

«« Between The Lions »»

By BOB GRUBB

With the appointment of an athletic director put off by the Board of Trustees until June, at least, we decided to see for ourselves just how things are running in the School of Physical Education...

From Charlie Speidel: "We're all working together for the best interests of the students..."

From Glenn Thiel: "The present system is working out fine in the absence of a director..."

Evidence enough, then, that harmony and unity prevails under the present administrative system...

It is hoped that present conditions can and will continue throughout the winter and spring...

A Lion Basketball team the like of which has not been seen around here in recent years proved that it was ready to enter Eastern Conference competition last Tuesday night...

That's what we've been hearing for the past two weeks. Prof. John Lawther and Co. certainly put an end to that kind of talk by their sterling performance this week.

There are better teams than West Virginia in the league. But they don't come much better, and we have every reason to believe that the Lions will be able to keep up with them by continuing to show improvement under a new coach and a new system.

Dutch Hermann, who was teaching Lions to play basketball while you and I were wearing knee pants, seemed to get a big kick out of the game Tuesday night.

To Leighton Watson, sports ed. of the Daily Athanacum at West Virginia: You are probably aware by now that Penn State is in the Eastern Basketball Conference...

This rush to get up to Rec Hall before the S.R.O. sign is put out calls to mind a story the old-timers tell of "when I was in college."

Frosh Courtmen To Open Season

Yearling Basketball Squad Will Play Dickinson Seminary Tomorrow at 2:30

With the opening game against Dickinson Seminary slated for Recreational Hall tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the starting lineup of the freshman basketball team remained in a state of uncertainty today...

To offset the apparent advantage gained by Dickinson, which began its campaign a few weeks ago, Thiel has sent his charges through an exhaustive ten-week practice grind.

Wednesday afternoon, the "Blues," paced by Joe Hetra, tripped the "Whites," 25-to-18. Hetra tallied six points. Top scoring honors for the game, however, went to Dick Rhodes, center for the losers...

Stamped by Thiel as the ten outstanding candidates for starting berths are Elmer A. Abahazi, Philip K. Blough, Milan Buchan, Willard A. Doehner, Franklin J. Dumm Jr., Joe Hetra, John M. Hoffman, Sanford M. Kranich, Howard C. McWilliams, jr., and Alex G. Toth jr.

Students at Ohio State University were charged 21 cents apiece to vote by absentee ballot. The total cost of voting by mail was \$175.

MATMEN TO MEET CHICAGO TOMORROW

Lions To Face Visitors at 7 In Home Tilt

Capt. Finwall, Olympic Finalist, Opposes Zazzi in 145

By FRANCIS H. SZYMCAK Penn State wrestling enthusiasts will have their first opportunity of seeing Coach Charlie Speidel's 1937 squad in action on the home mats against the Chicago team in Rec Hall tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

The meet will be unique in two respects, it is very seldom that the wrestlers squirm under the lights and the team has established somewhat of a tradition of never losing a home match.

On their eastern trip the Chicago team will meet Case and Kent State University. They finish their excursion with their match against the Lions.

The Maroon team, to date, has defeated Wheaton College and Wisconsin, but lost a 14-to-12 decision to Northwestern because of injuries to both Chicago heavyweights which compelled forfeiting that bout.

The featured bout of the evening will be between Captain Bob Finwall, of Chicago, and Al Zazzi in the 145-pound tussle. Finwall won the Big Ten championship in the 145-pound class last year as a sophomore and went to the finals of the Olympic trials.

An aggressive and clever wrestler, he is a standout on the Maroon squad and puts Zazzi "on the spot." Zazzi is a "move-up" from the 135-pound weight to replace Jack Light, eastern intercollegiate champion, who was unable to participate in athletics this semester.

Freddy Stegmaier will set the tempo for the evening's activities when he takes the mats in the 118-pound class. Having had the experience of one varsity meet, Fred should handle himself in a creditable manner.

Ray Brooks or John Craighead will be the Lion representative in the 126-pound division. The Craighead twins had a family tussle to choose the winner who will oppose Brooks in the eliminations today.

Bob Reynolds will have his hands full with Horace Fay, Chicagoan who transferred from Amherst. Fay has won three bouts and Coach Spyras Vorres thinks that he will go far in Big Ten competition.

The 155-pound representative for State is still undecided, Gentilman, Houck, and Singley are awaiting a nod from Speidel to meet the Maroon's George Schoonmaker who has one win to his credit.

Don Bachman who went the limit with Princeton's 165-pound intercollegiate champ, Emory, will meet John Haas of Chicago. Bachman should come through the bout with a victory. Ross Shaffer, dependable in the 175-pound class, will stage a real scrap when he tussles Ed Valorz, a sophomore who won his letter on the Chicago football team this fall.

Captain Joe O'Dowd will probably handle the heavyweight assignment, but there is the possibility that a sophomore or junior might supplant Joe to gain the experience for next season. Joe is undoubtedly the best heavyweight on the squad and will have to stack up against Sam Whiteside, 220-pound center and co-captain of the Maroon football team last fall, or Fred Lehnhardt, 180-pound fullback.

Ben L. Bishop of Lehigh will be the third man on the mat during the meet.

V. P. I. Ring Coach



TOM SLUSSER

The former Penn State football and boxing captain assumed the position of varsity boxing coach at Virginia Polytechnic Institute yesterday. Slusser was given a leave of absence from his duties as freshman coach and swimming instructor in order to complete the mission at V.P.I.

Lions Take Road To Box Cornell

Injuries Hamper Houckmen for 1st Away Meet; Sopchak Richter Ailing

By JERRY WEINSTEIN Penn State's Eastern Championship boxing team will open Cornell's 1937 season tomorrow night at Ithaca. It will mark the Lion's first road jaunt of the year.

Tampered all week by injuries and illness, the Nittany fighters are expected to line up against the Big Red as they did against Western Maryland.

Izzy Richter, Eastern heavyweight champ, injured his left arm in the Terror battle and was unable to do much contact work all week. If he is unable to fight tomorrow night, Ko Kociubinsky will move up to heavyweight and either Hank Schweitzer, Bill Covolus, or Joe Andrukitus will fight at 175.

Alex Sopchak, Penn State 115 pound sophomore star, was unable to work during the early part of the week because of a bad cold. He took a light workout Wednesday and may be ready for Cornell. If he isn't, Ed Docherty, Jus Werner, or Ken Byrd will carry the Blue and White colors.

For the rest, Penn State will be represented as usual. Frankie Goodman, Eastern and National lightweight titleholder, will face the Cornell veteran, Moe Goldbas, a knockout star. Sammy Donto, Eastern welterweight leader, will face George Shaaf.

Sophomore Bill Soose will meet a Big Red veteran at 155 pounds in Ira Wilson. Captain Lou Ritzie will be opposed by Jack Siegel, and Kociubinsky will meet another knockout star, Lou Grossman.

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Lions Top Mountaineers, 28-21; Face Panthers, Carnegie Tech

By WOODROW W. BIERLY

After fighting their way to a 28-to-21 victory over a strong and determined West Virginia quintet, the Lion basketeers set to work to prepare themselves for two more league games. They will meet the Pitt eagles tomorrow night on the Panthers' floor and then return to face the Carnegie Tech courtmen in Recreation Hall at 7 o'clock on Monday night.

Five thousand fans saw the Lions win their first Conference victory since they joined the league last year. They saw the Nittany courtmen demonstrate their skill on the defense, using their height advantage to take the ball as it rebounded from the back board and at every other possible chance.

West Virginia, although somewhat weakened by the absence of D'Orazio, forward who is out with an injured knee, gave the Lions some real competition. They kept Lawther's quintet stepping and had them puzzled at times, especially at the start of the game, when they scored three field goals before State had chalked up one.

The Lions showed more fight in Tuesday night's battle than they have in any other tilt this season. Offsetting this was a number of weaknesses that cropped up at times. Perhaps the most noticeable of these was the self-consciousness of the players which will be overcome as they gain more experience.

Max Corbin, sophomore guard, walked off the floor with first honors. He was high scorer for the evening, tallying eight points, while Jack Goeke, Mountaineer forward who led the Conference last year, joined Sol Miehoff in trailing the Lion guard by one point. Miehoff probably would have stood even higher in the scoring had he not confined his efforts to some clever pass work to combat the fancy exhibition put on by the Gold and Blue team.

He, as were the others on the Lions' team, was forced on account of West Virginia's zone defense to attempt long shots.

Don Miranda scored the first field goal. Miehoff made good a foul shot and "Squint" Phares and Goeke followed with baskets. Scoring was slow at the beginning of the game and more than seven minutes had passed before Jay McWilliams scored the first field goal for the Lawther five. The Lions stepped into the lead by tying the score at 7-all and the Mountaineers were no longer able to set the pace. The score at the half was 13-to-11.

The Nittany courtmen improved their offensive play during the latter part of the game and by the final whistle had a seven-point edge over the Gold and Blue.

Lawther's starting line-up consisted of Joe Proksa and Miehoff at forward, McWilliams at center and Jack Reichenbach and Corbin at guard. The substitutes he used were "Mush" Parker, Charley Prasser, and George Chalmers.

The Lions will meet one of the strongest teams in the Conference when they face Pitt tomorrow night.

Swim Team Meets Pitt Tomorrow

Lion Tanksters Open Home Program At Glennland

Satisfied with the performances of his mermen in the Penn meet, Coach Bob Galbraith has decided to enter practically the same team against Pitt tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the Glennland pool.

The Lions will be out to seek revenge for the defeat handed them by Pitt last year. Tom Locke, star of the Panthers, who won both the 220 and 440 yard freestyle events, setting a pool record in the latter, will be back in an attempt to better his achievements.

For the sprints, Galbraith has Charlie Welsh, Al Bechtel, and Art Lehman; for the breast-stroke, Gil Burleigh and either Bob Mamolen or Warren Oliver. Ray Parks and Lou Hoy will be entered in the fancy diving.

Captain Jim Cumming, George

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