

COACH HERMANN COMMENDS SHOWING OF 1925 CAGEMEN

Around Two Varsity Letter Men Nittany Mentor Builds Team Which Checks Best Quintets of East—Gerhardt, Shaner and Neff Graduate in June

Placing the hardest schedule that has been compiled for several years, the Penn State teamers brought the 1925-26 season to a close with the two-game trip to Pittsburgh and Syracuse last week. The Lion quintet won twelve out of its fourteen games, losing only to the powerful Penn and Syracuse organizations.

"Viewed as a whole," states Coach D. M. Hermann, "I consider the season a success. It is a phenomenal team that can come through a season as hard as Penn State's without a bad loss." The Nittany mentor began training early in December with only two varsity lettermen, Pipe Gerhardt and Norm McVicker. Around these men he moulded a team which held the best teams in the East at bay until the ill-fated contest on the Penn heels late in the season.

Team Fast But Frangible With Juniors in the lead, the Lion quintet began its end with a victory which was followed by the defeat of Carnegie Tech 34-21, Susquehanna 37-17, Gettysburg 41-24, Catholic University 26-11, Navy, 19-17, Pittsburgh, 40-15, Lehigh Valley 42-21, Notre Dame, 33-22, and Syracuse, 21-22.

The string of Nittany victories was broken by the Red and Blue aggregation at Philadelphia by a 36-24 count. After an easy win over Bucknell, 67-17, the Blue and White five divided the last two games on its card, defeating Pitt again with a tally of 35-20, and losing to Syracuse by a 18-27 score. Throughout the season, the Nittany team was high in scoring ability, leading more on outpunching opponents than on a close guarding game. Dutch Hermann characterizes the quintet as

fast and with plenty of scoring ability but erratic. That the season was on a par with those of the last ten years is indicated by the fact that in this time Penn State has lost only twenty times, an average of two a year.

Veterane Leave Team The men on whom Coach Hermann relied for most of the season were Captain Pipe Gerhardt and Mike Hanger at forwards, McDermid at center and McVicker and Hood at guards. Neff and Shaner also did good work at the guard positions in several games of the season. These men and Pipe Gerhardt will be the most serious losses to next year's squad through graduation.

Coach Hermann states that Pipe was "one of the best natural basket ball players he has coached in ten years." Neff and Shaner, who were handicapped by being played out of their natural positions at forward and center, respectively, played a fine game in a flatting string of the Nittany victories. "Neff" he says "is a mighty good man on the floor and a dead shot under the basket." Shaner will also be a hard man to replace. He will be missed next year, and was a real pinch-hitter and played a better game when sent in from the bench to steady the team than he did if sent in with the first line-up.

Individual Scoring Data table with columns for Player, P, G, F, M, FT, Total. Rows include Capt. Gerhardt, Hanger, McVicker, Hood, McDermid, Shaner, Snyder, Neff.

FRATERNITY MAT AND RING CARD ANNOUNCED

After the first week of inter-collegiate boxing and wrestling contests, six teams remain in the line for ring honors while the two left out of the wrestling leaves all entrants eligible for the schedule for the grapplers is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 21: Theta Kappa Phi vs Alpha Chi Rho, Delta Sigma Phi vs Delta Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Phi vs Sigma Nu, Alpha Gamma Rho vs Theta Chi. Wednesday, March 25: Chi Phi vs Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi vs Phi Delta Theta. Thursday, March 26: Tau Sigma Phi vs Phi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Chi Rho vs Sigma Nu. The first four teams meet tonight at the Y.M.C.A. at seven o'clock, while the second group should be on hand a half-hour later.

NOVEL DEBATE OFFERED TONIGHT IN OLD CHAPEL

Court Question Will Be Argued by Member of Penn State and W. Reserve Teams

An innovation in debating at Penn State will be presented in Old Chapel tonight at eight o'clock, when a representative of the Nittany Institution will cooperate with one of the Western Reserve debaters in upholding the affirmative side of the Supreme Court question. The negative side will be taken by a team composed also of a man from each college.

The speeches will be somewhat extemporaneous, as the men will have to make their arguments conform to those presented by their colleagues. Judges will be appointed and the audience will render the decision, which will be affirmative or negative, a matter that for Penn State at Western Reserve, as is usually the case.

P. S. Anderson '25 will take the affirmative side for Penn State while S. K. Stevens '26 will defend the negative. At the conclusion of the debate in open forum will be held. At this time any one in the audience may speak on either side of the question. S. K. Stevens '26, L. L. Wilford '27, C. S. Grove '25, and B. B. Dyer '26 will journey to York on Friday, where they will oppose the affirmative team representing Swarthmore in the York High School auditorium. This debate will also be on the Supreme Court question and will be of the regulation type.

Two Championship Teams Mark Coach Leonard's First Year at Penn State

Tri-sport Coach

In the history of Nittany coaching and coaching probably no more brilliant chapter has ever been begun than that opened by Ralph G. Leonard with the remarkable records of his soccer and wrestling teams during his first year at Penn State '35. On December sixth Coach Leonard worked off one of his field at Annapolis with a team which had just completed its sixth successive season under control. Last Saturday he received the thanks and congratulations of seven men who had just won the second consecutive inter-collegiate wrestling championship for Penn State by an overwhelming margin. The records of both the teams are quite brilliant to the coach.



R. G. LEONARD

Coach Leonard has summarized the success of the two teams which he piloted. He first made this statement on his return with the soccer team from Navy last fall. He made it again when his wrestlers triumphed the Washington two weeks ago and it is his only response to the plaudits of admiring students since his triumph at Columbia.

Leonard owes his phenomenal success in the coaching field to Lady Luck, he has been his constant favorite. With the exception of two years which he spent in the navy, he had infinitely success during the War, he has succeeded in turning out high-grade teams wherever he has coached. A. Frohman Pol'onep has been instrumental in putting out a total of six N. Y. A. L. championship teams in soccer, wrestling and lacrosse. He also performed remarkable work at Williams last year. In organizing these three sports on an inter-collegiate basis for the first time, winning organizations that comprised formerly with teams of much longer standing from Ithaca, New England colleges. It was only with considerable difficulty that Hugo Deakle was able to induce

BLACK AND BRIDLE CLUB PREPARES FOR ANNUAL SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Black and Bridle Club will hold their annual spring livestock show on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the Stock Pavilion. At that time horses, cattle, sheep and hogs will be displayed in real show style by the members of the club. These animals will be judged by members of the animal husbandry department and prizes will be given to the men who make the highest scores.

At the close of the show, there will be a grand prize contest for which the prize will be given to the one who succeeds in catching the elusive animal. Following this there will be a public luncheon at which a large ham, some joints of lamb and a few joints of beef will be sold.

UNIT TOSSERS COMPLETE SEMI-FINALS OF TOURNAY

In the semi-finals of the Inter-Collegiate basketball tournament Unit 18 moved on to its strong Unit 19 quarter by the score of 18-12, while the Unit 9 combination took Unit 16 into camp by the score of 15 to 16. Both games were hard-fought.

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throughout last minute tiller being responsible for both victories. Unit 18 finished a snappy attack which enabled it to maintain the one-point margin which it had at half-time. I tuberc played a stellar game for Unit 18, catching three field goals and one foul for the scoring honors of the contest. In the second half the defensive work of both teams stood out as a feature of the game. Although extended to the utmost to win, Unit 9 came through a tough battle to a well-earned victory. Whitey Von Nost's venturing court shot a dispirited goal form in collecting nine points for Unit 9, while McNeil guarded in commendable fashion. A desperate rally in the closing minutes of the game enabled Unit 9 to clinch a victory by the narrow edge of two points.

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NITTANY BAND PLEASURES AT MID-WINTER CONCERT

Organization Presents Varied Program of Classical, Operatic and March Numbers

In what was considered to be the best concert of the year, the Penn State band played before a large audience in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon. Each number presented by the organization was by a truly applauded.

The afternoon's program presented a variety of classical, operatic and march numbers. The opening selection was the "Invocation to Battle" from the opera "Tannhauser" by Wagner and the following "Danse Des Sultanes" by Darius Milhaud was well received. C. P. McVillie '27 was applauded for his symphonic solos "Nocturne" by Chopin and "Spring Song" by Mendelssohn. The fourth selection was the overture "Pique Dame" by Suppe and the following number was a fantasia from Verdi's "Il Trovatore" played by the band with incidental trumpet duets by D. F. Bullock '26 and W. G. Gray '26. Rollinson's well known "Carnival of Venice" was played as the sixth number, with solos for a number of instruments. A lively American sketch "In the Sawdust Ring" followed and the last selection by the band was the march "Thompson's Cadets," written by Prof. R. W. Swift.

On the coming Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the Phi Mu Alpha musical fraternity will give a concert in the Auditorium. Though originally announced as three-thirty o'clock, the time of the concert has been changed on account of the initiation of the new members to be held by the organization later in the afternoon.

GIRLS TAKE UP FENCING AND ARCHERY AS SPORTS

Archery is to be introduced into the department of physical education and hygiene for women immediately after the Easter recess by Miss Marie Hahle, director of girls' athletics. The girls are already enthusiastic and classes are being organized the work to be done in connection with spring track. Fencing classes, for which forty girls have signed up will begin this week. The classes will be under the direction of Lieutenant Miller, of the military department, and will be supervised by Miss Hahle. This is the first time that fencing has been undertaken by the girls at Penn State, and the new sport is one of the innovations recently added to the department of girls' athletics by the director.

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