

**Between  
the Lions  
with  
The Sports Editor**

It'll be a much sadder but very much wiser pack of Lions that takes the floor tomorrow night against Western Maryland. If the Penn debacle proved anything, it showed that the team cannot sacrifice the tap, even for the benefit of smoother floor work. Henning's entrance into the game marked the end of the Quakers' domination of the tap-offs and consequently changed the complexion of things considerably. From this point on (when the score was already 28-10) the Lions hung up twenty points to Penn's fifteen. But unfortunately, they still count first halves in most ball games, and the Red and Blue walked off with another victory.

Aside from this lesson, it seems it would be best for the Lions to forget all about the experiences of last Saturday. The schedule still lies ahead, and there are plenty of tough games around the corner; a new start against Skip Stahley's Terrors would provide the necessary zest for the Army, Carnegie Tech, Colgate, and Syracuse encounters yet to come.

Nothing in recent years seems to point so conclusively to the near formation of an Eastern football conference than the recently announced Princeton-Dartmouth, Harvard-Princeton, and Penn-Yale schedulings for the 1934 season. The main point on hand, however, is where will Penn State stand if such a group, consisting of possibly twelve of the traditional leaders of the East, becomes a reality?

If the conference is formed, alignments of the major colleges in the East will fall definitely into one of two classes—those new institutions weak in color and tradition whose subsidized football elevens, however, attain national prominence and this new group of a dozen or more of the old traditional leaders, whose common athletic ideals must stand as a worthy recompense for any loss in gridiron skill.

There is no doubt but that our athletic policy, discarding subsidization and over-emphasis, throws us inevitably with the second group of institutions. There can be no doubt, either, we believe, that such a conference would be a life-saving solution to the present financial problems of Penn State sports. But we feel that the very fact that the name of this institution has received no mention in press rumors is an ominous sign that, despite the fact that the present athletic organization here is one of the most sincere and was one of the first in the East, other schools, whose hands are not quite so clean athletically, are being considered first.

Such an attitude, if it does exist, would be directly opposed to the ideals this group hopes to foster. It would reward the pioneering, crusading athletic spirit here with an athletic solitude so complete as to be tragic.

Cornell's dropping of all sports but basketball for the remainder of the college year leaves the wrestling team deprived of its only away-from-home engagement. Scheduling of a match with Lehigh, if it could be arranged, would seem a logical replacement.

—S. H. B.

**CAGERS ENGAGE WESTERN MARYLAND HERE TOMORROW**

**Captain Walt Moser Lost To Team for Rest of Year**

**Courtmen Will Attempt Comeback Against Green Terrors**

By W. M. STEGMEIER '34

Captainless, and sadly handicapped by injuries, the Nittany Lion courtmen will attempt a comeback at 7 o'clock tomorrow night, when Western Maryland's Green Terrors invade Recreation hall.

Definite word that the Lion leader, Walt Moser, had sung a quiet and unobtrusive swan song to intercollegiate basketball came yesterday when physicians cautioned him against any further strenuous activity. Moser's old and recurrent knee injury became worse after the Penn runaway last week. He was under the observation of Allentown medical men on Monday and Tuesday.

But Moser's demise isn't the only thing that is worrying Spike Leslie. None other than Norry McFarlane has been limping around lately with a knee injury similar to Walt's. However, he has not as yet taken to crutches so, with a little nursing, Spike hopes to have him in shape for the starting line-up tomorrow night.

**Have Lengthy Practices**

With the exception of Ed McMinn, who is handicapped with badly hunched hips, what remains of the squad is in fairly decent shape. Exceptionally lengthy practice drills have kept the Lions busy since the beginning of the week.

The Blue and White line-up depends entirely on the size of the Terrors cagers. If the invading five's pivot man is as tall as the well-known Bob Freeman, Henning will probably start the game, while Wittum is favored to get a chance to help regain his team's laurels, which wilted slightly in the Penn game, if the Terrors center is not too rangy.

Leslie seems to have decided rather definitely on using McFarlane, McMinn, Conn and Thomas at the other positions, but just where they will line up he does not yet know. It doesn't make much difference, since under the new rules these positions are almost interchangeable, Spike explains.

**Stahley Coaches Terrors**

Frankly, we'll admit that we don't know any too much about the Westminster passers other than that Skip Stahley '30, former Lion luminary, is tutoring them. Skip captained the Nittany cage quintet in 1930 besides earning lacrosse and football letters while here.

The Lions have been meeting the Green Terrors on the wooden way since 1928, and if past scores mean anything at all Leslie's five should have little trouble disposing of tomorrow's opponents. A clean sweep of five victories is Penn State's record in the five games played between the two schools.

**Opponents' Scores**

**BASKETBALL**  
Penn—28; Princeton—21  
Carnegie Tech—38; Temple—31 (Extra Period)  
Temple—27; West Virginia—24  
Syracuse—32; Fordham—22  
Syracuse—32; Manhattan—25  
Bethany—47; W. & J.—34  
Osteopathy—39; Susquehanna—32

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**I. M. MIT LEADERS TO BOX TOMORROW**

Phi Kappa Tau Will Meet Sigma Alpha Epsilon Team for Title at 2 O'Clock

Because of a tie in the intramural boxing finals held last week, eight-men teams from Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Alpha Epsilon will decide the championship in a play-off at Recreation hall tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, according to Edward K. Atkinson '34, manager. Tentative teams have been picked by both houses.

In the 115-pound class Phi Kappa Tau has Reese '36 to match against Munch '33. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while Reese '36, Phi Kappa Tau, will meet Day '34. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in the 125-pound weight.

**McClary To Meet Watkins**

McClary '35, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, will meet a seasoned opponent in Watkins '34, Phi Kappa Tau, who was 135-pound runner-up in the regular tournament. The bout between Engle '35, Phi Kappa Tau, and Cramer '35, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, promises to be a thriller as both boys are heavy sluggers.

The 155-pound fracs will feature Morrison '35, Phi Kappa Tau, and Nielsen '36, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while Heist '34, will meet Selmon '35, Phi Kappa Tau, for the championship of the 165-pounders.

The light-heavyweights, or the 175-pound class, has O'Neill '36, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, matched against Miller '34, Phi Kappa Tau. The teams will weigh in at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Any one overweight will automatically forfeit his match.

no practices will be held between semesters. The yearlings are scheduled to open against Bellefonte Academy on February 4.

Wilkes-Barre Extension school, last year's winners of the Wyoming Valley league, have been selected to meet the freshmen here on February 25 in place of the Carnegie Tech freshmen who were previously scheduled for that date.

**30 Boxers in Coach Houck's R.P.T.C. Eagerly Push Veterans for Posts**

By CHARLES A. MYERS '34

R. P. T. C. might refer to Coach Leo Houck's "reserve pugilists' training corps" of thirty eager boxers who are sparring every afternoon with some of the bigger guns of the Lion mit attack.

Good reserve material is important in any sport and no one realizes this better than Leo Houck. Consequently, while he is primarily interested in whipping into shape eight good boxers, he never fails to stop a sparring bout and point out weaknesses in the style of his more experienced men.

Herasimechuk, this year's intramural 115-pound champion, and Brutski, who won the same crown last year, are available in the bantamweight class. Comet, Cramer, Engle, and Struble, a brother of Bill Struble, Lion 175-pound boxer three years ago, can be counted on to keep the reserve

list strong in the 125-pound division. Anderson, Dutton, Gilmore, Lenker, Lucas, Snyder, interclass finalist last year, and Watkins, runner-up in the intramural tourney, will be on deck in the 135-pound class. And Leo can count on Coccodrilli, Jackson, and Miller for reserves in the 145-pound division.

Flegal, Morrison, runner-up in the intramurals, and Palasin will probably afford plenty of competition for the 155-pound berth. In the 165-pound class, Espy, interclass champion last year, Hogan, runner-up, and Reilly are likely to push Tom Slusser for the post he held last year.

Heist, runner-up in this year's intramurals, and Sagun are the main 175-pound reserves. Weber may give either Woolbert or Anderson trouble in clinching the heavyweight assignment.

**I. M. CAGE TOURNAMENT TO COMMENCE SUNDAY**

Teams Must Register in Recreation Hall Before 5 O'clock Today

With between fifteen and twenty games scheduled, the intramural basketball tournament will open Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, according to Charles R. Geis '34, who is in charge of intramural basketball.

Organizations that have not yet registered for the tournament must do so at Miss Keller's office in Recreation hall before five o'clock today, Geis said.

All players who expect to take part in the tournament must submit to a physical examination in the dispensary before they will be allowed to play, Geis announced. This examination will be given free of charge.

**SOPHOMORE RIFLE TEAM WINS**

By a margin of nineteen points a picked sophomore team defeated the freshman rifle team in a challenge match last Friday. Manning '35 and Parker '36 were high scorers with ninety-five each.

**FRESHMAN GRAPPLERS OPEN INTERCLASS MEET**

Varsity Wrestlers Eligible for Competition in Tourney

Taking, for the first time, the form of an all-College tournament, the interclass wrestling competition began in Recreation hall yesterday afternoon, when the first chain of eliminations in the freshman class was completed.

No grappler, including members of the varsity squad, is barred from this tourney. The opening series of upperclass eliminations will be held at Recreation hall Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Each class will contain eight divisions, according to Speidel. The weights are: 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, and unlimited. The freshman team will engage the junior squad in the first tiff, while the sophomore group will meet the senior outfit.

**'35 CO-ED CAGE TEAM WINS**

The sophomore women's basketball team defeated the freshman five, 45-35, Tuesday night.

**MATMEN DEPRIVED OF CORNELL MEET**

Ithaca School Drops Wrestling Program—Lions May Seek Match With Lehigh

By D. H. ROSENZWEIG '31

Deprived of its most important meet of the season by the abandonment of all intercollegiate competition except basketball for this year at Cornell, the Lion wrestlers face a schedule, devoid of even a semblance of opposition of former years. And this, in a year when the Nittany Lion is slated to regain his former intercollegiate supremacy!

Especially discouraging to the team's ambition, since the Red squad was considered as the real test of the Nittany Lion's mettle, there remains only one means of providing the grapplers a schedule worthy of their endeavors—by bolstering the card with a match with either Lehigh, Princeton, or Yale.

**Lehigh Match Desired**

Lehigh, in particular, is to be desired as an opponent for this year, since the Brown and White is recognized as the leading team in the East. Resumption of relations with the Engineers is feasible, too, because of the advancement of the Intercollegiate by one week, thus leaving an open date for both teams on either March 10 or 11.

As the situation now stands the grapplers have no dual meets away. Since it is only proper to engage at least one adversary in foreign territory State's acceptance of an invitation by Lehigh for the match would bring together two ancient rivals and would receive the commendation of the student body.

A Lehigh contest, if held in Bethlehem, would see two Nittany wrestlers fighting before a home crowd. Bob Ellstrom, 126-pound runner-up in the Intercollegiate last year, and Rosy Rosenberg, twice conqueror of Lehigh's national champion, Bishop, while in high school, both were initiated into the grappling art at Liberty High, Bethlehem.



SKIP STAHLEY '30

**'36 CAGERS PLAY PRACTICE CONTEST**

Freshmen Display Strong Guarding Ability in Trial Game With Varsity Wednesday

In an informal game against the varsity on Wednesday, freshman courtmen, playing on the defensive only, exhibited strong guarding ability as they supplied opposition to the varsity men to prepare them for their tilt with Western Maryland tomorrow night.

According to Coach Mike Loeb, the practices during the last week, in which defensive play was stressed, have brought out the best in the guard candidates. With the return of Sharp and Smith, defense men who have missed recent practices because of illness, the freshmen should be able to hold their own against strong offensives.

Starting next week, the emphasis will be placed on offensive play since



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