

BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BOB GRUBB

For the past three years COLLEGIAN sports editors have had to "view with alarm" decisions of the Eastern Soccer Committee in failing to recognize Penn State's supremacy in this field.

A story in another column of this paper gives the latest decision of the committee, which this year decided not to single out any one team for championship honors.

Last year the title went to Yale after the committee had invoked the four-game rule against the Lions. Undefeated the Lions were, but Penn State had not played four league games, so the title was ceded to Yale.

Still the achievements of a great coach and a great team go unnoticed—unacknowledged by the outside world. Everyone on this campus and those on the outside who are familiar with the situation are aware of Penn State's standing in the field.

We are not well enough acquainted with the set-up of the league's ruling body to suggest a solution to the problem, but we do feel that such decisions unfavorable to a championship team year after year should not go by without protest.

After disappointing their followers by dropping the season's opener to Penn, the Lion five came through with a smashing though unimpressive victory over Susquehanna.

Realizing the need for drastic revision of touch football rules to guard against serious injuries, the Intramural Board is determined to take definite action now so that the disastrous consequences of last season may be avoided next year.

It may seem unseasonal to talk of football, but the Board is determined to act now so that next year's activities may be opened with a definite set of rules.

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CAGERS TO MEET LAFAYETTE TOMORROW NIGHT

Swim Team To Open 2nd Season Sat.

Penn Lineup Selected With Bunk, Welsh In Lead Roles

Penn State's swimming team will open its second intercollegiate season Saturday when the Lions face the strong Penn mermen at Philadelphia.

Coach Bob Galbraith, former Rutgers diving champion, will present a veteran team, strengthened by the addition of two sophomores, Ken Bunk and Charlie Welsh.

Although the starting lineup has not yet been selected, it is probable that time trials tomorrow and Thursday will determine the opposition for the Quakers.

Welsh in Sprint Welsh will probably be used in the fifty yard freestyle sprint, along with Al Betschel, another sophomore. The competitors in the 100 yard freestyle will be chosen from Welsh, Betschel, Bunk, and Bill Helreigel.

Bunk will be joined by Captain Jim Cumming in the 220 yard freestyle event. In the quarter-mile freestyle, Bob Dewalt, returning to the tank team after an intramural football injury, Bob Holdren, or George Henderson will be used.

The entrants in the fancy diving event have not yet been determined, but it is likely that either Marty Hart, Luther Hoy, or Ray Parks will be the final choices of Coach Galbraith.

Back Stroke Strong Penn State's strongest event will be the 150 yard back stroke. Dick Geiger, who captained the mermen last season, was the only Lion to garner a first place against the Penn team last season.

In the breast-stroke, Gil Burleigh and Warren Oliver will be the probable selections. The relay will be selected from Bunk, Welsh, Cumming, Dewalt, Helreigel, and Betschel.

Sophomores Defeat Junior Court Team

The inter-class basketball season opened in the Armory last Tuesday night with the sophomore-junior game, resulting in a 27-to-16 slide for the sophomores.

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Junior Grapplers Easily Cop I. C. Wrestling Championship

Stegmaier, Brooks, Reynolds, Shaffer, O'Dowd, Zazzi, Calvin, Bachman Top Divisions

The junior class, taking five first places, one second place, and scoring seven falls, clinched the interclass wrestling title with an overwhelming score of 36 points.

Individual title winners of the eight weight classes are Fred Stegmaier '38, 118 pounds; Ray Brooks '38, 126 pounds; Robert Reynolds '38, 135 pounds; John Calvin '37, 155 pounds; Don Bachman '39, 165 pounds; Ross Shaffer '38, 175 pounds; and Captain Joe O'Dowd '37, unlimited.

Bachman Places First The sophomores, represented by Don Bachman, garnered only one first place; while the two first places for the seniors went to Calvin and O'Dowd.

The freshmen outscored both the seniors and sophomores by taking three second places. The seniors scored only one fall during the entire match; the sophomores scored three; and the freshmen came through with two falls.

The juniors led all the way through the match with the seniors jumping from last place into second at the end of the tournament. Before the last match in the unlimited class, the freshmen and sophomores were tied at 11-all, but Dean Hanley, winner over the freshmen's Chuck Miller, placed second to O'Dowd to give the sophs their winning margin of three points.

Results of each weight bracket follow: In the semi-finals Charles Edwards '40 defeated Seymour Wattenberg '37 by a fall in 9:11 minutes; while Fred Stegmaier '38 pinned Joe Nunge '39 in 1:25. Stegmaier won the 118 championship by throwing Edwards in 9:13.

John Craighead '39 pinned Carl King '40 in 4:47; while Ray Brooks '38 won by a fall in 2:13 over David Waite '40. In the finals Brooks defeated Craighead with a time advantage of 8:48.

Donald Bachman '39 added up 6:42 minutes to defeat Robert Esbach '38; Paul Hess '40 credited himself with an advantage of 9:15 to win over Luther Singley '37. Bachman threw Hess in 7:50 to win the 165-title.

Joe O'Dowd '37 totaled a time advantage of 6:48 to defeat Walter Edgewood '38; Dean Hanley '39 threw Charles Miller '40 in 5:23. O'Dowd won the unlimited crown with a time advantage of 3:58 minutes over Hanley.

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Women in Sports

The coed "Water Carnival" will mark the debut of our prospective nautical professionals, at the Glenside Pool Tuesday January 19 at 4 o'clock.

The diving family will make their first personal appearance together with Mollie Evans, the father, Rachel Bechtel as Mother and Jean Giddings and Barbara Lewis, the young ones.

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Freshmen Start 9th Week of Court Drills

With their opening game still two weeks away, thirty freshman basketball candidates trot into their ninth week of intensive pre-season training at Recreation Hall this afternoon.

Laying particular stress upon the fundamentals of the Lawther system, Thiel is attempting to break the candidates away from the varied high school systems to which they have been accustomed.

Outstanding in the tune-up sessions have been Philip K. Blough, Ebonsburg High flash, and Willard A. Doehner, Kenmore, N. Y., star. Others showing considerable promise are Elmer A. Abahazi, Milan Buchan, Franklin J. Dummu, Joe Hetru, John M. Hoffman, and Sanford M. Kranich.

Soccer Team Receives 'Outstanding' Rating

Penn State's undefeated soccer team was declared "among the outstanding teams in the east" at a meeting of the executive meeting of the Eastern Soccer Committee Saturday.

This marked the first time the ruling body did not select a champion. It is the fourth consecutive year that Penn State's undefeated record has gone unnoticed in the championship ratings.

4 Soph Boxers Make 1st Team

Sopchak, Tapman, Kociubinsky, Soose Join 4 Champions For Terror Battle

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

That eminent philosopher and psychologist, Dr. Leo Florian Houck, will present a paradox to Penn State ring fans when the Lion boxers open their 1937 season with Western Maryland Saturday.

Although there will be four sophomores on the team, Nittany fight experts predict one of the most successful seasons for the mittens. The answer to the paradox is simple.

Coach Houck expects to use Alex Sopchak and Al Tapman at the feather and bantamweight positions. Both sophomores are in excellent shape, although in sparring with Ben Nieble, Sopchak received a cut on the forehead that required three stitches.

Veterans—National and Eastern champion Frankie Goodman and Eastern titleholder Sammy Donato—will amply take care of the 135 and 145-pound classes. The third sophomore, Billy Soose, will enter the ring at 155 pounds.

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Coach Glasser Views Gym Team's Outlook

"Ray Mattern is potentially the best tumbler in the east," so said Coach Julian Glasser still discussing the coming season's prospects with the opening meet just one month off.

A practice meet with the freshmen has been arranged for Saturday, and from the results Glasser will choose his varsity—three men to each piece of apparatus.

The tentative lineup is as follows: Runkle, S. Beck, Megrill, Kligman, horizontal bar; Rorabaugh, Kligman, Suydam, Hugs, side horse; Rorabaugh, Runkle, Suydam, Kligman, Megrill, rings; Runkle, Beck, Close, Kligman, Mashey, parallel bars; Mattern, Kligman, Megrill, tumbling; Parton, Rorabaugh, ropes.

All freshmen who place in this meet will get their numerals, as well as those who show up well later on in the season. The freshmen who will compete are: M. Beck, Chesedy, Epstein, Feldman, Firestone, Gordon, Jones, Kennedy, Shafer, Shmukler, Streator and Zern.

Blue Key Holds Dance

Members of Blue Key, Junior activities honorary, held their annual formal dance at the Sigma Nu house Saturday night. Bill Bottor's orchestra played.

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Lions Lose to Penn; Defeat Susquehanna By Score of 52-to-19

Lawther Sends 3 Teams on Floor in Invasion Against Crusaders; Miehoff Leads Scoring for State Quintet

After bowing to an undefeated Penn quintet 41-to-33 and then walloping a weak Susquehanna outfit, 52-to-19, the Lion cagers will meet the Lafayette courtmen in Recreation hall at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

It will be the eighth contest between the two teams in a series that started in 1916. Only twice did the Leopards overtake the Lions and that was in 1931 when State lost, 27-to-16, and 1919 when Lafayette won 33-to-25.

The Leopard quintet won only seven of their sixteen games last year, but Coach Mike Mechalski is expecting a better showing from his boys this year. They lost to the Penn five last month in the Red and Blue's initial engagement by a mere six points, the score, 28-to-22.

Among the Lafayette players is a guard, Sargont, who saw action against the Lions when the Williamsport team lost to them, 43-to-22, on December 20. Other players on the Easton team are Gordon Rositer and Vernon, guards, Pete Blank, center, and Bill Wild and Johnny Cooper, forwards. Cooper is one of the Leopards' most dangerous scorers.

Wild, short-statured sharpshooter, is the only regular on this year's team who did not play in the first line-up last season.

Counts on Same Line-up Coach John Lawther expects his cagers to meet a strong and fighting team tomorrow night. He plans to use the same line-up as he did against the Crusaders.

Before a crowd of 5000 the Lion courtmen defeated Susquehanna and won the thirteenth of the thirteen-game series which started in 1904. A glance at the results of past years shows that the Lions broke no records with their 52-to-19 victory, for in 1919 the State team defeated the Crusaders, 86-to-12.

Miehoff High Scorer Miehoff again led the team in scoring by tallying thirteen of the Lions' twenty-nine points that were scored while he played. Corbin, although appearing a little hesitant at times, contributed his share of points with no less than nine.

Only once did Coach Staggs' men see a ray of hope and that was at the start of the game. The score stood at 2-to-1 in their favor. McWilliams tied it and Fredericks boosted the visitors' figure to a five. Miehoff and Corbin raised the Lions' score to six and Herr tied that.

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