

Lions Open Season Saturday

Three '55 Starters Retain Soccer Berths

Only three regulars from the 1955 unbeaten co-national champion soccer team are certain of starting berths Saturday when the Lion booters entertain Bucknell University in the 1956 opener.

The three—Steve Flamporis, Ward Hill, and Ralph Brower—are the lone survivors from the eleven men who opened at starting positions a year ago. Six of the 1955 starters were lost through graduation while the other two are having a tough time holding on to their jobs. Competition is so keen among the forty aspirants that Coach Ken Hosterman will not decide upon a final combination until game time.

However, the soccer mentor has stated that Flamporis and Hill will open at two of the halfback spots, while Brower will be in one of the fullback positions. This will be Flamporis' third year as a starter for the Nittanians.

The third halfback position will be occupied by either letterman Walt Krauser, Paul Bauer, or Herb Hertner. Krauser is a senior, the other two are sophomores. Bauer was converted from fullback, the position he played on last year's frosh team. Hertner, who has impressed Hosterman in intra-squad scrimmages, is a transfer from Ogontz center.

THE OTHER FULLBACK slot is a toss-up between Dave Davis and Cal Emery. Davis is a senior, letterman and Emery a promising sophomore.

In the line, Hosterman is counting on two sophomores, Per Torgeson and Mike Stollmeyer to fill the gap at the inside posts. Bruce Walsh, Dutch Walz, Jim Hedberg, and Tom Benford are battling for the two wing poles with either Dave Haase or Tom Nute at the center half.

HEDBERG AND NUTE were starters last year but they have not convinced Hosterman that they warrant these positions for 1956. Walz and Benford also won their monograms in 1955 as reserves. Walsh is another sophomore prospect while Haase is a service returnee.

Senior John Lawrence has the edge on Jerry Bruce in the goalie department. Lawrence saw action last year as an understudy to George Geczy.

HOSTERMAN can not overlook the fact that a 'sleeper' may appear from his reserves that could force a revision of his probable starting choices. In this category he considers his best prospects to be fullbacks Don Meyer, Otto Rosenberger, Clair Zerby, and Warren Dutro; halfbacks Chuck Ott, Jim Edmonds, and Bob Sommer; and linemen Tom Schneider, Jim Forsythe, Dick Swire, and Gerry Moyer.

For the four days of practice that remain before Bucknell invades Lion country, Hosterman will try to build up the confidence and spirit of his horsemen. He feels that part of their confidence was shattered through the loss of seven lettermen from last year's team which won nine straight. However, Hosterman believes that this spirit and morale will be restored by Saturday afternoon.

2 Lion Opponents Pull Major Upsets

Penn State's football team, though idle, was indirectly involved in Saturday's scourge of upsets and near upsets.

Four of the Lions' future opponents saw action with one, Syracuse, stunning the football world by upsetting Maryland, 26-12. Jimmy Brown, who is no stranger to Penn State fans, scored two touchdowns for the Orange.

The Lions will meet Syracuse Nov. 3 at Syracuse.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE, who will appear at Beaver Field Nov. 17, spoiled Jim Tatum's debut at North Carolina with an unexpected 26-6 triumph.

The Wolfpack filled the air with passes in defeating the Tarheels for the first time in 14 years.

Two other future opponents, Pitt and West Virginia, were involved in one of the near upsets of the day. Pitt, aided by two timely fumble recoveries, staved off the upset-minded Mountaineers, 14-13.

QUARTERBACK Darrell Lewis' extra point decided the issue. The Mountaineers, however, beat Pitt in everything but the score. Total offense figures reveal that Pitt collected 96 yards while the losers amassed 239.

Ray DiPasquale, Pitt's pass defense star last year, scored from two yards out, Nick Passodelis tallied the other. Mickey Trimarki, quarterback, scored twice for the losers on short sneaks.

WEST VIRGINIA visits University Park Oct. 27, while tradition calls for the Lions to meet the Panthers in the season finale at Pittsburgh, November 24.

Sophomores Hold Key

Sophomores furnish the key to Penn State's cross-country ambitions in 1956. Only veteran returning is the captain, Don Woodrow, of Pittsburgh. Top sophomores are Ed Moran, James City; Clem Schoenebeck, State College; and Fred Kerr, West York. The harriers open Oct. 13 against Cornell.

There have been no coaching changes at any of the nine institutions Penn State will oppose on the football field in 1956.

7 Homers Hit as Chisox Nip Tigers

DETROIT, Sept. 24 (AP)—The Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers sprayed 36 base hits, including 7 home runs, over Briggs Stadium today with the White Sox emerging with a 14-11 decision.

Sherman Lollar of the Sox and Detroit's Ray Boone each cracked a pair of home runs. Charlie Maxwell had a bases-loaded clout and Red Wilson added a two-run blast for the Tigers while Larry Doby hit his 22nd for Chicago.

Boone had three singles in addition to his two home runs for a perfect day at bat. Chicago's Minnie Minoso had four hits and every man in the White Sox lineup collected at least one safety.



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Baker-Jackson in Rematch Set Tonight; Winner to Get Title Shot

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24 (AP)—Big Bob Baker of Pittsburgh and Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson collide tonight at 9 p.m. EST. at Forbes Field in a 12-round nationally televised fight with the winner moving into line for a crack at the heavyweight title.

This is the second meeting between Jackson, No. 3 ranking heavyweight, and Baker who is ranked one notch lower. Jackson outpointed Baker Feb. 3 in a 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden.

AND BAKER has not forgotten that one. Jackson then lost a close one to young Floyd Patterson in the latter's climb to a still-to-be made heavyweight title fight against lighthheavy champ Archie Moore.

Baker's whittled down from 232 to about 212 pounds and expects to enter the ring at 210, the lightest since his amateur days. Jackson, who never has a weight problem, will scale about 194.

DAN FLORIO of New York, imported to get the flabby Baker into shape, figures the 29-year-old Pittsburgh heavyweight a good bet to knock out the younger Jackson. "Jackson's windmill style

can't last forever," said Florio. "He's going to get it sooner or later."

Grinning at the mention of a knockout, Baker turned to Florio and said. "Look, this guy is tough. I'll beat him but I don't care how I do it. Sure I'd like to knock him out but he's tough and can take a punch."

THE ONLY MAN doing any kind of talking in the 25-year-old Jackson's camp is trainer Whitey Bimstein. Asked how he plans to fight Baker, Jackson shrugged his shoulders, took a couple of licks from a paper cup and walked away mumbling to a butterfly.

"Why he's talked more to that butterfly than he's talked to me," said Bimstein. "Jackson never says anything. We've got a tough fight on our hands but Jackson can take Baker."