

**Between  
the Lions  
with  
The Sports Editor**

If such a thing as an athletic history of Penn State were written, the historian might well record Saturday, February 24, 1934, as one of the blackest days in Nittany Lion sports. Three major winter sports teams, each boasting a creditable record to date, decisively defeated!

However, when consideration is given to the calibre of the opponents of the basketball, boxing, and wrestling teams on Saturday, the results aren't quite as discouraging as first glance would have them. Despite the gallant and thrilling uphill battle that Captain Norrie McFarlane and his mates put up in the second half against Syracuse, the fact still remains that the Orange quintet stands as the classiest team that has stepped on the Recreation hall court in some little time, and with all due respect to the Lions, we'd have to concede a triumph to the New York Staters even in a nip-and-tuck contest.

Frankly, we looked for better things from the wrestlers, although Saturday's defeat was almost foretold in that 16-16 tie with an only average Cornell team the Saturday before. Facing a championship boxing team with a patched-up line-up such as the Lions were forced to do Saturday made defeat at the hands of the Orange ringmen almost a foregone conclusion.

Incidentally, the boxers returned home for the second week in succession with tales of poor officiating. We've been hearing such stories for the past three years and it makes us wonder whether there isn't a problem facing the Association officials when they meet at Syracuse next month. Is it possible that the referee holds too much power in deciding the winner of the bout to insure fair play to both contestants? We don't believe that this constant cry of unfair decisions is limited to Penn State's team alone—we feel that teams competing in the Recreation hall ring have occasionally carried home similar stories, and we believe that the whole situation should be given careful consideration if intercollegiate boxing is to be competitive sport in which a team has just as much chance for victory in meets away from its own ring as it does in its home surroundings.

The answer may be the return to the use of judges in addition to the referee, or it may be the selection of a group of referees who are acceptable to each member of the association and assigned meets just as football officials are assigned certain games to officiate.

**Nittany Lion Basketeers Defeated by Syracuse Here Saturday, 31-23**

**RALLY IN SECOND PERIOD FRUITLESS**

**Phillips, Maister Show Up As Leading Eastern Guards, Pickard As Shot**

By JAMES B. WATSON JR. '35  
The Hill was too steep to climb. Saturday night, in spite of an exciting second half spurt in which the Nittany court five played far over their heads against one of the best teams in the East, a Syracuse first half 17-to-3 lead proved too much to overcome, and the Lions ended up on the wrong end of a 31-to-23 score.

The whole of the first half, the Lions, obviously over-awed by the perfection of the Orange aggregation, netted only three points, a foul by Henning and a field goal by McFarlane, scored after ten minutes of play. Syracuse grabbed eight field goals and three fouls during the same period. Stand comment, "The team isn't on." They weren't. They were missing their shots by feet, when they got the shots.

**Freshmen Drop 2 Games**

At the half, realizing just where they stood, the Lions started fighting, and for the first fifteen minutes of the second period carried the fight to Syracuse; showed superb, if somewhat desperately ragged style in passing and shooting, and netted six field goals and six fouls. McFarlane was high scorer for the Lions with eight points, his season's low, while Johnny Stocker netted five, Dave Thomas, four, Curt Henning, three and Fletcher and Blyler two and one.

By far the feature of the game was the playing of Syracuse aces Maister, and Phillips, guards, and Pickard, one-handed shot extraordinary. Phillips netted ten points for the visitors before he went out of the game on personals, while Pickard scored nine, and Maister, in between defense moves, gathered six tallies. Syracuse, incidentally, converted every foul point.

Coach Mike Loeb's proteges dropped both of their encounters over the week-end. Playing the Bison yearlings at Bucknell Friday, the Lion cubs weren't able to get started and lost 35-to-27. Saturday they journeyed to Kingston where they took on the fast-moving Wyoming Seminary aggregation. They were able to keep the score tied up until the third quarter when they blew up and the Seminary outfit jumped ahead to win, 41-to-30.

**WRESTLERS LOSE TO LEHIGH, 19-9**

**Rosenberg, Kreizman, Cole Win By Time Advantages For Only Lion Scores**

By JOHN A. BRUTZMAN '35  
The Nittany matmen bowed to a strong Brown and White team at Lehigh Saturday afternoon, finding themselves on the short end of a 19-to-9 score. Captain Rosenberg, Lou Kreizman, and "King" Cole scored a time advantage each for the only Lion scoring of the day.

DiRito dropped the 118-pound bout to Meixell by a time advantage of five minutes, fifty seconds. The Lions received another setback when Bob Ellstrom was thrown by Case, Brown and White 126-pounder, in seven minutes and ten seconds by a bar and chancery hold.

Rosenberg Scores First Lion Points  
When Johnny Horvath's arm was hurt after less than a minute of wrestling, Col Peck was awarded the 125-pound bout by default. "Rosy" Rosenberg scored the first Lion points when he defeated Gonzales with a time advantage of four minutes, twenty seconds.

In the 155-pound class, Crockett defeated Bill Cramer with a time advantage of eight minutes, fifty-nine seconds. "Red" Johnston put up a game fight against Captain Ben Bishop in the 165-pound division, but the Brown and White leader was too crafty, securing a time advantage of three minutes, forty-five seconds.

Lou Kreizman outclassed Goodrich in the 175-pound class, and rolled up a wide time advantage of seven minutes, thirty-three seconds. Despite an injured shoulder, "King" Cole defeated Scooby in the heavyweight division by a time advantage of three minutes, twenty-three seconds.

**Higgins Thinks New Forward Pass Rule Will Help Lion Team**

Permitting the offensive team to toss forward passes over the goal line without losing possession of the ball will help the Lion grid team next fall, but the other two changes in the rules of the game might just as well be forgotten as far as advantage to the Nittany eleven is concerned.

That is the opinion of Coach Bob Higgins, Lion football mentor. "Being able to do that last season might have changed the scores of two of our games," Higgins said. "It would have been handy against Syracuse early in the season and later against Penn. The rule definitely means the doom of the seven-man line, and will leave the game open to more surprising situations," Higgins continued. "With a wider choice of plays, Monday morning quarterbacks are going to have less criticism to make about the field general's judgment."

**Orange Boxers Down Lions, 7-1; Flenniken Wins 145-Pound Bout**

By JAMES B. BEATTY JR. '35  
Lion ringmen suffered a 7-to-1 defeat at the hands of a superior Syracuse mit team in Archbold Stadium Saturday night when only one Nittany boxer, Dick Flenniken, 145, managed to garner a victory for the Houckmen.

The Syracuseans gained decisions in the 115, 125, 135, and 175-pound divisions while Captain Negrone gained a technical knockout victory over Schooley in the 155-pound tilt and Tony Balash won a first-round K. O. scrap from Mutt Kessler in the 165-pound encounter. The other Syracuse victory came by a forfeit in the unlimited class.

Flenniken's victory in the 145-pound fray over Mike Button of Syracuse was the result of three hotly contested rounds in which the Lion shaded his opponent sufficiently to find favor in the eye of Referee Jack Lewis. The decision in the Zeleznock-Harris 125-pound tilt was also very close but went against the Lion.

The most colorful fight of the evening was the 175-pound tilt between Frank Nebel and Ray Jefferies in which the Nittanyman displayed a gameness which won applause from the Syracuse fans. During three bruising rounds Nebel refused to crumple before Jefferies' onslaught even though the Syracusean clearly had the advantage all the way.

WEEK-END GUESTS WILL BE WELCOME AT THE COLONIAL Phone 9388 ROOMS FOR SOPH HOP

150 SIGN UP FOR MAT TOURNEY  
One hundred and fifty students have signed up for the intramural wrestling tournament, Bruce D. Stratton '35, manager, announced. First round eliminations, which are now taking place in the 135 and 145-pound class, will continue this week.

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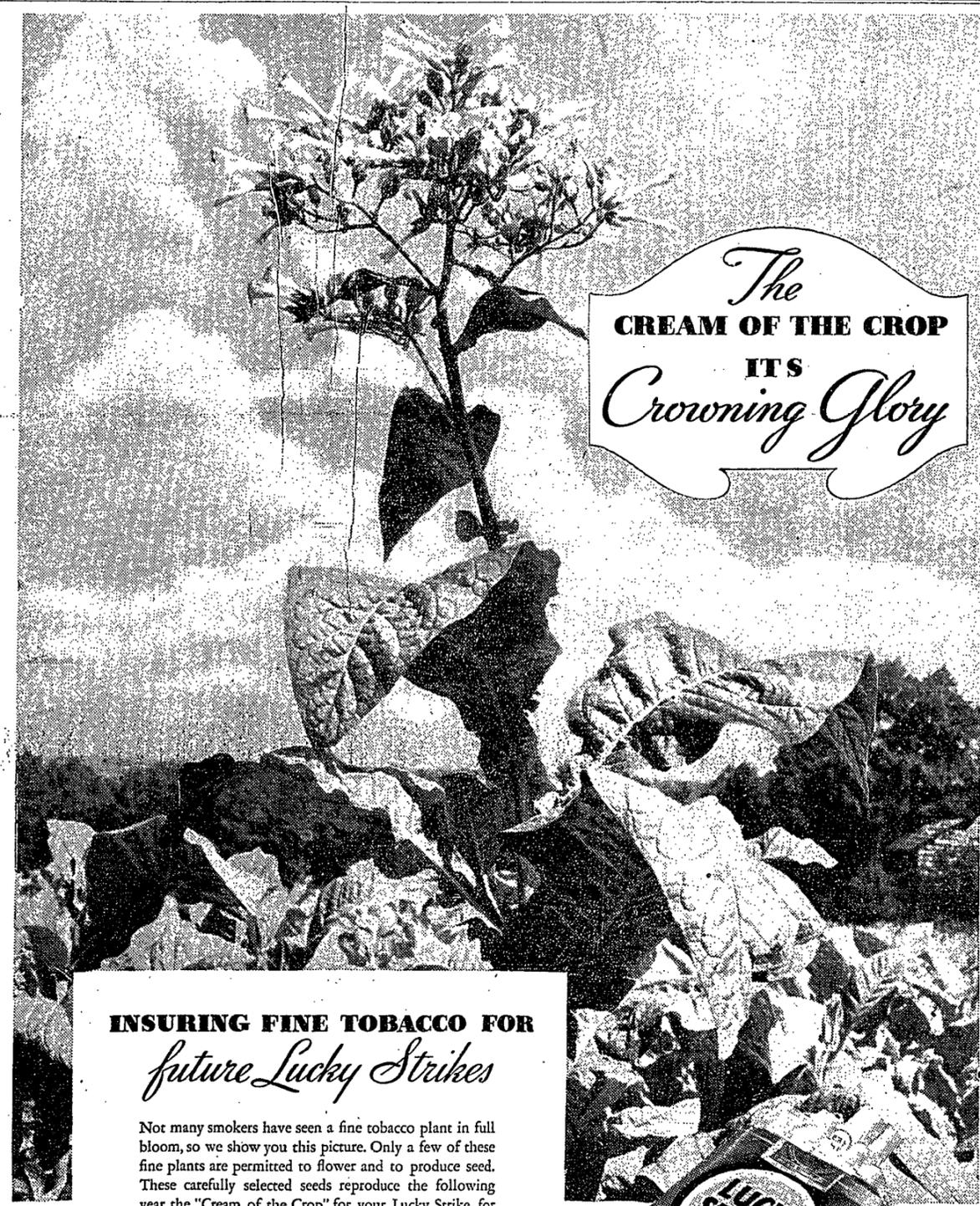
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