

# WINTER SPORTS TEAMS PREPARE FOR OPENING CONTESTS

## Sidelines

Penn State placed in a winter sport carnival for the second time in its history last week when Jim Peley carried the Lion colors to third place in the fourteen-kilometer cross-country ski race at the annual Lake Placid meet to gain a tie for sixth place for the College. Peley, former ski racer at the University of New Hampshire, won fifth place for Penn State last year.

Announcement of Army's 1932 gym team scheduled by West Point officials reveals the fact that the Cadets are slated to meet Penn State in a meet at West Point February 27.

Penn State representatives will meet Army athletes in seven sports during the winter and spring seasons. Besides gymnastics, State will engage the cadets this winter in basketball and boxing. Baseball, track, lacrosse, and golf contests are scheduled for next spring. All the engagements will be played at West Point.

An invitation to become a charter member of an eastern college basketball league has been declined by Penn State officials with the explanation that this College does not care at present to enter any athletic alliances which might keep it from other college schedules. Syracuse refused to enter the league unless Penn State would.

Dean Robert L. Sackett was re-elected vice-president of the second district of the National Collegiate Athletic association at a meeting of that body last week. The second district includes the states of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and West Virginia. Dean Sackett was elected also to membership on the national executive council of the association.

## Courtmen To Begin Season Against Terrors Saturday

### Boxers, Matmen Start Schedules Later This Month

The return to school finds Penn State's major winter sports teams polishing off the rough edges for the opening of their respective schedules within the next two weeks. Basketball holds the spotlight first, with the Lion five playing its initial game on Saturday night. Boxing next weekend and wrestling still a week later follow in order.

Walt Moser's return to active practice a few days before the vacation started raised the passer's stock considerably and gives hope of a start on the right side of the ledger against Western Maryland Saturday. It is almost certain that the speedy forward will occupy one of the offensive posts in the game with the Terrors, but, outside of Captain Brand at center, the rest of the opening line-up is indefinite.

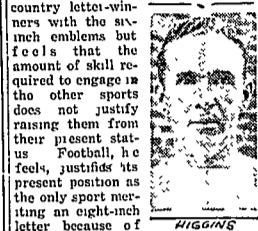
Coach Herrmann used Bub Davis as Moser's running mate and Jack Meyer and Ed Minn at guard in the final scrimmage prior to vacation, but he has given no definite indication that this will be his starting line-up Saturday. Walus and Conn may usurp Davis' and Meyer's positions before "Skip" Stahley, former Lion star, brings the Terror five on the floor for the start of the cage season here.

Prepare for Dartmouth. Although Coach Leo Houck has been putting his matmen through regular practice in the ring since the Thanksgiving vacation, the southern corner of Recreation hall will reverberate from now on to a steady tattoo

## Authorities Favor Change in Awards

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too great an emphasis on victory," he said. Bob Higgins would reward boxing, wrestling, and cross country letter-winners with the six-inch emblems but



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feels that the amount of skill required to engage in the other sports does not justify raising them from their present status.

Football, he feels, justifies its present position as the only sport meriting an eight-inch letter because of the intense competition and grueling nature of the conditioning. A plan of more or less "watchful waiting" is advocated by Neil Fleming, who feels that a too hasty elevation of the sports in question might be regretted later. He believes that the best plan is to keep these sports on a waiting list until their present popularity is proved to be permanent. If Chicago is not scheduled until January 23, the matmen will be kept busy fighting for places.

## Boxing Tournament Set for April 8, 9

April 8 and 9 have been set as the dates for the boxing tournament to be held here by the National Collegiate Athletic association, according to Hugo Bezek, chairman of the tourney committee. The meet which will also serve as a preliminary try-out for the Olympics, was first advanced a week because of conflict with Easter recess. At sessions of the committee last week, the second change was provided to allow more traveling time for boxers who will come here from western states

of the bags and the thud of punching as a large field of leather pushers strive for berths on the team. Dartmouth boxers will break the ice next Saturday to begin one of the longest seasons in Lionistic history.

Coach Charlie Speidel gathered his wrestlers together yesterday to begin elimination bouts for the varsity berths. Although the first meet with Chicago is not scheduled until January 23, the matmen will be kept busy fighting for places.

## LIONS TO ENGAGE EASTERN LEADERS

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Lion lacrosse schedule, meeting the stickmen here in one of the three home games listed. Western Maryland and Maryland are other home opponents, while Army, Colgate, and Syracuse will be met away. It is probable that the annual game with an alumni team will also be continued.

Seek Tennis Opponents. The golf schedule provides for five meets, three away and two on the College links. Army, Colgate, and Syracuse will be met on foreign soil, while Pittsburgh and Swarthmore will provide the home attractions.

Tennis and freshman baseball schedules are yet in an incomplete stage, but Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, is at present negotiating for strong opponents. All the schedules announced above have yet to be approved by the Board of Athletic Control.

## 13 Varsity Sports Teams Compile Average of .545 for 1931 Season

Penn State varsity teams won 42 contests, lost 29 and tied 6 in 1931 for an average of .545 according to figures compiled for the 13 varsity sports.

Four Nittany Lion teams finished their seasons with clean records during the year, the track team winning all four of dual meets while the soccer team won four contests and gained ties in three others. Although failing to retain the Eastern intercollegiate championship gained in 1929, the cross country squad was undefeated in dual competition. The gym team defeated Colgate in its only meet of the year.

Football and basketball were the only sports in which the Lion athletes failed to split at least even in games won and lost, the former team capturing only two victories in ten games, while the count team won only three out of fifteen contests.

in baseball and wrestling, winning eight and losing two on the diamond, and five out of six on the mat. The lacrosse team garnered four victories against two defeats and the tennis team three wins and one loss.

Lion boxers defeated three dual meet opponents, tied two and lost to one as well as losing the Eastern intercollegiate championship won in 1929. Golf, with two victories, one defeat, and one tie, and rifle, with a win and a loss in shoulder-to-shoulder matches, complete the list of varsity sports.

Freshman sports results show an even break for the Lion yearlings, with eight victories and eight defeats in basketball, baseball, track, football, and cross country competition. The basketball team had the best record with five triumphs in six starts, but the football and cross country teams this fall failed to register a victory.

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