

# Lion Teams Have Won at .600 Clip

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Since Penn State's official entrance into the sports world in 1875 the Lions have been winning at better than a .600 pace in intercollegiate athletics.

Available records for 15 varsity sports at the University show that Penn State teams have engaged in 4,532 athletic contests winning 2,786, losing 1,605, and tying 141. These statistics include those teams which finished their 1954 schedules. Penn State teams have been winning .614 per cent of their games, including ties as losses. The percentage of wins is upped to .635 when ties are excluded.

Nittany wrestling teams have the most impressive won and lost record. Since the sport made its debut at the University in 1909, the Lions have picked up 225 wins as against only 53 losses and nine ties. The .784 percentage of victories includes ties as losses.

### Speidel Has Top Mark

Charlie Speidel, Penn State wrestling coach, has accounted for 134 wins, 30 losses, and seven ties—a .775 record. From 1950 to 1954 Speidel's teams won 34 consecutive matches, finally being stopped at Annapolis by Navy.

In golf the Lions have won 134, lost 55, and tied six since the sport swung into action in 1922. The golfers' .730 mark can be attributed mainly to coaches R. B. "Pop" Rutherford, who guided the team from 1923 through 1944, and his son Bob, Jr., who took over the helm in 1950 and is the present coach.

### Soccer Teams Won 65 Straight

Soccer coach Bill Jeffrey guided the Lions from 1926 through 1952, leading his squads to 154 wins, 24 losses, and 29 ties. His .744 record was highlighted by a 65-game winning streak that included eight seasons in a row without a loss. The streak was finally ended in 1941 when Army defeated Penn State at West Point, 1-0. Penn State's booters have rolled up a .714 log that shows 202 victories. Ken Hosterman, who took over Jeffrey's job in 1953, has guided the Lions to 12 wins in 14 contests.

The fourth and fifth ranking teams on the won and lost basis are both coached by Chick Werner. Cross-country ranks fourth with a .710 slate and track is next with a .676 record. N. J. "Nate" Cartmell coached the cross-country teams from 1922 through 1932, posting an 18-8 log. He produced IC4A title-winners in 1928-27-28 and 30. His track squads won 28 of 34 meets from 1923 through 1933.

Werner has posted a 59-23 card in cross-country and a 50-35 record in track. Last season the outdoor track team won the IC4A championships.

Hugo Bezdek headed the Lion baseball team when it rolled up 30 straight wins from 1920 to 1921 and, in all, led his teams to 123 wins and 66 losses. Present coach Joe Bedenk, who took over in 1931, has added 266 victories and 118 defeats. Penn State's record in baseball is 671-327-10, for a .666 percentage.

Basketball was inaugurated at Penn State in 1897 and since then the Lions have posted 504 wins and 302 losses for a .625 mark. The winningest team in Penn State's court history was the 1951-52 squad, which had a 20-6 slate. During that season the Lions won 15 in a row before being halted in Philadelphia by Penn, 54-52, despite a last-half rally.

In football, Penn State has a .613 record on the basis of 343 wins, 184 setbacks, and 33 ties. Rip Engle took over in 1950 and in five campaigns has turned out 30 wins in 44 contests.

Penn State's recent surge in gymnastics has pushed the all-time mark to 54-38-1 for a .581 mark. Gene Wettstone's teams have won 48 and lost 21 since he took over in 1940. The Lions are currently riding on a 17-meet winning skien.

Hockey, which was a varsity sport at the University from 1940 through 1944, has been dropped from the intercollegiate schedule at Penn State. Hockey showed a 14-11-1 card for its four-year existence at the University.

In 1911 tennis was added to the schedule and since then the Lions have been winning at a .525 clip. Sherm Fogg took over the job of coaching in 1947 and has guided the netmen to 48 wins in 88 matches.

Boxing was discontinued after the 1954 campaign, but during its 36 years at the University the mittmen won 101, lost 97, and tied 23, for a .457 mark.

From 1934 through 1951 Penn State had teams in fencing. The record for the fencing teams was 36-47.

Nick Thiel took over the helm of the Nittany lacrosse squad in 1935 and since that time has compiled a 70-89 log. The all-time lacrosse record shows 111 wins, 167 defeats, and five deadlocks—a .392 percentage.

Swimming was discontinued after the 1951 campaign. From the time it was first held by Penn State until it was dropped, the Nittany swimmers won 31 and lost 62.

Penn State's all-time, all-sports record ranks with the best in the nation and is a vital part of the University's fine all-round record.

# Hockey Was Once Played At University

In its long athletic history, Penn State has embraced many sports, but during the years many were discontinued. Fencing, swimming, skiing, ice hockey, and boxing are fine sports dropped because of various reasons.

Ice hockey had its origin in 1940 with Donald Davis at the coaches post. Ice hockey was popular with student body because of the rough and tumble tactics that occur during a contest. All the intercollegiate contests were held on the tennis courts, which were flooded during the hockey season. In the '40-'41 season the team turned in a good record, scoring six wins, losing three times, and tying one.

The following year the record at the end of the season showed seven wins and four losses. In 1944 the record stood at 1-1.

James O'Hara became head coach in the following years but ice hockey was dropped in 1949. The team lost the three games played that year. It was discontinued after this.

Swimming had its beginning in 1936 under Bob Galbraith. He was head coach until 1947. Penn State's overall record was 31 wins and 62 losses. Galbraith's successor was Bill Gulteron who compiled a fair record as head coach. Swimming was dropped in 1951 after Penn State absorbed one of its worst seasons in the tanks.

Fencing was popular back in the days of knighthood but it didn't start at Penn State until 1934.

The head coach was Art Meyer who compiled a 13-29 record in his years at the University. Fencing was discontinued for the war years and was reinstated in 1947. But it lasted only four years. The overall record for its 17-year stay was 36 wins and 47 defeats.

## It Only Happened Twice . . .

# '22, '47 Gridders Were Bowl Entries

A 14-3 loss to the University of Southern California and 13-13 deadlock with the Mustangs of Southern Methodist.

These were the results of the bowl trips made by Penn State football teams since the sport came to the Nittany Vale in 1887.

In 1924, under the "old man" of Penn State football, Hugo Bezdek, the Nittany Lions went to the Tournament of Roses and met the Trojans of Southern Cal in the first game ever to be played in the present bowl at Pasadena.

With Franny Rogel and Elwood Petchel leading the 1947 gridders under Bob Higgins, they became the first Penn State eleven to win nine games in one season. It also marked the first unbeaten, untied record since the 1912 eleven won all eight games.

### Beaten Three Times

The '47 gridders earned a trip to the Cotton Bowl after this fabulous season which saw them run roughshod over Washington State (20-6), Bucknell (54-0), Fordham (75-0), Syracuse (40-0), West Virginia (21-14), Colgate (48-0), Temple (7-0) Navy (20-7), and Pitt (29-0) . . . putting the record for the regular season at 319 points for the home forces and 27

for the opposition. Against Doak Walker & Co., the Lions gained the respect of the Southern gridders and fans.

Petchel's two touchdown passes, fine punt return and general inspirational play made him the game's most recognized player.

Rogel's 97 yards to make him the game's leading ground gainer; Chuck Drazenovich's rating as the greatest defensive star of the game; Larry Cooney's great defensive play against Mustang passes; and Wally Triplett scoring a touchdown for the Lions and preventing the Texans from scoring at least three—all this made it a great New Year's Day for Penn State in 1948.

### Fabulous Season

Although the Rose Bowl team of '23 was defeated three times and tied once during regular season play, the fine performances turned in by Bezdek elevens in 1919, 1920

### Lions Joined State AA

Penn State was admitted to the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1891. In its first year as a member, the Lion football team won the conference championship.

## Nittany Ski Team Had 10 Year History

Penn State's skiing team began in 1941 and was discontinued in 1951. The first coach was Max Dercum who held that post for two years when Don King took over.

In 1947 the skiing team was named champion of the east but finished 7th in the intercollegiate playoffs. Sherman Fogg was head coach of the team that year.

More recently, boxing was disbanded by the University after 36 active years.

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