

Nittany Quintet Turns in Unimpressive Record for 1935 Season

Lions Hold Most Individual Mit Championships During Last Decade; Navy Second

Penn State has had more individual boxing champions in the years 1924 to '34 than any other college in the eastern league. State has twenty-five while the second school, Navy, has only nineteen. It is interesting to note that Army, the other service academy, has but one.

Most of State's champions have been lightweights. So far six Lion boxers have gained the 115-pound title. They are McClellan '25; Julie Epstein '29, who is now writing movie scenarios; Davey Stoop, champion in '30, '32, and who visited here two weeks ago; Johnny Napoleon '33,

who recently quit as boxing coach at Duquesne University; and Russ Criswell, who is defending his title at present.

State has had three 125-pound champions. They are: Washington '24; Filegar, '28; and Captain Mike Zeleznick, now fighting at 135-pounds. At 135-State has had three champs: Wert '24; Fielgar, '28; and Johnny McAndrews '32, '33, who is a brother of Marty and of Francis who is now fighting at 125-pounds for State.

Al Lewis won the 145-pound championship twice, in '31, and '32, while Alie Wolf holds the distinction of being the only man who ever held his title for three years straight. He fought at 160-pounds in '27, '28 and '29. Kiel held the same title in '26.

The other State boxers who have held intercollegiate titles are Frank '24, Benedick '27, and Marty McAndrews '30, all in the 175-pound class. Madera held the heavyweight title in '24 and now famous Steve Hamas held that title in '27 and '29. It is interesting to note that State has never had a champion at 155- or at 165-pounds.

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Natators Average 44 Points for 5 Meets

In their five meets contested so far this year, the Glennland swimming team has averaged forty-four points per meet while holding their opponents to an average of twenty-six points per meet. They have compiled 221 points as compared with 132 for their opponents. Working a little farther with these figures we find that they scored within one-third of twice as many points as their opponents.

Every one of the last four meets has found new records being set for the pool. Every event has had a new time made and some have had three times broken as many as three times in the four meets. The season is not yet finished. The Sunbury Y. M. C. A. swimming team will oppose the Glennland swimmers Friday night, March 22. The following Friday night, March 29, the Norristown Y. M. C. A. team will be swimming in the Glennland pool. In addition to these there may be a meet with the Johnstown Y. M. C. A. team.

She-Lions

Intramural sports are progressing merrily and several of the final games will be played Monday, marking the close of the winter season in sports.

In deck tennis Alpha Omicron Pi defeated Gamma Phi Beta and progressed to the final round. They will play Woman's building next Monday, to decide the championship.

Alpha Chi Omega, with a strong team, defeated Alpha Omicron Pi in volleyball and Grange defeated Gamma Phi Beta. Theta Phi Alpha came through to win an overwhelming victory from Mac hall. Two games were forfeited. In the volleyball semi-final round, Alpha Chi Omega plays Delta Gamma; Grange meets the Thetas; and Theta Phi Alpha will play with Woman's building.

The shuffle board tournament is still in its semi-final stage. Alpha Omicron Pi won from Alpha Chi Omega, and the Delta Gammas swamped the Chi Omegas. Grange won from Gamma Phi Beta, and the Thetas defeated the Kappas by a big score. Next week, Alpha Omicron Pi meets the Delta Gamma squad and the Thetas will take on Grange dorm. Theta Phi Alpha will also play Woman's building.

As far as badminton goes, the final round will be played off in a few days. The Gamma Phis had difficulty in subduing the Alpha Omicron Pi, while the Kappas defeated Woman's building. The final game will be played next Monday.

There has been a great deal of interest in interclass basketball this season. The sophomores are keeping up their good record. They defeated the seniors in Rec hall Monday, while the juniors were beating the freshmen again. The juniors just managed to defeat the seniors on Tuesday by a 23-to-22 score.

Due to the new interest there is a very strong possibility that there will be an Army-Navy game in basketball. The players on these two teams, who will be picked by the manager and coach, will be the best players from the four class teams.

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Matmen To Face Decade-Old Jinx In I. C. Tournaments

The Penn State wrestlers are entering their seventeenth intercollegiate tournament today with a ten-year-old jinx leaving them in the face. For a decade, now, the Lions have had smashing success in their dual meets, but have always been snubbed under in the intercollegiate. It is this fickle finger of fate that is worrying Penn State wrestling enthusiasts this week-end.

There seems to be little doubt that Penn State has the best team East of the Mississippi, at least. One can juggle comparative scores as much as he wishes, and still Penn State will loom head and shoulders above any other member of the Eastern Intercollegiate League. However, as Coach Charlie Speidel says, "Records don't mean a thing in the intercollegiate."

It is very possible for a team, with a record such as Penn State has, to enter the intercollegiate, and be nosed out by teams which it has drubbed with ease in dual competition. In the coming two-day jamboree anything can happen and the strong team that gets the "breaks" will win.

When three teams are in a close battle for first place, the distribution of the strength of the three teams is also a very important factor. This situation has arisen in the present tournament. Princeton, Lehigh, and Penn State are unquestionably the leading contenders. Although State is admitted to be the best team, the strongest men of the State and Princeton teams are in the same weights, while the Lehigh men will have little competition from either team. Consequently the Princeton-State scores may be split, and Lehigh will walk off with the tournament for the fifth consecutive time.

State Dual Meet Records
It is "lousy breaks" such as these which have kept the State team from winning the tournament several times during the past ten years. In the past decade, State has always had excellent records in dual competition. In five of these ten years, Penn State has never been defeated by a fellow league member, but in the intercollegiate it has always been nosed out by these same teams.

With the exception of the Lehigh meet last year, Penn State has never been beaten in dual competition by a league member, since 1926. Navy, a non-member, has been the only team that has been able to win over Penn State. With this in view, Charlie's "Records don't mean a thing" can not be taken as an over-cautious platitude.

Nittany Fencers Leave For Meet

Undeafed so far this season, the Lion fencing team left early this morning to meet Johns Hopkins tomorrow afternoon.

The team will go to Baltimore first to engage Johns Hopkins, whose teams have shown consistently clever sword play for years. Tomorrow afternoon, the fencers will meet Penn, in what promises to be the stiffest battle of the season, according to Coach Walke.

Coach Walke has taken a six-man team, including two foilmen, two epeemen, and two sabermen. Those making the trip were: Captain Kreger, Lipecky, Storrs, Allen, Gookin, and Lewis.

By winning their first two meets, the Nittany swordsmen have gained a great deal more confidence in their ability, both individually and as a fighting unit, than they had before. By defeating Syracuse 10-7 and Cornell 9-3, the Lions have piled up a convincing enough record to show that they are to be reckoned with in the East.

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wrestling Prediction

Although the finals of the wrestling tournament have not been run off, as this is being written Phi Delta Theta seems to be the probable winner. Before the finals the score stood, Alpha Chi Sigma, fifty-one; Phi Delta Theta, fifty, however, the Phi Deltas had four men in last night's finals, all probable winners, while the Alpha Chi Sigs had only one.

Predicting further: the Phi Deltas beat the Alpha Chi Sigs by a score of at least sixty-five to at most fifty-one. Let's look at last night's finals. In the 116-pound class Stegmaier, Delta Upsilon, took Hishman, independent. The 125-pounders put on a plenty close scrap but Romano, independent, finally got the nod over S. A. E. Weimer. Zazzi, Alpha Phi Delta, took Carlson, Alpha Chi Sigma's only finalist, to the mat in the 135-pound division. Cramer, independent, beat Horst, Delta Theta Sigma, for the 145-pound class medal.

Phi Delta Theta won the meet by winning all four of the heavy division matches. Sunday had plenty of trouble getting the nod over Strandine, Pi Kappa Alpha, in the 155-pound class, and Johnson got a fall over Buczkowski, Chi Upsilon, 165-pounder. In the 175-pound class, Shaffer and Eshback, independent, both freshmen varsity wrestlers gave each other's plenty of competition. Shaffer's experience prevailed, however, to credit him with a fall. Heavyweight Pohe, prevailed over Murphy, independent, in the last match of the night, getting five points for a fall.

Predictions, all predictions!

Basketball Results
With the semi-finals in the basketball tournament just a few days off, league leaders are fighting desperately to stay in the running. Results of Sunday's contests placed Sigma Tau Phi sole survivor of their group by defeating Acadia, 17-to-10. Beta Sigma Rho lost by a three-point margin to Phi Delta Theta, placing them in a tie with their victor.

Sigma Pi and Delta Upsilon each won their games by forfeits from Phi Kappa Tau and Triangle respectively. Further teams were eliminated Wednesday night, when Delta Theta Sigma defeated Kappa Sigma, 35-to-23, and Alpha Sigma Phi lost a 20-to-13 game to Chi Phi. Phi Delta Theta handed a lacing to Lambda Chi Alpha to the tune of 28-to-14, placing the former team on a tie with Beta Sigma Rho.

Both the Beaver House and Beta Theta Pi proved too strong for Grey's Boarding House and Phi Mu Delta, in a 25-to-19 and a 25-to-24 victory, respectively. The Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Mu Delta tilt proved one of speed and interest.

Final league eliminations were continued last night when Phi Lambda Theta met Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Phi Epsilon opposed Phi Sigma Kappa, and Phi Kappa Alpha was matched against Kappa Delta Rho. Alpha Chi Sigma also met Phi Kappa Sigma.

Sigma Pi will meet Grey's Boarding House and Beta Sigma Rho will meet Phi Delta Theta early Sunday afternoon. Inter-league eliminations will also begin Sunday, when Sigma Tau Phi meets Theta Kappa Phi, Delta Theta Sigma is matched against Chi Upsilon, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon opposes Sigma Nu.

Swimming Meet Ends
Phi Gamma Delta won the intramural swimming tournament, but they're not bragging about any lopsided score. Chi Phi took it on the fin by the scant margin of 29 to 27, in the most mostly contested match of the tournament.

Plans are being made for an All-Intramural team to meet the Glennland A. C. natators at a date to be announced later.

Bowling League Standings
Delta Upsilon stands at the head of the alleg in the intramural bowling tournament, with Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon trailing in second and third places respectively.

The high team score for one game is held by the T. K. B. group, while the Omicrons hold the high team score for three games. The high individual score is held by Carnel, of T. K. B., with 211. The second high individual score was rolled by Roantree, Phi Kappa, with 197. Roantree holds the high three-game individual score record with a total of 519. Roantree and Hunter, Alpha Chi Rho are tied for the high average man standing to date, with 178 apiece.

The team standings:

| | W. | L. | P.C. |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| Delta Upsilon | 18 | 6 | .750 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 17 | 7 | .708 |
| S. A. E. | 16 | 8 | .666 |
| Alpha Chi Rho | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| Theta Chi | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| Omicrons | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| T. K. B. | 13 | 11 | .542 |
| Theta Kappa Phi | 10 | 14 | .417 |
| Phi Kappa | 2 | 22 | .083 |
| Delta Chi | 2 | 22 | .083 |

8 Victories in 17 Games, With Only One Over Good Team, Give .475 Average

By CHARLIE SCHWARTZ

Eight victories in seventeen games—an average of .475—is not an impressive record for the Nittany Lion basketball team to turn in. Especially when only one of those eight victories was against a first-class opponent, Army, who played minus the services of their Captain and their varsity center.

The Lions played spasmodic basketball this season. When they worked together they looked like a first-class quintet, but this didn't happen very often. Probably the best game of the year was against Temple here on January 9, when the Owls were extended to an extra period before they won, 35-33. But the only reason this happened was that the Owls had an off night.

Will Enter Conference

The Lions won their seven set-up games against Ithaca, Wheaton, Juniata, Western Maryland, Washington and Jefferson, Lock Haven, and Bucknell without much trouble. But when they faced the experienced and well-coached teams of league caliber they were blank-outs. The last six games are proof enough of this.

Next year Penn State will be in the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball conference, playing at least two games each with Pitt, Temple, West Virginia, Georgetown, and Carnegie Tech. All of these are top-notch teams, and the conference is a hotly contested one.

Worst Season in Years

Another season like the one just completed, which was the worst for Penn State in several years, will be a disastrous start in the conference. The Blue and White is taking Bucknell's place in the conference, but we hope they are not going to follow this too literally. The Bisons were in the cellar of this conference for quite some time.

The reasons for this poor season are numerous. It may have been the sudden increase in the number of games. Last year the team played but twelve games, the year before that it was eleven whereas this year's schedule included seventeen. But next year it will be nineteen or twenty!

Or, it might be that the Lions went stale between the Temple game on January 9 and the Army contest on February 9, during which time they played and won five set-ups.

Players Inexperienced

Coach Spike Leslie points to the inexperience of most of his men as the reason. Penn State never has

gotten the cream of the crop in basketball. With all due credit to Jim Hunter, who was sadly lacking in experience, but who showed considerable improvement as the season progressed, the Lions haven't had a real center in a good many years.

Leslie had two good men on his team this year. Captain Johnny Stocker shone consistently at forward, and Frank Smith was the fighting impetus of the team at guard.

The other members of the squad were good in spots, but the whole trouble was that their playing was too spotty. They didn't work together as a team. They were two men and three others on the court playing against a team. That was the reason for the outcome of all the other games: Rutgers, Penn, Temple, St. Thomas, Navy, Carnegie Tech, Colgate, Syracuse, and, above all, Pitt.

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