

Courtmen Swing Into Sports Lead With Ithaca Game Friday

Leslie Undecided On Starting Team

Stocker, Fletcher, Hunter, Smith, and Kornick May Begin Against 'Dark Horses'

By CHARLIE SCHWARTZ

Basketball will swing into the head of the Penn State sports parade on Friday night.

A new opponent, Ithaca College, of Ithaca, N. Y., will come here with a squad of unknown strength, but with a reputation. Last year they handed the strong East Stroudsburg State Teachers quintet their only defeat in seventeen starts, and also topped the powerful Westminster courtmen.

Nittany court fans will watch the Lion quintet with a great deal of interest, since Coach Spike Leslie has had the problem of rebuilding his 1934-35 team with a nucleus of only two lettermen, none of the others having had any varsity experience worth mentioning.

The quintet which will lift the lid on the Blue and White's thirty-ninth organized basketball season in its 44th court battle is, at yet, unpicked.

"I have fourteen men of about equal calibre," declared Coach Leslie, "and I probably won't know who I'm going to start until Friday night just before the game."

However, in practices Captain Johnny Stocker and Jimmy Smith at forwards, Jim Hunter at center, and

Frank Smith and Mike Kornick, at guards have been distinguishing themselves. Jack Heyison and Van Linton have been pushing the guards hard for their posts, while Lefty Knapp, Jack Fletcher, Charlie Glennon, Bar Riley, and Bob Small are doing the same for forward berths. Jay McWilliams and Bill Wetzel are showing up well as tap-off men.

Over the past thirty-eight years, the Nittany Lions have won 299 games and lost 148. Since 1896, when Bucknell was met in the first intercollegiate contest until the concluding game of last season with Rutgers, the Lion passers have met more than 100 opponents.

Friday night's inaugural also marks the third season in which Leslie has been at the helm. In the past two seasons his teams have won fifteen contests in twenty-three starts.

The Ithaca encounter marks the earliest a Blue and White court team has opened its season since 1923-24, when Juniata was defeated, 61-13, on December 13. Only two opening games have been lost in the past twenty years, and only six out of the thirty-eight openers. This year's seventeen-game schedule is the longest season since the 1928-29 one, during which nineteen games were played.

BISONS HONOR 2 LIONS

Robert E. "Iggy" Weber '36, left tackle on this year's Lion varsity football team, was given a berth on Bucknell's all-opponent team when that mythical eleven was chosen by the Bison coaches and players last week. Charles J. "Chuck" Cherundolo '37, Lion center, was named to the second team.

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FOUR SOCCER MARKS SET DURING YEAR

20 Goals Scored by McEwan, 6 In One Game; Team Totals 38; 6 In One Period

By WALT FREUNSCHE

The soccer season just concluded provided a considerable increment for the credit side of the Lions' ledger, but more than that, four Penn State records were set that should last for a long time to come.

Bill McEwan's record of twenty goals, or nearly three goals a game, was just double that of the previous mark set by DeBonis some years ago. McEwan also set a record for the number of goals scored in one game, getting six against Dickinson. The team also set a record for scoring in one quarter, netting six in the second quarter of the same tilt. The thirty-eight goals for the season also set a new high in team scoring.

While probably not a record, it is worthy of note that Captain Jack Fletcher played every minute of every game on the schedule, which adds up to 616 minutes of play. Up to the final tilt against the Red Devils, there were several who had played all the time, but the frequent substitutions in this fiasco eliminated these.

The already long string of victories compiled by the teams of Coaches Longhurst, Leonard, Jeffrey et al., has reached the total of seventy-six, as opposed to only seven losses in the twenty years or so that the sport has been played by the Lions. Twenty-one encounters resulted in ties, an average of about one every year.

Three of the losses were sustained in a single disastrous season, that of 1932, when Harvard, Springfield, and Syracuse all took the Lion's skin. The other defeats were well scattered, Penn winning in 1918, Navy and Toronto in 1927, and Princeton in 1930.

Those who compose the sophomore

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

By VANCE PACKARD

Hang-overs on Football

The Intramural football tournament has been over for practically ages, but delightful and entertaining statistics are still pouring in, so this will be a story to end all stories on football. While the numerous officials were picking an All-Intramural team, they also picked the outstanding performers in the various and intricate phases of the game. Some of these luminaries are listed below.

Best Passer

The person selected as the best Slinger of the pigskin was Maurice Lindsay Symington '35, notate at the Sigma Chi manse. Ed Ricketts, Alpha Chi Sig, was named second best tosser, and Bill Fetter, S.A.E., snagged the third position.

Best Receiver

Dick Ochsner, Chi U., was judged as the best Snagger of the pigskin by the eminent officials. Meyers, Sigma Chi, was listed as a close second. Elwood Foley, Phi Kappa Tau, received the nod for third place.

Best Interference Runner

Don Newcomb, Alpha Chi Sig, was voted unanimously as the best Path-Clearer. Ken Turner, S.P.E. steamroller, was judged a close second.

The team are Rita Altstadt, Marion Barbey, Sally Bushong, Peg Doherty, Dot Henricke, Ruth Lee, Jean Northrup, and Anne Wilhelm. The members of the 1938 team are Claudia Bodes, Beverly Brenizer, Clara Bingaman, Ruth Edgar, Ollie Evans, Virginia Hinkley, Dot Hunsicker, Hannah Judd, Bee Roberts, Dot Salberg, Lou Sutton, and Dot Warr.

Ten events will be included in the meet. The side, elementary back, breast and crawl strokes will be judged for form. The speed events will be free-style, two lengths; crawl, back crawl and breast stroke, one length. In the diving contest, two required and two optional dives will be executed by each girl. A relay race between two six-girl teams will finish the meet.

Eleven intramural games have been played off in the basketball tournament and as the paper goes to press, six more games are being played. This will complete the pre-Christmas season.

PROSPECTS FOR GOOD RING TEAM BRIGHTEN

By HARRY HENDERSON

Prospects for a championship Blue and White boxing team brighten as daily workouts under Coach Leo Houck continue. Among the men who are reporting are two intercollegiate champions, Captain Mike Zelcznock and Russ Criswell, in the 125- and 115-pound classes, respectively.

Among promising sophomores who are training under Leo are Izzy Richter, former A.A.U. heavy champ, Lou Barth, Lion gridiron guard and a promising heavy, Bill Rhoda in the 175-pounders, Sheldon Jones in the 145-pound division, and Frankie Goodman, in the 135-pound class.

and Paul Kennedy, S.A.E., received some very honorable mentions.

Best Line Blocker

The judges decided that Gob Dobbins, S.P.E., was judged as most competent at getting in other people's way, while Johnny Beall and Al Condon, Alpha Chi Sig, didn't do bad themselves.

Best Runner

Jim Reed, Chi U., impressed the referees as being the best Fleet-foot. Besides being a good passer, Ed Ricketts led the boys a merry chase during the games. Bill Fetter also repeated by gaining honors in this division.

Best Kicker

We were not surprised when Joe Bielski, Chi U., was named as the best booter—we've seen him smoke a soccer ball neatly through that net behind the goal. Johnny Beall gains another honor for his kicking, and Charlie Schwartz, Phi Sigma Delta, packs a mean wallop in his right foot, so they say.

While they were at it, the judges also named several team honors.

Best Coordinated

The Chi Upsilon congregation impressed the referees as being the best organized. The Betas are also reputed to have functioned smoothly. The Alpha Chi Sigs were judged third best.

Cleverest Plays

The Phi Kappa Tau crew must have spent many weary hours mapping out plays on the dining-room table cloth, for they are alleged to have had the most deceptive plays. The S.P.E.'s also did some tedious brain-storming.

The S.A.E. gridders were given the unanimous vote as the team cooperating best with the officials.

Izzy will not be eligible for competition until the end of the first semester, however.

Bob Golder is another of Leo's lads who is brightening the prospects for the Lions in the 145-pound division. Golder has been working out since October and looks to be in much better shape physically than most of the other ring candidates.

Larry Madison, who broke into the State line-up last year, will again be fighting in the 135-pound class, providing he can successfully fight down the old opponent of every boxer—weight.

Among the freshman boxers who show considerable promise is diminutive Bob Donato, freshman griddler, who now lists himself in the welter division after capturing the featherweight Golden Glove championship last year.

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She-Lions

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