

# Nittany Mitmen Hope To Break 10-Year Jinx in Battle With Navy Tomorrow

## ANNAPOLIS BOXERS BOAST 5 VICTORIES

Undeclared Middies Down Penn, Dartmouth, Hoyas, M. I. T., And New Hampshire

Can Coach Leo Houck's champion mitmen overcome the Navy jinx that has hung over them for ten years?

This is the question that will be decided tomorrow night when the Recreation Hall ring is cleared for action and the Lion leather pushers attempt to halt the second Nittany invasion of the Tars from Annapolis.

Only once has a Penn State ring team nearly succeeded in defeating a Navy team. In 1928 Captain Allie Wolf lead one of Houck's most formidable teams to the Annapolis stronghold determined to break its string of seven victories. Again, however, Nittany hopes were dampened. The meet ended in a 3½ to 3½ tie.

Navy Wins Five Meets  
Despite the fact that the Middies have been victors in all but one dual meet with Penn State's historic sons, intercollegiate title holding honors have been evenly divided between the two institutions. Each has won the crown three times during the last six years.

This season Navy will bring to the Nittany squared arena a team reputed by critics to be the greatest Spike Webb has yet produced. Undeclared in five engagements the Middle stalwart are confident of finishing the season with an unmarred slate.

Victories were recorded over Dartmouth and Massachusetts Institute of Technology by 6-to-1 verdicts while New Hampshire and Georgetown were subdued by 4-to-3 scores. Penn was overcome when the Middies took five of the seven bouts.

Although Navy's showing has been impressive so far this season Houck is high in hopes that his proteges will leave the ring triumphantly. Concerning the subject the Nittany ring strategist declared: "My boys have never been in better shape. Though the Carolina trip was hard it didn't seem to affect them badly. If we lose tomorrow we will have no alibi but we aren't counting on anything like that."

"No team can remain unbeaten forever," he declared, "and I think that the time has come when Navy's record string of wins will be broken. We shall see tomorrow!"

## UNDEFEATED MIDSHPMEN TOPPLE OVER 5 RIVALIS

Navy 6	Dartmouth 1
Navy 4	New Hampshire 3
Navy 6	M. I. T. 1
Navy 5	Penn 2
Navy 4	Georgetown 3

## Mitmen May End Middies' 10-Year Dual Meet Wins

If Coach Houck's champion leather pushers defeat Navy tomorrow night, it will be the first time this feat has been accomplished. During ten years of intercollegiate competition, Webb-coached Midshipmen teams have won sixty dual meets and tied three.

Only Penn State and Yale mitmen were able to fight the staunch Annapolis jugglers to a stand still. Yale turned the trick twice while the Lions were successful once.

Commenting upon the long string of victories and the difficulty involved in upholding an undefeated record, Spike Webb said to an Annapolis newspaper man early in the season: "I feel just like a juggler on the stage. Every time we win it seems as if another article had been placed on an already shaky balance. We're only human, one of these days our balance is going to smash."

And Houck believes, "There's no time like the present!"

## NAVY VISITORS MAY OFFER FIRST SONG FOR PUGILISTS

The first song ever written in honor of a college boxing team may be sung by the visiting Navy delegation during the clash with the Lion tomorrow night.

Entitled "Fighting Men," the song written by a midshipman of the third class, follows:  
We have met with many foes  
We have taken many blows  
We have given many good ones here  
We have taken many more  
There are two good teams tonight  
It will be a damn good fight  
But they'll have to pay for every point they earn  
Chorus  
There'll be leather meeting leather  
Yes it looks like nasty weather  
But the Navy men are never stopped by storm  
We have trained in our books  
For a lot of jabs and hooks  
And the other team will find it mighty warm  
And that well known Navy fight,  
Will be shown again tonight  
For the honor of the Blue and Gold's at stake  
Whether won or lost or tied  
We'll be fitted with Navy pride  
For the men who play the game of give and take

## Special Middle Group To View Ring Fracas

A special party of more than fifty midshipmen accompanied by Lieutenant Commander F. G. Reinicke, Navy graduate manager of athletics and Commander Jonas Ingram, former director of athletics, will come here in hopes of seeing Navy continue its unbroken string of ring victories with a conquest over the champion Lions.

A reserved section has been set aside for the visitors and a similar block of preferred seats will be available for Penn State faculty members and students appearing in formal dress. Members of Blue Key society will serve as ushers. Following the meet formal dances will be held by Sigma Chi and the combined College publications at Alpha Sigma Phi.

## NAVAL ACADEMY BOXERS REPRESENT 20 STATES

Count Shows Varsity Members From Far Corners of Nation

Twenty states are represented on Spike Webb's 1930 edition of the Naval Academy boxing squad and no two members of the regular team are from the same state.

Intercollegiate champion Fitzgerald, whose home is in California, travels the greatest distance to the Naval Academy. Dempsey, a native of Connecticut, represents the North, while Swann, from Missouri, upholds southern traditions.

Captain Meier, also a northerner, is from Michigan and both Wallace and Hall are from this section of the country, being natives of Ohio and New York respectively. Chapple is a he-man from the wide open spaces of Montana.

## WEBB INSTRUCTS CHILDREN

During his spare hours, Spike Webb, Navy boxing coach, devotes his time to the training of Academy instructor's children in the gentle art of self defense. The ages of his pupils range from three to sixteen years.

## WESTERN MARYLAND ONLY TEAM TO EXTEND BOXERS

Penn State 6	West Virginia 1
Penn State 4	W. Maryland 7
Penn State 6	North Carolina 1

## Lions and Middies First To Organize Collegiate Boxing

As the Lion ringmen clash with the Naval academy boxers tomorrow night it will recall to the minds of close followers of the state sport that these two institutions were instrumental in organizing the Intercollegiate Boxing association in 1921.

When the sport was in its infancy from 1920 to 1923, Navy, Pennsylvania, and Penn State were the only large colleges to engage in active competition. In 1921 the association was organized with Commander William A. Richardson, of the Naval Academy, as its first president.

In 1923 Penn State first gained recognition by journeying to Annapolis and holding the powerful Middle team to a 4-to-3 score. With the score tied "Bugs" Munder lost a close four round decision to Red Mission, Navy heavy.

The Lions were defeated by the Navy in 1924 again by a 1-to-1 score but succeeded in defeating the Blue and Gold in the first intercollegiate tourney at Penn State. Navy visited the Lion in his own lair in 1925 and succeeded in winning six out of seven bouts. The midshipmen also scored their first triumph in the intercollegiate finals that season.

In 1926, 1927 and 1929, Navy defeated Penn State at Annapolis by 5-to-2 scores, while in 1928 the Lion held the sailors to a 1-to-1 deadlock. The Lions won the intercollegiate tournament in 1927 and 1929, and the Navy was victorious in 1926 at Annapolis, and in 1927 at Syracuse.

## CHAPPLE IS NAVY'S TALLEST

Moon Chapple, Navy heavyweight who measures six feet one inch from the top of his head to the soles of his feet, will be the tallest boxer to enter the squared circle tomorrow night.

## Spike Webb, Born Wearing Gloves, Rises to Fame as 'Walbrook Wildcat'

Annapolis tradition has it that Spike Webb, Navy boxing coach who will attempt to win his sixty-first victory here tomorrow night, was born wearing a pair of boxing gloves.

Whether or not this is true has never been definitely decided but it is known that at a very early age he began to frequent Baltimore rings and finally while still in his teens made his professional debut as the "Walbrook Wildcat."

When United States entered the World War the Wildcat enlisted and went to France with the Expeditionary Forces. While in the service his boxing ability was recognized by General John J. Pershing, who appointed him boxing instructor of the American army in France.

After the war he applied for the post of boxing instructor of the Naval Academy and in 1920 was accepted. Since that time he has compiled a record which has probably never been equaled by any other coach in any other sport. His mit teams have won sixty engagements without a single reverse and only three losses have been recorded.

In addition to his work with the Midshipmen, Spike has also been the boxing coach for the Olympic teams of 1920, 1924, and 1928.

Spike is reputed to be the most popular coach, with both the faculty and the student body, at the Annapolis institution. He has coached the team since 1920.

## McANDREWS FACES CHAPPLE FOR THIRD TIME TOMORROW

When Captain Marty McAndrews faces Moon Chapple, Navy heavyweight, in the ring tomorrow, it will be the third meeting between the Lion fighter and the Middle stalwart.

With the score 3-to-1 at Annapolis in 1928 Marty fought the midshipman to a three-round draw and tied up the meet. Last season McAndrews lost a close three round decision to Chapple at Annapolis.

## AGE RECORD SHOWS ONLY 1 NAVY BOXER MORE THAN 22

Despite the general belief that Naval Academy men are older than the average college undergraduates, statistics show that only one man on the Midshipman boxing squad of thirty candidates is more than twenty-two years of age.

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