

BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BOB GRUBB

While the campus seethes with rumors that the eminent Harvard ornithologist, Mr. Richard Harlow, will be the next athletic director here, a sport which he introduced to this college is about to pass its 100th milestone. The Lion ringmen's opening meet of the season with Western Maryland in Rec Hall tomorrow night will be the 100th dual engagement since the sport was inaugurated on an intercollegiate basis here in 1919.

Tomorrow night's opening also marks the beginning of Leo Houck's fifteenth year as mentor of the Nittany mat team. The verbose doctor took over the reins from Harlow at the end of the 1922 season and has been turning out fistic champions by the score ever since, placing the sport in the front rank of Penn State athletics. Since 1924, when the first intercollegiate tournament was held here and won by the Lions, Houck's teams have garnered six eastern championships and have won 32 individual titles.

Penn State's first mat team engaged in a dual meet with Pennsylvania 18 years ago soon after Harlow had taught several ring candidates the fundamentals of the sport Harlow relinquished his position here in 1922, turning the reins over to Houck. Then he went to Western Maryland where he subsequently became head football coach and also introduced boxing to that school. In the last several years of his reign Green Terror teams were leading contenders, with Syracuse and Penn State, for the association championship.

The only time I ever saw Harlow was in 1935 when he brought his Western Maryland boxers here for the eastern intercollegiate, just before he had been named to the coaching job at Harvard. Nearly every one had difficulty in distinguishing him from "Spike" Leslie, former Lion basketball coach, so close did they resemble each other. If the rumors concerning the Harvard coach's appointment as athletic director here materialize into fact, you and I will probably be seeing a great deal of this man very soon.

The relative merits of the fast shifting zone defense and the "half and half" defense were demonstrated in Wednesday night's game between the Lion five and Lafayette. Lafayette's "half and half" uses three men back in man-for-man defense and two men out for zone defense, whereas the Lawther system uses all five man-for-man defense and two men in zone defense.

Bob Ellstrom, eastern intercollegiate wrestling champ here in 1933 and 1934, is refereeing mat contests at Lehigh in his spare time. Bob's brother, John, was here for a while, swimming was his forte. Another brother, George, went to Notre Dame and then to Lehigh, playing football there last fall. All are natives of Bethlehem, a town which is very wrestling-conscious, with Lehigh a leader in the intercollegiate field and Liberty High a big gun in scholastic competition.

You will see a lot of Frank Duffy, who officiated at the basketball game the other night. He's sent many an athlete here from Dunmore where he formerly coached football and basketball. Tommy Silvano, Jim and Red O'Hara and Sammy Donato are some of his proteges. Registrar Bill Hoffman, the faculty's most rabid wrestling fan, will officiate at some of the local high school meets this season. Jay McWilliams, varsity center, asked for jersey No. 11 because his father graduated from here in the class of 1911.

BOXERS, WRESTLERS, SWIMMERS OPEN SEASONS

Lions Top Lafayette Five, 46-15

Lawther Sends 15 Men On Floor; Prosser Leads Scoring

By WOODROW W. BIERLY

Meeting another team that supplied little opposition, the Lion cagers routed the weak Lafayette quintet to chalk up their second victory of their three engagements thus far. Fifteen players saw action for the Lions in Wednesday night's game that ended with a score of 46-15.

Taking the lead shortly after the whistle, Lawther's five held the Leopards scoreless until they had tallied for themselves no less than eleven points. The count was 22-0 at the half and during the latter session of the contest, the Lions added twenty-four to their score to gain a thirty-one point lead over their opponents by the end of the game.

Outstanding on the floor was the Nittany cager's defensive play which prevented the Leopards from scoring more than four field goals, the same as the Susquehanna crusaders last Saturday night. The Lafayette boys were scarcely able to get under their basket, especially while Lawther's first team was on the floor, and consequently were forced to score their field goals on long shots. They were required to confine their playing chiefly to the defensive in an attempt to stem the Lion's attack.

Lawther's starting line-up was composed of Joe Proksa and Sol Miehoff at forward, Jay McWilliams at center and Max Corbin and Jack Reichenback in the guard berths. After the Lions had scored twenty points, Coach Lawther sent his second team on the floor. Composing it were Sam Davies and Tony Sinkosky at forward, Charley Prosser at center, and "Mush" Parker and George Chalmers at guard. All are sophomores.

The second team, although showing some weak spots in their offensive, seemed to possess even more fight than the first five. They entered the game just before the end of the first period and played more than half of the second, scoring seventeen of the Lion's points. Prosser, who shot some of the most spectacular baskets of the evening, was high scorer with four field goals and one foul shot. Unless McWilliams and Reichenback

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3 Ski Teams Accept Invitations To Meet

Cornell, Bucknell, and Allegheny have announced their intentions of being represented at the Penn State invitation meet to be held on the Bald Top mountain course Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23.

The skiers will compete in cross-country, down-hill, slalom, and jumping. Although the 40-meter jump will not be completed for use this season, two 20-meter jumps have been constructed and will be used in the forthcoming meets.

A ski team will compete in the thrice-postponed Olean Invitation Meet this Sunday if weather conditions do not again force cancellation. This will be the first competition the Penn State Ski Club will have had this season.

'40 Cagers Prepare Attack for Opener

Aiming for its opening test against Dickinson Seminary a week from Saturday, the freshman basketball team, under the direction of Glenn "Nick" Thiel, moved ahead in its pre-season preparations at Recreation hall this week.

Particular stress is still being placed upon the fundamentals of the new Lawther system, employing an intricate offense and defense. Although there have been no scrimmage battles to date, the yearlings "look good," Thiel said.

Competition for the various positions on the club is expected to flare soon, with plenty of practice tussles on the griddle for the remainder of the semester. Thirty candidates are still in the field.

Relay Will Run In Millrose Meet

Collegiate Championship Quartet Invited, Extensive Winter Program Planned

Penn State's championship two mile relay team has been invited to the Millrose games in New York's Madison Square Garden February 6. Coach Chick Werner announced today. This important meet will inaugurate the most extensive winter track program ever planned.

Other teams, in addition to the indoor champion Lions, who have been invited, are Ohio State, Penn Relay winner; Manhattan, last year's Boston victor; and Boston College, Boston A.A. games champion.

Captain Howard Downey is the only member of the championship quartet now available, although Merle Steitler may return to college in time for the meet. Leading candidates for the team include Adrian Markowitz, Herb Hazard, Bert Aikman, Pete Olexy, Charles Pierce, and Len Henderson.

Coach Werner plans to hold an all-college outdoor meet during the second week of February. It is the first time such an event will be attempted. Field events will be held also.

Another meet, the winter track team will enter in the I.C.-A.A. games in March. In addition to the two mile relay team, a freshman medley trio may also run. They will be chosen from Gordon, Maule, Galer, Yohn, Maurer, Hoffman, and Kaufman.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Basketball

Three games Wednesday night and several last night opened the 1937 intramural basketball tournament. Wednesday's results were: Delta Sigma Phi 41, Kappa Delta Rho 11; Watts Hall Team One 24, Sigma Chi 14; and Sigma Nu 40, Beaver House 17.

Last night's schedule pitted Phi Mu Alpha against Beta Sigma Rho, Alpha Tau Omega versus Alpha Kappa Pi and the Gorman Club opposite the Crows. Other games featured Varsity Hall and Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Epsilon Pi and Alpha Chi Rho, and Frear Hall versus Frazier Fumblers.

Volleyball

Winners of the opening games were Phi Sigma Delta over Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Chi Sigma over Phi Sigma Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha over Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Nu over Delta Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Delta over Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Handball

Thus far, the class A tournament was outstanding for its lack of matches being played. The class B tournament was supposed to have gotten under way this week. Forty-eight entries were made. Five are in Class A.

Exams Needed

Every man used in the intramural basketball and volleyball tournaments must have a physical examination. Teams using men without the required examination will lose the game by forfeit.

Society Honors College

Penn State was among the eight colleges chosen from a list of more than 200 institutions of higher learning interested in securing chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. This College was given an invitation to submit its application for a charter by the senate of the society. The applications will be brought before the Nineteenth Triennial Council, when it meets at Atlanta, Ga., next September.

Western Maryland Battles Ring Team Here Tomorrow; Matmen Oppose Princeton

Both Teams Open Defense of Eastern Crowns; Houck Begins Fifteenth Campaign Tiger Grapplers Formidable

Penn State's championship boxing and wrestling teams will begin defense of their Eastern titles tomorrow when Coach Leo Houck's ring team provides home entertainment against Western Maryland at 7 o'clock and Charlie Speidel takes his matmen to battle the strong Princeton grapplers at Princeton. It will mark the first competition for both teams this season.

Boxers Potentially 'Greatest in History'

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

Beginning his fifteenth season as Nittany Lion ring master, Leo Houck will present what is potentially his best team. His lineup for the Green Terror battle will headline four champions and a quartet of the most promising sophomores ever to wear the Blue and White.

Alex Sopchak will open the 1937 season before an expected capacity crowd in the bantamweight class. Sopchak has been out of the ring all week with a severe cut on his forehead, and he has been overweight in addition. Coach Houck was confident Sopchak would start tomorrow, inasmuch as he saw action in practice yesterday. As for the weight problem, Houck said he would worry "about Sopchak's avoirdupois."

Fighting at 125 pounds will be another sophomore, Allan Tapman, who was impressive as a yearling last season and who has shown much improvement this year. Eastern and National lightweight champion Frankie Goodman will be at his 135-pound spot, showing even better form than he exhibited last year.

Sammy Donato, co-captain of the 1937 grid team and Eastern welterweight title holder, will represent State at 145 pounds. Billy Soose, of amateur and golden glove fame, will give the sophomores their third ring leader on the Nittany varsity at the 155-pound weight.

Captain Lou Ritzio, in top shape for the past two weeks, has shown the same form that enabled him to win the 155-pound title two seasons back. He will fight at 165 pounds this year. Nestor Kociubinsky, sophomore light heavyweight, will make his debut, and Izzy Richter, Eastern heavyweight champion, will provide the wind-up attraction for the third straight year.

Western Maryland will send a team that lacks the color the Terror lineup held for many seasons. Without Dick Harlow as coach, and minus the fisticuff abilities of Tom Pontecarvo and Bernie Kaplan, National Champions, it is a decidedly weaker-than-usual bunch of fighters that will face the Lions on opening day.

Outstanding on the Western Maryland card are Clint Walker, Tony Orteni, and Joe O'Leair, fighters in the three upper brackets. Orteni won third place in last year's intercollegiate, while Walker and O'Leair looked promising in the Terror opener last week in which Maryland University triumphed, 6 to 2.

Penn State defeated Western Maryland six times in yearly meetings since 1928. . . two meets resulted in ties, and one in defeat. . . Houck's team triumphed last season, 6 to 2. . .

The Green Terror meeting will mark Penn State's hundredth dual meet since 1918. . . and the Nittany Lions will be battling for their sixty-first victory. . . Since the first intercollegiate tourney was held in 1924, Penn State won the championship six times and finished in second place on four other occasions. . . 32 individual champions were Lions. . . more than any other college. . .

Western Maryland's lineup—115: Sam Grimsley; 125: Paul Brenigle; 135: Harold Martin; 145: William Bender; 155: George Speigle; and Walker, Orteni, and O'Leair. . . Kociubinsky will have a tough fight on his hands, considering it is his first meet. . . but that doesn't mean too much. . .

Wrestlers Lack Full Strength for Opener

By FRANCIS SZYMCAK

Lacking their full strength and anxious to make a good showing against the Tigers, the State matmen finished an intensive week of training today when they leave for Princeton this afternoon.

Coach Charlie Speidel has shifted his team to strengthen the weight divisions in order to match his opponents' selections. Ross Shaffer or Don Bachman will alternate either at the 165 or 175 classes in order to give serious competition to Princeton's 165-pound intercollegiate champion, Morris Emory.

John Calvin, a dependable at 155 pounds, suffered a troublesome injury to his knee on Wednesday. If his knee can be limbered enough to satisfy Speidel he will probably start, otherwise Priolo or Gentilman may replace him.

With the loss of Jack Light at 145, who has not reported this semester because of scholastic difficulties, Aldo Zazzi was moved up from the 135 division to carry on at 145. Don Bachman, sophomore, who will see his first action in intercollegiate wrestling, will represent the Lions at 165 pounds in the absence of Joe Krupa who is doing his practice teaching this semester.

Freddy Stegmaier who saw action only in a few meets last season will wrestle at 118 pounds. Lacking experience Freddy will be meeting his first serious competition against the Tigers. Ray Brooks, veteran of last season, can be depended upon to make a good showing in the 126-pound class.

Bob Reynolds is another Lion grappler who will get the thrill of engaging in his first intercollegiate meet when he steps on the mat in the 135-match. Captain Joe O'Dowd who leads the team as captain will take part in the finale of the unlimiteds.

Princeton has never defeated the Lions in six previous meets, but Charlie aptly puts it—"Going against Princeton without our full strength tightens the meet with the outcome being questionable."

This will be Princeton's second meet of the season. Last Saturday they toppled Rutgers by the decisive score of 31-to-5. The Tigers who will face their visitors will go out on the mat in the following order: Foshay, 118; Harding, 126; Lippitt, 135; Steril, 145; Powers, 155; Emory, 165; Smith, 175; and Chew, unlimited. Intending to carry on their undefeated dual meet record of last season, Princeton hopes to top the Lions who won the Eastern Intercollegiate on their mats last year.

MAT NOTES: Leaving by train this afternoon, Speidel's cohorts will loosen up at the Princeton gym tonight and tomorrow before taking to the mat for the meet. . . Reinstatement of ineligible of last year will strengthen the Tiger line-up. . .

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Mike Michalski, the Tough Boy Changed

That rough, tough gentleman of the coal vales was with us again this week. Yes sir, in his day he was as ready and rugged as any of them. But Wednesday night he was not in an argumentative mood. He was a little on the alkaline side.

That person to whom we refer is none other than Mike Michalski '26, now Lafayette basketball coach, and in the fall, assistant to Ernie Nev-ers.

Yes, there's quite a lot behind Mike Michalski that's rough and hard, and quite a bit ahead that promises to be different.

When Mike was in State he was a holy terror, and incidentally a darn good football player under Hugo Bezdak when Hugo was the boy so many people knew.

When Mike graduated he went out west and played pro football for the Green Bay Packers for seven years, developing into one of the best players that sport has ever countenanced. He was good; everybody said so. And he was tough; everybody remembered.

But now that he is a coach, Mike has changed a great deal. We saw him down at the Lehigh football game when he dropped over the night before the game. And he smiled. And anybody that can smile in middle of a Lafayette football season these days, is good natured.

And after the Nittany Lions had mangled his basketball team, he was down-in-the-mouth. That's a different Mike from the old days. Everybody liked him then because he was rough and tough, and everybody likes him now because he's changed.

In college, Mike was one of those guys that it is so hard to keep in school to play football. He did so many things to get kicked out. But people recognized his stuff and he stayed on.

Once when a pal of his, that was never considered to amount to much, was on the verge of reading the exit gate, Mike went to Dean Warnock to plead for him. Now Mike was a lit-

Mermen Face Tough Clash Against Penn

Open 2nd Year Away; Veterans, Sophs On Team

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

Coach Bob Galbraith and his swimming team will try it the hard way tomorrow when Penn State's natators open their second intercollegiate season in Philadelphia against the strongest opponent on the six meet schedule—Penn.

A veteran team improved by a group of strong sophomores will travel to face the Quaker mermen, who handled the Lions their only one-sided defeat last season. Once past Penn, it would not be too much to predict an undefeated year for the Blue and White swimmers.

Sophomores will swim the fifty yard freestyle event for Penn State. Charlie Welsh, sensational newcomer, and Al Bechtel, impressive sprinter, will line up for the shortest race of the program. In the century, Welsh, Bechtel, or possibly Bill Helriegel, letterman, will represent State.

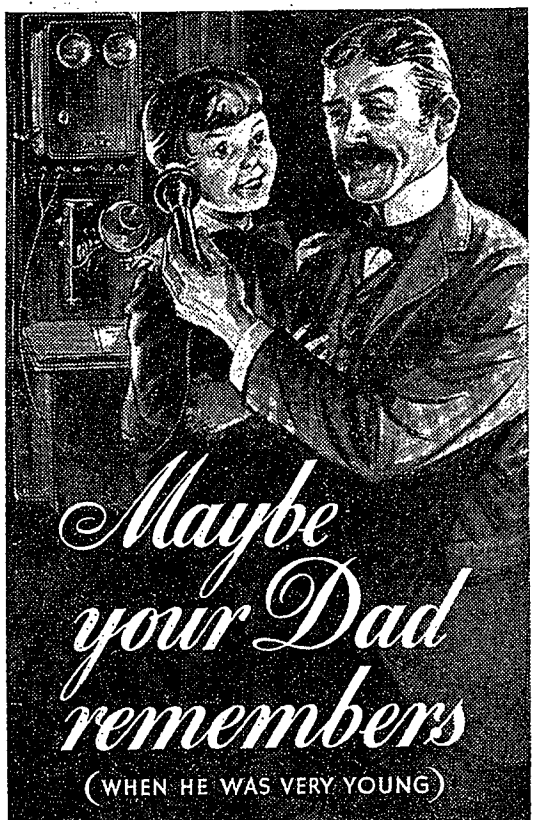
With Ken Bank, another sophomore flash, Captain Jim Cumming

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tle problem all in himself, and the Dean sensed an opportunity.

He made Mike responsible for his friend's actions. The responsibility began to change Mike. He became more docile, more mature. So the two of them stayed in school. It was easy for the other guy because no one thought of doing anything Mike did not approve of.

And I guess they still don't do much of that stuff, either.



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