

Lion Booters Boast Defensive Strength

By CRAIG YERKES

(This is the first of a series on the Penn State soccer team.)
(Tomorrow the offense.)

The key to the 1960 Penn State soccer season could very well rest on the strong potential of Coach Ken Hosterman's defensive unit.

He'll find out Saturday when the Lions open the season against Bucknell University here. Captain Wayne Rodgers heads the defensive unit and he will be backed up by five other returning lettermen. A fullback, Rodgers is a two-time letter winner himself.

The five others are halfbacks Gene Raiford, Bill Rierson, and Carlos Astiz; goalie Dave Grubbs; and junior fullback John Miller.

With Rodgers and Miller at fullback, this could be Hosterman's strongest position. Both men were bright spots in an otherwise dismal 1959 season, when State wound up with a 2-7 record.

If Grubbs can return to the superb form he displayed last season before being injured, Hosterman should have no goalie problems.

The bespectacled junior suffered a kidney injury diving on a loose ball in last year's Temple game. It was feared, at first, that Grubbs would never play soccer again, but he has looked impressive thus far in practice.

At halfback, Hosterman can depend on Raiford and Rierson, both two-time letter winners, and Astiz, a regular at the end of the '59 season.

However, halfback problems may arise due to the lack of experienced hands on the front line. Hosterman may be forced to

Lions Eleventh In First Poll

By The Associated Press
Mississippi and Syracuse are off to an early head start in the race for the year's college football honors.

The first weekly poll of The Associated Press shows the Mississippians rated the top team in the country by the thinnest of margins over the 1959 champion, Syracuse. Penn State is 11th.

Mississippi gained its quick advantage through a 42-0 rout of Houston in its opening game. Syracuse, idle last week, gets a chance to impress the experts in its opener with Boston University Saturday.

These two teams, both generously endowed with the talent which carried them to successful campaigns last year, are the prime pre-season favorites for the national title.

1. Mississippi (22)	434
2. Syracuse (22)	401
3. Washington (3)	374
4. Illinois	214
5. Alabama	182
6. Michigan State	149
7. Kansas	132
8. UCLA	74
9. Clemson	65
10. Oregon State	62
11. Penn State	60

switch the versatile Raiford back to the offense, and thus weaken the defensive unit.

Raiford has played the front line on occasions in the past, but his real ability is at halfback.

The best prospect for the defense from last year's freshman team is Jay Stormer. Stormer is a fullback and has looked impressive in pre-season practice.

The only weakness in the defensive unit is the lack of depth.

Hosterman has an outstanding, experienced first unit, but in soccer, depth is important. The Lion coach will be forced to call on inexperienced performers when his regulars tire.

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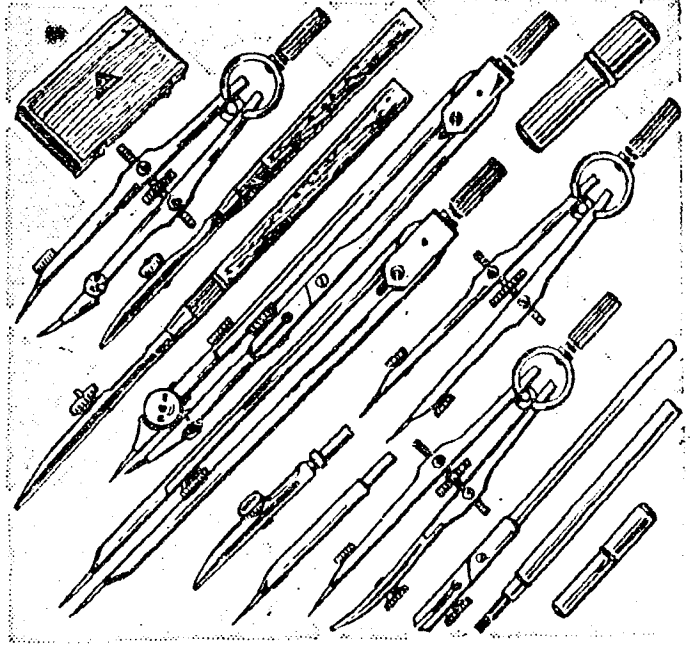
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Boston, Sullivan (6-16) at Baltimore, Barber (10-6), (N).
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