

When Joe talks football, he walks a straight line

Amidst interviewers interviewing, TV crews filming, football players sleeping and celluloid grinding, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno renewed his great task.



Lions have been reading for the last seven years. Paterno won't buy that, which is both good and bad depending on whether you wish for the rise or demise of Lion football fortunes.

Quickly rejecting down-trodden suggestions, Paterno maintained the Lions would be repeatedly tested during their 11-game schedule which starts unwinding September 15 at Stanford.

Again this year the Lion offense will be lining up in the Wing-T and the Power-I. On defense, Penn State's stopping ability could get a hefty boost from tackle Randy Crowder. As has happened in the past, when it comes to the subject of certain individual players, Paterno has been known to shed some of his conservatism for a show of firm confidence in a player's abilities. He has done so repeatedly in recent weeks in discussing Crowder, calling him the best tackle to get into a Lion uniform since a guy by the name of Mike Reid earned his degree and moved on to take a position in Cincinnati.

Crowder was kept busy for most of the afternoon as he



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posed for snapshots and answered questions, many of which were directed at his knee.

If his knee holds up under an offensive tackle's block as well as it held up under questioning, more than one question mark in the defensive line would be answered.

The 6-3, 240 pound senior said the knee felt OK and did such a good job of minimizing the seriousness of the operation that most prophets of doom have been silenced.

If the knee proves sound, and all indications say that it will, the way would then be open to move Dave Graf back over to defensive end, a move that would add a considerable measure of stability and solidarity to the line.

Most of the Lions spent the afternoon sitting on the Beaver Stadium grass, taking in all the activity and groaning approval as halfback John Cappelletti made a futile dive for a Crowder wounded-duck pass.

The best summary of the afternoon was made by sophomore linebacker Rich Kriston who has the task of playing behind outside linebacker Ed O'Neil, a possible All-America choice this year.

"We don't start practice until tomorrow and even then it will be a few days before we get into pads," Kriston said. "You can't say much right now. Wait and see."

Said Paterno: "Sure we'll make a few changes, but we're going to basically keep on playing football just as we have in the past."

For Penn State foes this fall, they amount to simple words with a conservative tone and an ominous prophecy.

Popular IM's back with revised slate

By BILL GUTHLEIN
Collegian Senior Reporter

Rec Hall will be serving up its usual fare of 17 intramural sports again this year, although in a slightly different order because of classes' beginning two weeks earlier than in the past.

The expanded fall outdoor season has allowed moving the tennis singles and team golf, formerly spring term sports, into the fall term.

Medal play golf has made the reverse move, from fall to spring, to round out the schedule.

The IM office begins organizing the tennis and golf competition, as well as a traditional favorite touch football during the first week of classes. A week later bowling and basketball teams are recruited. Competition in these two sports continue into winter term.

The IM program is a popular form of recreation at the University Park campus. Over 5,000 participated in the touch football competition last year and nearly 4,000 in basketball. Actually the intramural program is four separate programs called divisions: dormitories, fraternities, independents, and graduates.

The idea of interdivisional playoffs has been considered and rejected by IM officials because of several problems, chiefly the time factor and fear of independents and fraternities recruiting to dominate one sport.

"Generally there is no great pressure for playoffs—everyone is satisfied," said Clarence "Dutch" Sykes, director of intramurals. "The idea scares me a little bit. Independents and fraternities could organize super teams and ruin competition in the division."

Other IM offerings include handball singles and doubles, swimming and wrestling in the winter. Spring term offers a bonanza of choices with racketball, badminton, volleyball, tennis doubles, soccer, horseshoes, medal play golf, and track all on the IM agenda.

The major gap in the intramural program is the lack of softball competition. Although Sykes admits


softball would challenge the supremacy of basketball and football, there are other factors, namely the abbreviated season and the lack of diamonds, especially lighted facilities for the early months.

"We couldn't start till April because of the atrocious, cold weather, not unless you want to play in the snow. Besides there is not enough time for students to eat and play in daylight before daylight savings time," he said.

Intramural sports offer all the pleasures of formal competition, including a chance to complain about the officiating. Sykes admits he gets "nothing but complaints" about his refs who are generally undergrads with familiarity with the sport. Before the season begins the prospective officials are put through a general clinic to help them at their new job.

Long range plans for the intramural program include expansion into a new building in October, 1975. The facility will include six basketball courts, four badminton and two volleyball courts, a jogging track similar to the one in Rec Hall, 12 handball-racketball courts, wrestling room, weight training room, locker rooms, and a suite of offices for the IM department and the various sport clubs.





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