

Between The Lions

With the varsity wrestling and boxing teams engaging in meets away from home tomorrow, Penn State's sports interest will be concentrated on basketball which will provide the major home attraction.

Collectively and individually, the Lion dribblers can reach a new high in Penn State court history tomorrow night.

In the doldrums for several years, Penn State's basketball team jumped into the limelight last season as Coach Lawther made an impressive debut in elevating Penn State from a miserable last place to third in the top-notch Eastern Conference.

This, Lawther's second year, incredibly shows more improvement. Wednesday night's victory over Carnegie Tech assured State of at least a tie for second place in the Conference. If the tired courtment can upset Pitt tomorrow night, undisputed possession of the runner-up position and definite proof that 1938 success exceeded 1937's will be gained.

Whether Penn State can avenge the defeat scored by the Panthers in Pittsburgh is hard to predict. Riddled by injuries which took Max Corbin and hampered Jack Reichenbach, the squad is at its lowest. The remainder of the regulars, quick to shoulder the den of their injured mates, showed signs of wear, which was indicated in the inaccurate shooting against Tech.

Individually, the Penn State team may rate another honor, which certainly could not be expected from a newcomer in the Conference. By scoring eight points, Sol Miehoff, ace forward, can pass Temple's Don Shields and practically clinch the Conference scoring title.

After Miehoff's performances this season, eight points doesn't seem to be much of a feat. But Miehoff, smaller than his mates and opponents, has borne the brunt of the season's toil and is more tired than the rest of the courageous Lion squad. And Pitt's no pushover.

If Nick Thiel's yearlings come out unscathed tomorrow against the Pitt five, it will climax a six-game schedule with no losses.

CAGERS FACE PITT IN HOME FINALE TOMORROW

Victorious Over Tartans, Lions Aim To Better Last Year's Conference Record

Penn State's 1938 basketball edition will make its final appearance on the home floor against Pittsburgh's dethroned champions in Recreation hall at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

With Wednesday night's 38-24 victory over Carnegie Tech boosting their record to six wins in nine starts, the Lions will be aiming to better last year's mark of six-and-four and at the same time to clinch undisputed possession of second place, two games behind Temple's championship quintet. State bowed to Pitt in their previous meeting, 39-34.

The same lineup which started the Carnegie tilt is expected to open against Pitt, with Co-captains Sol Miehoff and Joe Proksa at the forward posts, Bill Stopper at center, and Jack Reichenbach and Charley Prosser as guards. Max Corbin, brilliant trick-shot artist suffering with a cracked wristbone, definitely is out for the remainder of the season, which closes next Wednesday at Rutgers.

Trail at Halftime: Playing ragged ball, State saw an early 5-2 lead dwindle away as the Skibo sharpshooters snaked through the Lion defense to match goal for goal and finally surge into a 15-13 lead just as the gun sounded for halftime.

After a momentary stalemate at the beginning of the second period, the State machine began to click on all cylinders, with big Charley Prosser, always one of Coach John Lawther's dependables, in the pilot's role.

Prosser in Hero Role: Handling the ball as if it were a marble, Prosser popped shots from crazy angles at midcourt as well as underneath the hoop, ringing up every one of his 11 points in the last half to cap scoring honors for the night.

He opened the second-period scoring with four points in a row to see-saw the Lions into a 17-15 lead. Reichenbach added another field goal, but Tech whittled the lead to 19-17. Again Prosser swished the cords with a double-decker, but the Tartans added another foul conversion to bring the count up to 21-18.

Here Miehoff abandoned his role of "feeder" to notch two goals in less than a minute and spark a 13-point spree that led the victory for the Lions. While Prosser and Proksa paced the offensive attack, a tight zone defense, featured by Stopper's dominant coverage, bogged down the Tartan counter-attack, yielding only a single field goal during the last 13 minutes of play. In fact, the visitors were able to garner only two field goals during the entire second half.

Sol Needs 18 Points: Although restricting himself to setting up plays during most of the game, Miehoff tallied eight points to boost his league total to 101, seven behind Temple's Don Shields, the present leader. Miehoff must score 18 points tomorrow night to set a new Conference mark.

Carnegie Tech Fld. Pts. Tot. Combs, f. 2 2 3 6 Schmidt, f. 0 1 1 1 Turnpaine, f. 2 1 1 5 Cratsley, f. 1 1 1 3 Stark, c. 1 0 2 2 Slaminko, f. 0 1 3 1 Lewings, g. 0 0 0 0 W. Miller, g. 2 2 5 6 Loos, g. 0 0 1 0 Greenberg, g. 0 0 0 0 E. Miller, g. 0 0 0 0 Totals 8 8 17 24

Penn State Fld. Pts. Tot. Peterson, f. 1 0 2 2 Stopper, c. 2 0 0 4 Reichenbach, g. 3 0 0 6 McWilliams, g. 0 0 0 0 Prosser, g. 4 3 3 11 Kranich, g. 0 0 0 0 Miehoff, f. 4 0 2 8

Golden Panther



MIKE ZELENIK-PITT FORWARD

Pittsburgh's high scorer, above, who will face the Lions tomorrow in Rec hall. His shooting in the first Pitt-State basketball fray knocked the Lions from first place hopes.

Skiers Compete Again Tomorrow

Hampered by lack of snow on the local ski run and getting few chances to practice, the Penn State ski team has been competing almost every week-end in intercollegiate and club meets. The skiers will compete at Allegheny State Park tomorrow.

On February 12 and 13, Captain Paul Massey '38 competed in the Dartmouth carnival at Hanover, N. H. He had trouble in both the downhill and the cross-country run, breaking a ski in each of these events. In the slalom he made his best showing, placing 20th out of a field of 80 of the best collegiate skiers of the East.

The following weekend the team competed in the Intercollegiate Ski Union meet held at Middlebury, Vermont. Fourteen teams were entered and State placed tenth. Jimmy Wilson '41 made the best showing of the State men with a 25th place in the downhill run and a 27th in the slalom. Over 70 persons were entered in each event.

Last Friday and Saturday the team competed as a club in the Niagara Frontier Ski council meet at Colden, N. Y., and placed second of seven teams entered.

The team won second place in the cross-country relay. Captain Massey won the slalom and placed second in the downhill run. Wilson took fourth place in the downhill run.

Besides Captain Massey and Wilson, Harry Hitchcock '39 and William Bramble, instructor in forestry, competed in this meet. Charles Hilferty '41 took part in the Middlebury meet.

Chalmers, f. 0 0 1 0 Proksa, f. 2 3 3 7 Totals 16 6 11 38 Referee—Dayhoff, Bucknell. Umpire—Duffy, Scranton. Conference standing: W. L. Pct. Temple 9 1 .900 Penn State 6 3 .667 Pittsburgh 4 4 .500 Georgetown 5 5 .500 Carnegie Tech 2 7 .222 West Virginia 1 7 .125

Lion Matmen Grapple Navy At Annapolis

Handicapped by the loss of Don Bachman in the 165-pound class, the wrestling team will close their dual meet season tomorrow night when they grapple Uncle Sam's Middies at Annapolis.

The Navy squad has had an on-and-off season, with their biggest upset handed them by the Lehigh Engineers whom State tied 14-14 last week. The Engineers sunk the Navy 25 1/2-4 1/2.

However, hopes of the Lions repeating their 1937 shutout performance against the Midshipmen were shattered last week when Bachman's knee cap slipped out of place in his bout with Curtis Ford. The Nittany grappler, who up to this meet was the only undefeated member of the squad, was carried off the mat thereby defaulting five points to Lehigh.

Genster May Wrestle 165: Working all week on his heavier boys, Speidel will probably choose between Steve Priolo and Roy Gensler to take the vacated 165-pound slot, the other to wrestle at 155. Priolo, on the strength of his showing against Dick Bishop Saturday, may retain his 155-pound berth and allow Genster to take care of the heavier weight.

Genster, sophomore, made his first varsity appearance two weeks ago against Harvard when he outpointed a more experienced wrestler in Kidder, Crimson 165-pounder.

24th Meeting In Series: Tomorrow marks the 24 meeting between Navy and the Lions in a series that began in 1910. Eleven losses and wins are credited to both schools while one meet was fought to a standstill.

The tentative lineup follows: 118-Carl King (S) vs. Dick Munn; 126-Frank Craighead (S) vs. Charles Chandler; 135-Robert Reynolds (S) vs. Ralph Leigh; 145-Aldo Zazzi (S) vs. Steve Priolo or Roy Gensler (S) vs. Les Reynolds or Mason; 165-Roy Gensler or Steve Priolo (S) vs. Alfonso Minvielle; 175-Ross Shaffer (S) vs. Ray Doboos or Spector; and unlimited-Ernie Bortz (S) vs. Herbert Player.

Penn State Outcasts Trip Rockview Quint

Rockview Prison's basketball team went down to a 36-32 defeat at the hands of the Outcasts, a group of Penn State students, on the prison court Saturday afternoon.

Rockview fd. fs. tot. Seneko, f. 5 0 10 Green, f. 3 1 7 Bernstein, c. 2 2 6 Slane, f. 1 0 2 Casey, g. 0 1 1 Cioceo, f. 1 0 2 Wanaatlek, g. 2 0 4 Total 14 4 32

Outcasts fd. fs. tot. Voehl, f. 3 2 8 Zeller, f. 3 2 8 Kilmtas, c. 4 1 9 Pomerantz, g. 2 0 4 Toth, f. 1 0 2 Cohen, g. 0 1 1 Kammer, g. 2 0 4 Total 15 6 36

Yearling Boxers Will Fight Plebes On Trip

Eight freshman boxers will leave with the varsity today to meet the Army plebes at West Point. This is the frosh's second and last dual meet of the season, winning the first by defeating Pitt 4 1/2-3 1/2.

Much is expected of Sid Thomas, Frank Stanko, and Jim Lewis, who although they did not win, showed that they can be counted on tomorrow, and next year. All three of these boys will give the remaining veterans a stiff fight for positions next year.

The probable starting line-up: 115, Vic Fiore; 125, Sid Thomas; 135, Elmer Purnell; 145, Frank Stanko; 155, Jim Lewis; 165, Sidney Cohen; 175, John Patrick; and unlimited, Lloyd Parsons.

Unbeaten Frosh Play Pitt Five Tomorrow

Undeclared in all five games of the season, the yearling cagers end their schedule in Recreation hall tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock when they meet the Panther Cubs of Pitt.

Tomorrow's lineup will probably see Bob Crowell at forward in place of Ray Edgar. Crowell is expected to get the nod from Coach Nick Thiel by virtue of his surprising form against Wyoming Seminary last Saturday.

Kermit Christman, guard, who injured his leg in the Seminary game, will be back in the lineup. With him will be Ed Sapp, forward; Norm Radwin, center; and Johnny Barr, guard.

Fencers Engage In Four Way Tilt

Face Cornell, Colgate, Syracuse In Quadrangular Skirmish At Ithaca Saturday

Fresh from two successive triumphs, Penn State's fencing team of nine duellers left today for Ithaca, N. Y., where they will face swordsmen from Cornell, Syracuse, and Colgate in a novel quadrangular meet tomorrow.

Keenest competition for the Nittanyman is expected from the Cornell squad which has lost only one match this season. Penn, winner by a close margin over State, was severely walloped by the Big Red, 26-3, last Saturday.

Foilsman Scotty Rankin, Vic Shaullas, and Dean Foltz must meet Cornell's intercollegiate champions in that division. The foils teams from Syracuse and Colgate, while not as strong as the Ithacans, rank high among eastern thrusters.

Foltz, Earl Strunk, and Roger Kirk in the epee, with Capt. Spence Potzer, Paul Fiebigler, and John Lipcezyk composing the sabre group, complete Dr. H. M. Krutter's Lion squad.

Change of Alumni Day Date Made by Grads

All Alumni Homecoming has been changed from October 29 to October 8 at the request of Student Board, it was announced yesterday by Edward K. Hilsman, executive secretary of the Alumni association.

As originally scheduled the Homecoming football game would have been with Syracuse, but under the new date Bucknell will be Penn State's opponent.

Ag. Frolic Scheduled For Rec Hall May 6th

Ag Frolic, sponsored by the Agricultural Student council, will be held in Rec hall Friday night, May 6, according to present plans, it was announced by Robert Fletcher '39, president of the Council. Richard Beam '39 has been appointed chairman.

This annual event will combine the county fair idea and dancing. Carnival booths of the various clubs in the Ag school will be open during, and for an hour before, the dance, which will begin at 9 o'clock. A silver loving cup will be awarded to the club that has the most attractive and unusual booth at the Frolic.

Boxers Seek Fourth Win In Army Duel

Seeking to score their fourth win of the year, Lion boxers left today for West Point where they will meet Army mittens tomorrow at the Academy. Only proposed change in lineup was the placing of Angstadt in the 175 pound class who will meet Cadet Sternberg.

This will mean that Heber Lessig will go back down to 165 pounds meeting Army's veteran Robert York. Last week, Lessig was somewhat hampered by fighting over his class. York is a Senior on the squad, fighting in the last two intercollegiate, the 1936 meet in the 165 pound division.

Biggest fireworks of the evening is expected from the Clarence Bess, Al Tappan affair. Bess was intercollegiate champ last year at 115 pounds and has put on weight since then. Tappan will be out to garner his first major win, losing several close decisions in his fights this year.

Hanna Meets Shanley: Penn State's new stylist, Roy Hanna, will be on the watch for another veteran in Cadet Shanley. Last year, Shanley gave Frankie Goodman a tough fight before losing the decision. Hanna remains the surprise "plum" of the team, having been given no thought at the start of the season. Hanna's ring form is pleasantly like Lou Ritzi's, and should win him recognition before the end of the season.

Captain Sammy Donato, winner in four out of five fights, will meet Cadet Harrison in the welterweight match.

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