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Lion Winter Sports Teams Await Intensive Campaigns

Utilizing every available inch of Penn State's indoor athletic plant, Rec Announcing—Hall, Nittany Lion winter sports teams are preparing for action that will waged on a broad front from early January until the middle of March.

Cynosure of the eyes of all Lion sports followers is John Lawther, new signments:

basketball coach, who is now in the process of rebuilding a Lion five with which he hopes to emulate the success enjoyed by his cage teams at Westminster, where he formerly coached. Outlook for the boxing season is the brightest in years with a formidable array of talent in nearly every class. What Coach Charlie Speidel lacks in quality of wrestling material is made up of quantity. With only five lettermen returning to holster a mat team

which lost three intercollegiate champions by graduation, Speidel is eagerly eyeing the unusually large number of candidates for talent.

Basketball

Awaiting reinforcement from the
varsity football and soccer ranks,
Coach John Lawther sent a squad of
about thirty basketeers through the
preliminary practice sessions last
week. The lettermen from the fall
sports teams were allowed a two
weeks' rest before starting another
strenuous training period.

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Leading the late-comers to the court is Frank Smith, holder of sever varsity letters gained in three dif-ferent sports. Smith and Mike Kor-nick, co-captains of this year's team, were two of the most consistent play-

Sol Michoff, varsity soccer forward, is another of last year's lettermen to return. He was high scorer for the Lion quintet last year. Harry Harri-Lion quintet last year. Harry marri-son, three-sport star and guard from last year's freshman eagers, will be among the candidates for berths, as will Sam Davies, plebe captain of last season. Other gridmen turning to the indoor sport are Joe Adessa, Alf Lang, Sever Toretti, Windy Alf Lang, Sever Toret Wear, and Ott Wuenschel.

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About thirty-five candidates for the freshman squad remain from the large turnout that answered the first call. After eliminating a number of first-year men several weeks ago, Coach Lawther, desiring that everything the company of the company of the coach transfer of the coach tran one should have a fair chance, issued second call.

The freshman squad, as well as the varsity, has been supplemented with some players from the gridiron. Among the group, many of whom are high school stars, are Milan Buchan, who played halfback, and Sam De-Franco, quarterback.

"It appears propitious."

Thus does the good Doctor, Leo Houck, predict the coming season for his boxing team. Pointing out that the performance of the Lion fighters last season does not guarantee such ess for the coming campaign, Coacl Houck nevertheless admits that 1937

But no amount of optimism or pes-simism by the Doctor, who usually is non-commital about his team's chan-ces, could alter the prevailing condi-

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lresman baseoni and intranurals last spring and cross-country this fall, will recount the activities of the basketball team.

Jerry Weinstein will follow the boxing team during its 1937 campaign after handling baseball and second assignments. occer assignments.

Frank Syzmczak will handle the

wrestling assignment, having cov-ered lacrosse, football, and intra-

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Graduation of Captain Russ Criswell, Eastern title holder in the 115-pound weight, and the absence from MacMullan going strong at 135; and the Craighead twins, John and Frank, coming up from the ranks of last year's freshman team at 118. Forty sophomores and twenty jun-iors and seniors began practice last

week. Limbering exercises and fun damental movements were taken up

tional intercollegiate 135-pound champion, is on hand again for his third season. Sammy Donato, Eastern winner and runnerup to the National crown, will fight at 145. Bill Soose, most likely looking sophomore fisticuffer in many years, will amply take care of the 155-pound class. Captain Lou Ritzie, champion at 155 two years ago and runner-up last season, will probably enter the 165-pound weight this season.

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The 175 and heavyweight divisions will be more than strong with Nestor Kociubinsky, sophomore ace, and Izzy Richter, Eastern heavyweight champion, ready to go.

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Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling by the latter, Ken Bunk was the star. He won both the 100 and 150 free-champions—the Nittany Lion grapplers—face a tough schedule of seven dual meets, four of which will take place on the home mats.

Coach Charlie Speidel has five lettermen returning as a nucleus to build his team. They will strengthen considerably the upper weights, as they include Captain Joe O'Dowd, heavyweight; Ross Shaffer, 175; Joe Krupa, 165; John Calvin, 155; and Ray Brooks, 125.

The three remaining weights will be seriously contested, with Zazzi having experience at 145. Herr and

Introducing COLLEGIAN writers who will handle winter sports as-

signments:
Woodrow Bierly, who covered freshman baseball and intramurals

mural sports previously.

Chuck Wheeler will cover winter

intramural sports, having previously written golf and football.

well, Eastern title holder in the 115pound weight, and the absence from
the squad of Bobby Donato, gives
Coach Houck his major problem in
the lowest division. Al Tapman and
Alex Sopshak, two sophomores, and
Bobby Shaw, a junior, are training
hard in an effort to make the 115pound weight. All three are more
than husky and it remains to be seen
whether or not they will be able to
come down.

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