

«« Between The Lions »»

By BOB GRUBB

The failure of the Lion cagers to stave off a determined Temple attack in the last few minutes of Saturday night's game was a bitter disappointment to the Nittany followers. To lose a game to a highly-touted team and to lose it in the closing minutes of play gives the customers a let-down that is hard to describe.

It has never been our policy to view with alarm a team in defeat, nor point with pride at a winning team. Especially have we refrained from criticizing this year's basketball team, the first under Johnny Lawther. No one expected great things from a team that had to be rebuilt to conform to the Lawther system. Few foresaw the remarkable performances that the team has given in its first season.

The fact remains that, even though the team has not had a sufficient time to develop under a new coach and a new system, shortcomings, which should be remedied by now, continue to occur. Some of the individual weaknesses have already been pointed out by the writer who covered Saturday night's game.

There are many who will agree that one serious mistake was made

in floor generalship in the Temple game. The zone defense has its advantages, but in such a spot as the Lions found themselves in Saturday night with only a few minutes to play, wouldn't a shift to man-for-man defense been feasible?

This year's basketball team will not be in the running for conference honors. No one expected it to be. On the other hand, it does not seem likely that they will occupy the cellar in the loop as they did last year. Even with a new coach and a new system, we have a right to expect the Lions will finish not too far behind the circuit leaders.

No letdown for the boxing and wrestling teams. In spite of impressive victories of the ringmen over Navy and the wrestlers over Syracuse, they face the real tests of the season this week with Wisconsin and Lehigh as the respective opponents.

A touch of Navy formality at indoor sporting events prevailed at the boxing meet Saturday night, with tuxes and tails, and even Navy full dress in evidence. . . . In view of all this formality it would have been nice if Light Heavyweight Kociubinsky had had his hair cut. . . . It surely did prove a handicap and made him vulnerable to more than one Navy blow.

Wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel sits unassuming in the bleachers while ringside seats are provided for stuffed shirts. . . . D. U.'s, Hinkley Haines and Harry Harrison, two places that will have a permanent name on a roster of Lion grid grunts, among the 6,000. . . . Also Al Lewis and Johnny Napoleon, former Lion ring champions. Bob Higgins had a nice delegation of high school footballers there. . . . Down at Alabama, where a pal of our high school days is managing the boxing team, a real problem presents itself. . . . All eight ringmen, seven of them sophomores, incidentally, are down with the flu with the Alabama-Tulane meet coming up.

Carnegie Tech, Pitt Trim Cub Courtmen

Penn State's freshman basketball team saw their perfect record crumble to pieces as they dropped two games over the week-end, losing to Carnegie Tech, 48-to-20, and to Pitt, 36-to-32.

Tech's yearlings, also protecting an undefeated slate, found the going tough for a while, holding a mere 21-19 advantage as the half ended. Handicapped by inexperience, however, State wilted under fire, scoring only one foul point during the entire second half, as the Skibos galloped to victory.

The Pitt game was a different story. The lead changed hands several times, and at the end of the third quarter the score was deadlocked at 27-all. The Panthers then widened the gap slowly to gain the verdict.

Lion Boxers, Wrestlers Impressive in Victories

Ringmen Top Navy, 7½-to-½ For 5th Win

Tapman, Soose, Ritzie Score Knockouts; Donato Draws

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

A surprise knockout, the return to form of Frankie Goodman, and the usual dependable performances enabled Penn State's Eastern Intercollegiate championship boxing team to trounce a strong Navy outfit, 7½ to ½, in Recreation hall Saturday night.

Fighting before over 6,000 cheering fans, the largest crowd to witness an indoor athletic event in State history, Coach Leo Houck's boxers scored their second smashing victory in a series of four hard tests to win their fifth straight meet. It marked the second triumph over the Midshipmen in sixteen meetings.

Navy obtained its only score in the 145-pound class when Luby held State's Eastern welterweight champ, Sammy Donato, to a draw. Hard blows were the feature of this bout, in which Donato carried the fight to the Midshipman only to be hit repeatedly going away. Donato outpointed Luby last year, after being knocked down in the opening round.

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Frankie Goodman took a long step toward the 1936 form which earned him Eastern and National championships when he decided on a tough Middle, O'Herron. The fight was slow, with few blows being struck; but Goodman carried the fight and landed two hard rights and the verdict.

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Captain Lou Ritzie remained the stylist of the team as he jabbed his opponent to a technical knockout in 1:12 of the second round. Exhibiting the same strength that marked his workouts all week, Ritzie's left jab and a terrific left hook felled Trethewey at the end of the first round. Hard rights and the same left jab made Referee Bryan Hayes stop the bout.

The third KO came from Billy Soose in his 155-pound clash with Fairfax. Fans were surprised when the Navy tore out and slugged Soose hard with both hands for the first minute. The second minute saw the cool sophomore measure Fairfax and stop the rushes with deadly rights and lefts. The rest is the same old story, with Soose gaining his sixth straight intercollegiate fracas by a TKO in 1:45 of the second stanza.

Sophomore Wins Again Continuing impressive was little Alex Sopchak, who opened the program with a win over the Navy veteran, Barbee. Using his left jab with "propensity," Soapy was clever and aggressive as he gained a well-earned decision.

Sophomore Nestor Kociubinsky met stiff opposition in Midshipman Giffen, but carried the fight to get the nod of the judges. Strictly the fighter, Kociubinsky chased Giffen all over the ring, getting in some hard blows and taking few.

Eastern heavyweight champ Izzy Richter had little trouble slugging Navy's Tammy to a decision. Richter's chief weapon was his great left hook to the body, which had Tammy wincing before the second session was over.

Team To Enter Meet

Coach Max Dercum is planning to take a ski team to the Intercollegiate Ski Union Championships to be held at San Marguerite, Canada, in the near future.

Temple Nips Cagers, 28-to-26; Lions To Face Carnegie Tech In Conference Game Thursday

By WOODROW W. BIERLY

After piling up a 10-to-0 lead during the first three and one-half minutes of play, the Lion cagers fell flat before the Temple five and met their third successive Conference defeat by a score of 28-26 in Recreation hall on Thursday night. They will face the Carnegie Tech quintet at Pittsburgh on Thursday night.

Coach John Lawther plans to send the usual line-up against the Tartans. Sol Miehoff and Joe Proksa will be at forward, Jay McWilliams at center, and Max Corbin and Jack Reichenbach at guard.

Tech bowed to Lions. Temple managed to climb into third place in the Conference standing by taking over Georgetown 32-to-25 last week. They also defeated West Virginia, 46-to-37, and 25-to-24, and Georgetown, 25-to-17, in their first game with the Hoyas. Pitt defeated the Plaid, 30-to-26 and 45-to-37, while the Lions trimmed them, 35-to-30.

McWilliams started the Temple tilt when, after the first minute of play, he scored the first field goal. It wasn't until the Lions had scored ten points that Lou Dubin sank the first basket for the Owls. The count stood at 20-to-13 at the half and during the last few minutes was deadlocked, 26-to-26. In the waning moments, Don Shields dashed down the court and shot the winning basket for the Owls.

The game provided more than 6000 fans with wild excitement that turned to bitter disappointment. Second guesses are easy to make after the battle is over. The boys deserve great credit for putting up as good a fight as they did against the strong Temple team, but moral victories are not easily cured. In the sober meditations of the morning after, certain things seem significant.

The Lion cagers tire more rapidly than their opponents. Weak as the substitutes are, surely someone could have been found to replace Miehoff during the second half. All credit is due the Lions' leading scorer for playing a good first half, but he did

Orange Team Defeated By Lion Matmen

Jack Light Draws as Nittanymen Stretch Scoring Spree

By FRANCIS H. SZYMCAK

State's varsity wrestlers chalked up their fourth consecutive victory of the season in winning over Syracuse's team, 26½-to-1½, in Recreation Hall Saturday afternoon.

The Blue and White matmen scored their points through one forfeit, one draw, one fall, and five decisions. Since the Chicago meet, State's grapplers have tallied 104½ of the last 100 points scored. They have not dropped a single bout since Zazzi's loss to Chicago's Captain Finwall. Up to Jack Light's draw on Saturday afternoon, they had scored 89 consecutive points.

Light met one of the stiffest opponents in his collegiate career when he shared honors with Ken Becker. Jack, who possesses an undefeated dual-competition record, was nearly pinned once by Becker, who came through as prophesied. Light had a time advantage of 20 seconds at the end of the regulation bout. Going two extra periods, Referee Ben Bishop called the match a draw.

Ross Shaffer, State's "fall artist," pinned Howard Peters just 13 seconds before the end of the bout. Playing around for an advantageous

position, Ross jockeyed Peters into a bar and chancery to tally five points in the 175-pound class.

Freddy Stegmaier, 118-pounder, again earned five points without competition when Abe Rosenberg forfeited the initial bout.

John Craighead, the "rasslin' twin" of the squad clocked 6:01 minutes in time advantage over the Orange captain, Tom Crowe, in the 126-pound class. Johnny's decisive victory surprised even his most rabid followers.

Al Zazzi, 135-pounder, spent 8:10 minutes in controlling Bill Dome. Al nearly scored a fall on two occasions,

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