

Lion Grapplers To Open Season Against Columbia on February 7

By JOHN A. BRUTZMAN '33
While Penn State students are fretting about pending examinations, Coach Charlie Speidel and the Nittany wrestling squad are worrying about their first meet of the season, with Columbia in New York, Wednesday, February 7.

A month ago, Columbia looked like merely a warm-up match for the Lions. Handicapped by the absence of King and Dzamba, who were in Cali-

fornia at that time, Columbia bowed to C. C. N. Y. in their opening meet 14-to-16.

A week later they crushed Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute by a 24-to-8 score, but the big surprise came last week-end when they took Princeton into camp 19-to-11. Princeton, with practically the same team that finished above the Nittany matmen in the Intercollegiate last spring, was supposed to be one of the strongest teams in the East.

As yet, "Cheerful" Charlie has made no varsity selections for the trip. Eliminations will probably be concluded this week, and two men from each class will work out daily during examination week in preparation for the trip.

LIONS TO BATTLE SEADOGS SATURDAY

Blue and White Will Seek Sixth Straight Victory Against Navy at Annapolis

By JAMES B. WATSON JR. '33

The cramming's over. The weekly quizzes are finished. When Penn State basketballers stack up against Navy at Annapolis Saturday night it will be a tough exam, and they won't be able to crib.

They're facing what is recognized as the strongest team they've met so far, but they're determined to stretch that winning streak for at least one more game.

Navy has won two and lost two of its matches so far, defeating Western Maryland 41-to-21 and Georgetown 33-to-18, and losing to Duke 29-to-23, and to Catholic University 38-to-30. Nevertheless, they have that quality so necessary in a basketball squad, reserve power.

Navy Squad Like Dreadnaughts
The Annapolis crew have followed the latest heavyweight battleship tendency, with the highest man on the starting line-up, Rankin, a guard, weighing 168 pounds. The others, Borries, forward, Decker, center, Mandekorn, guard, and Badger, forward, shoot the ball with 170 to 185 pounds backing it up.

Spike will probably start the line-up he's been using, with McFarlane and Stocker at forward posts, Curt Henning at center, and Thomas at guard. As was the case last week, the guard post remaining is awaiting either Laddy Blyler, Jack Fletcher, or Keith Parks. Not until the starting whistle will Coach Leslie be sure who he's going to use.

Lion Chances for Victory Good
All in all, the Lion quintet has a good chance of emerging from the battle Saturday night with another victory to jot down in the sports column. They're one game up on the midshipmen as far as number of games are concerned, and their percentage is better.

Navy, although admittedly a strong team and somewhat of an unknown team, will be under the handicap of having lost two games by slight margins—a heartbreaking business. Nittanymen McFarlane, Stocker, Henning, Thomas, and company, on the other hand, have a clean slate behind them, a week's review of fundamentals, and hours of playing time packed away.

Possibly Navy's greatest point is in her reserve strength. The team is so strong that the captain isn't even going to start—a senior and four juniors will make up the slate. But the Lions don't feel so badly about reserve strength; they've got plenty of it too, and know that Spike won't hesitate to call upon it if necessary.

Pugilists' Daily Work-outs Keep Them 'In the Pink'; Coach Houck Pleased

By JAMES B. BEATTY JR. '33

Recreation hall... Tuesday afternoon... time 4:30... Tommy Slusser, 165, works out with Miller, 115, for a couple of rounds... time: 5:00... Slusser and White, 175, slug through a pair of frames... time 5:30... Slusser and Flanigan, 135, take to the ring for an exchange of leather... all of which indicates that the party of the first part, Slusser, is in pretty good shape.

The same thing seems to hold true for the majority of the mit candidates. Maybe it was the anticipation of the Penn meet which did it, maybe it was something else, but nevertheless Coach Leo Houck is pleased with the way his boys have managed to get 'in the pink'... and hopes that they will stay there.

There is, according to Leo, such a

thing as a boxer being in the ring too much and not devoting enough time to such little supplements to training as the punching bag, the jumping rope, and the wall weights. The way Leo said this somehow gave the impression that some of his boys are going to see a good bit of the aforementioned supplements.

One of the most interesting bouts of the afternoon was the set-to between Madison, stocky lightweight, Mike Zeleznoek, elusive flyweight. Madison was punching hard and landing occasionally while Zeleznoek led him a merry chase about the ring.

There was little hitting at close range since both lads seemed to tie up just about the time they reached each other.

An even bout in which both participants looked good was the Nebel-Ferrero workout in which clever box-

ing and a knowledge of ring tactics was adequately displayed by both. Although Ferrero fights at 145 while Nebel tips the scales at 175, the disparity in weights didn't seem to make much difference. Both seemed to be in excellent condition.

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