnees from last season's freshman crop, and others who will be running cross-country for the first time.

In the two weeks between now and the first meet on Oct. 2 at Annapolis with Navy and Villanova a lot will have to be accomplished. Werner's main hope, he said, is "the unexpected"—the long shot gamble that has paid off in the past and which may well come through again this year.

Young GOPs to Attend McClure Bean Soup

An "old fashioned Republican get-together" will be the spirit of the Young Republicans Club's trip to the annual McClure Bean Soup at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, Benjamin Sinclair, president of the Centre County Young Republicans group, said yesterday.

Members of the group wishing to attend the festival should call Sinclair, ADams 7-4283. Transportation will be provided and will leave campus at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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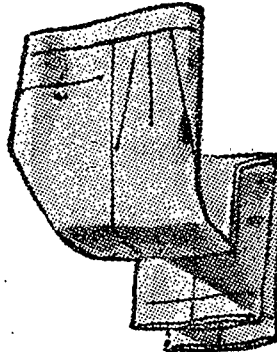
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