

# From This Angle...

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## "BUT AMID THE GROWING CLAMOR"

It's amazing how quickly four years can slip by. A guy sits down at a typewriter to peck out his first one-inch story and suddenly he's writing his final column.

But as he writes he reminisces through four years marked with the thrills of great athletic triumphs, association with some of the finest men in sports, and awe-inspiring performances of countless Penn State athletes, many of them truly great. There were disappointments too, but so few that they are almost obliterated by a near-miraculous record of achievement on the athletic field.

There were national championships in wrestling, gymnastics, and soccer... thrilling football victories over Pitt and Penn (but what victory over these two isn't a thrill?)... three seasons of competition in the National Collegiate Basketball tournament, one of which almost-brought a national championship... undefeated track and cross country teams and an intercollegiate title... fine baseball teams each spring and a trip to the College World Series... a boxing team that fought with both heart and fist and died gloriously when it died at Penn State... annually a powerful football machine geared to face the best—teams like Illinois, Penn, Pitt, West Virginia, Purdue, Wisconsin, Michigan State... strength in the more classic sports of tennis and golf... strength too in lacrosse where victories have been slim but heart and spirit strong... These highlight the pleasant memories that will always remain.

## "THEY STILL KNOW AROUND THE CLAN"

Behind all this is the sweat, greying hairs, planning, scolding, scouting, worrying, a few laughs, a few tears, of a handful of men who conduct their business in Recreation Hall, Beaver Field, and on college athletic fields all over the nation... Ernest McCoy, the genial boss who has combined business and athletics with the sincere enthusiasm of a true sportsman... Ike Gilbert and Ed Czekaj, who face the never-ending task of scheduling, phone calls, ticket sales, and all the minute details that are a necessary part of such an athletic system... Quiet, soft spoken Rip Engle, whose genius has brought Penn State its greatest football era, and his staff of assistants—Joe Paterno, Frank Patrick, Earl Bruce, Tor Torstl, J. T. White, and Jim O'Hara—perfectionists at the art of building winning football teams... Ken Hosterman, who bypassed the coach's apprentice stage to become a master craftsman and bring home a national soccer championship in his second year as coach... Easy going John Egli, who became head coach at the heels of Penn State's greatest year in basketball and took his Lions back to the NCAA's in his first year at the helm... Sly, calculating Chick Werner, probably one of the finest track coaches in American college history... Joe Bedenk, a man of extremes—quiet and peaceful, and then suddenly a fiery torrent intent on victory—and usually finding it... Bob Rutherford, Sherm Fogg, and Nick Thiel and Gene Wettstone whom I never knew too well, but respected highly... Peppery Charlie "Doc" Speidel, another with a knack for winning... Eddie Sulkowski, love for the solid thump of a gloved punch and the lore of the boxing ring still boils underneath his placid ways... Gene Bischoff and Dutch Sykes, two men who have given Penn State one of its finest gifts, and whose untiring work in the intramural program mark them as real champions of true athletic competition... Chuck Medlar, and Dr. Greiss, fathers to hundreds of athletes. The strength of medical knowledge alone has brought its share of victories... and Jim Coogan who owns an endless and often thankless job of putting the Penn State name in the eyes of the public and takes a back seat to no man in his field.

## "HE'S THE SOUL OF COLLEGE SPIRIT"

And the athletes. They continue to come and go with each passing year, but all of them in some way, have left their contribution behind. The records and the achievements of many of them will never be forgotten. Hugh Jesse Arnelle is one of these. A picture of raw strength and poetic grace, he will, without a doubt, stand always with the names of other Penn State greats... fleet Lenny Moore, the finest college halfback I ever saw. The finest tributes of college football barely eluded him in 1954. He has proven his worth on the gridiron and should be given a just opportunity to prove himself as a student. Ollie Sax who once touched greatness that rubbed off on the Penn State name... Rosey Grier, a mountain of strength on the football field and equally strong on the trackfield... Art Polard, lightning on a cinder track... Adam Kois, a stalking, crushing force beneath the hot flood lights of a boxing ring... Dick Lemyre, smooth, fast and smart and consequently a champion on the wrestling mat... Jan Cronstedt, a flying, twisting picture of grace... Karl Schwenzfeier, who made unnoticed the loss of the great Flying Finn... Jack Pinezich, Dick Packer, Paul Dierks, the heart of one of the finest soccer teams, that this, or any other college has ever seen... Sledzig, Weidenhammer, Rados, Younker, Perry, Bell, Eaken, Dooley, Bailey, Balthaser—the list could go on and on. They all played their part in the moving four-year story of sports that has been such a thrill and a privilege to witness.

## "AND THE MAKER OF A MAN"

It's sincerely hard to say goodbye to it all, but it's easy to say thanks a million for the help these people gave. It will never be forgotten.

Grantland Rice once wrote these lines and they seem to fit just now.

Where the old dreams move along—shadows that drift to and from—moving on back through the years—I've seen a pretty good show.

Come on in Roy Williams, a year from now I hope it's as hard for you to quit as it is for me today.

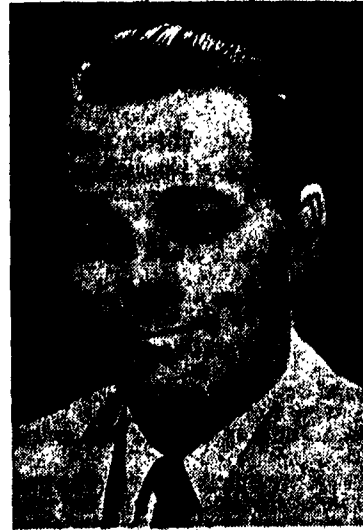
# Hosterman Is Named Soccer Coach of Year

By ROG BEIDLER

Ken Hosterman, Lion soccer coach who directed the Nittany booters to the national championship in his second year as coach last fall, has been named soccer's "Coach of the Year."

The 30-year-old Lion coach will be awarded a trophy marking this achievement, May 11, by the Old Timers' Soccer Association of Philadelphia. An official of the association said that Hosterman has been chosen for this honor because of "his distinguished record and his energetic and active promotion of the sport."

Last season, Hosterman piloted his squad to a perfect 9-0 slate which gained the booters national honors. Several of these victories came over such perennial powers as Temple, 1953 national champs; Army, Navy, and Penn. During the previous season, the soccermen recorded a 7-2 mark in Hosterman's freshman year at the helm.



Ken Hosterman  
Tops in the nation

Hosterman replaced veteran Lion soccer mentor Bill Jeffrey, who occupied the position at Penn State for 27 years. Soccer was not a strange game

in the Hosterman family, nor was the Hosterman name a strange one at Penn State. His older brother "Woody" played for the Nittany Lions during 1934, 1935, and 1936, and a second brother, Walt, not only played for State during 1939, 1940, and 1941, but was also named captain of the Nittany booters. He was picked as an all-American in the 1940 and 1941 seasons.

The soccer line didn't stop there however, as another brother, Ralph, gained all-American honors playing for the Lion forces in 1949 and 1950. He also played during 1947 and 1948, and captained the team in his senior year.

Ken, however, didn't have the good fortune that his brothers enjoyed. His active soccer career was halted in his sophomore year at State under Jeffrey when he broke his leg. He had played on the freshman squad during his initial year at Penn State.

The award which Hosterman will receive was established in 1954. Veteran Temple coach Pete Leanness was the first coach to be given the honor.

## Netmen Try For 2d Win At Lehigh

Now that the ice has been cracked, Penn State's tennis squad (1-3) will be out for its second straight victory of the season today when Lehigh University will provide the opposition at Bethlehem.

After suffering three consecutive defeats, the Lions finally broke into the win column on Thursday, clubbing Bucknell 6-3 on the Bisons' home courts at Lewisburg. Bucknell will travel to State College May 25 for a return engagement.

Today's match with Lehigh rates as a tossup. However, second guessers might give the nod to coach Sherm Fogg and his outfit as Lehigh only slipped by Bucknell, 6-4.

The Bisons looked like a sure-fire bet against the Engineers after grabbing four of six singles matches and piling up a 4-2 lead. However, Lehigh came back to sweep the doubles play and walk off with the one point advantage and the match.

Penn State captured four of the six singles matches and also swept two out of the three doubles against the Bisons. If the Lions can maintain this pace today, they should return with one victory shy of the 500 mark.

From all indications, captain Bill Zeigler is rapidly approaching his usual form. Zeigler was defeated in his three outings in straight sets; however, against Bucknell, the Lions' number one man rallied from a first set 2-6 loss to sweep the next two sets and the match. Zeigler had his forehand going for him and appeared to grow stronger as the match progressed. However, he was pressed in the final set by Bucknell's Dick Wormser, but edged the Bisons' number one performer, 8-6.

Chuck Christiansen also picked up his third win of the campaign and Doug Zuker brought home number two. Larry Adler, who dropped a tough one to Pennsylvania in the opener, came through in the pinches to record a 7-5 and 8-6 clipping of Bucknell's Dick Reichter.

Sophomores Joe Eberly and Al Williams wasted little time in subduing the Bisons' third double combination as they won in two sets, 6-4 and 6-3.

## Selective Service Test Applications Available

Application forms for the Selective Service College Qualification Examination are available in the dean of men's office. This will be the last Selective Service test of the academic year.

Next Monday is the deadline for filing applications. The test will be given May 19. Students who have taken the test previously are not eligible to take the test again.

## Golfers Open Home Card With Big Red

Coach Bob Rutherford's undefeated golf team makes its 1955 home debut today against the Cornell University squad.

The Linksmen, sporting a 2-0 slate, will try to extend their unblemished streak against the Big Red which is also undefeated.

Cornell, in its only other outing this year, overpowered Bucknell, 8-1. The Bisons were also a victim of the Lions, losing 9-0.

The Big Red has three veterans in its starting lineup, and all saw action against the Lions last year. Its number one man, Dick Petersen, beat last year's captain, Rod Eaken, 4-3. The other two, Dick Love and Dave Stotz, lost to Gordy Stroup and present captain Warren Gittlen, 2 up and 3-2.

### Nittanies Favor

The Nittanies beat Cornell last year, 5-2, and so will be the favorites in today's encounter. Rutherford's lineup will be the same as the one used in the Georgetown shutout. But the order of play will not be released until the two teams meet on the first tee tomorrow. Captain Gittlen will probably be the Lion number one man, however. The veteran Gittlen has won his first two matches handily, and seems to have reached the top form he held last season as one of the team's standouts.

The rest of the team, in the order it played against Georgetown, is John Branish, Jim Ginsberg, Jim Mayes, Jim Gerhart,

Leo Kukkola, and John Boyanowski.

### Possible Obstacle

Cornell can present a large-sized obstacle in the Lions' path. The Big Red hasn't won over the Nittanies in 10 years. Its win over Bucknell was most impressive. It all adds up to a tough day for the Lions.

However, the Linksmen are primed for today's action. They have a double incentive of extending their present win streak, and hanging on to their home course streak. The Lions have not been beaten on their home greens in the last two years.

## Withdrawals Total 194 Since September

A total of 194 students have withdrawn from the University this school year.

Fifty-three of the students were attending University Centers.

Withdrawals were not heavy for any particular month, except March.

During April 44 campus students have withdrawn, and 28 from Centers.

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