

Lineups In Doubt For Ring, Mat Openers Tomorrow

42-17 Victory Over Bisons Primes Cagers For Mules

By BOB WILSON

Not without misgivings will Penn State's basketball giants, fresh from a lulling 42-17 victory over Bucknell, leave tomorrow for Allentown where a tough tussle with the Muhlenberg University Mules awaits.

No repetition of the Roman holiday that was enjoyed at Bucknell's expense is anticipated at Muhlenberg. It took only the carbon copy of Lawther's varsity five to dispose of the Bisons, but a change of floor and a veteran Mule quintet will make the competitive angle considerably more acute.

Regulars to Start

Inactive since the Rutgers game, the Nittany regulars will start against the Mules. McWilliams and Prosser will handle the forward posts, Stoppel will work the pivot spot, and Barr and Conroy will take care of the guard assignments.

Reserves Norm Racusin, Jimmy Richardson, Scott Moffatt, Kern Christman, George Chalmers and Eddie Sapp will also make the trip.

Canny basket-keeping by Scott Moffatt, who rattled seven field goals into the netting, was the major feature of State's lopsided victory over Bucknell's bewildered Bisons. Dumping in baskets from every conceivable angle, the easy-going redhead accounted for 12 of Lion's 27 points in the first half. The team that started and played most of the game against Bucknell showed marked signs of improvement in every department over the sloppy attack that was displayed by the same combination (i.e., Moffatt, Christman, Racusin, Richardson and Chalmers) against Rutgers.

Evidence that this quintet was defensively stronger is the fact that the Bisons were held to a meagre total of 17 points. The visitors were scarcely able to register five points in the second period.

The Nittany reserves were weakest offensively. The fanzied score of 42 points is not at all indicative of what the Lion total might have been had the reserves made good a third of the goals that were missed.

Except for the first five men, Lawther used his entire squad. State's sophomores scored 38 of the 42 points.

The box score

Penn State	Pld.	Fts.	Tot.
Moffatt, f	7	0	14
Edgar	0	0	0
Chalmers, f	0	1	1
Rhodes	1	1	3
Rapp	2	0	4
Racusin, c	4	1	4
Kava	0	0	0
Christman, k	1	3	9
Davies	0	0	0
Richardson, g	1	0	2
Trank	0	0	0
Totals	19	17	42

Score by quarters

Bucknell	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Bucknell	7	5	2	3	17
Penn State	16	11	6	9	42

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Boxing Team Faces Green Terrors Here

By BERNIE NEWMAN

Penn State's rabid fight fans will be in the dark until tomorrow night as to the ringmen who will uphold the Nittany Lion colors when the locals initiate the 1939 boxing season against the Green Terrors of Western Maryland in the thirteenth meeting between the two institutions. The opening bell is set for 7 p. m.

Weight problems still exist, and it will probably be after this afternoon's workout before "Doctor" Honck will learn whether or not a few of his punch artists can fit into the different weight divisions of the well balanced squad he has mapped out.

Hanna Overweight

Captain Roy Hanna is still a couple of pounds overweight and if he is unable to come down to 175, there will be a shift in the lower weights.

Mike Cooper, who was expected to battle in the 120-pound class, is also a bit too heavy, at present 130 pounds, with Cooper and Al Tapman respectively taking the 127 and 135 assignments, Hanna going up to 145.

But, if Leo Florian keeps his fingers crossed tomorrow when the boys weigh in, he may be lucky enough to send in a fine balanced team for the opening meet.

This would bring together Mike Cooper and Rouse, of Western Maryland, in the 120 pound class, with Al Tapman going in against Beck, at 127. Captain Hanna would tangle with Ricker for the 135 pound division, and Red Stanek coming back into the picture by slugging it out with Lambert, at 145.

The heavier divisions are pretty definitely set. Leo Houck is expected to split the Bernie Sandson-Jimmie Lewis competition for the 155 pound berth by sending in Sandson against Captain Red Bender, who is familiar around these parts for the trimmings he has taken in the past from our own Sammy Donato.

Lewis, in turn, will be spitting 10 pounds when he goes against Calhoun, the only other Western Maryland veteran, in the 165 division.

Johnny Patrick, Sr., will handle the 175 pound assignment, stacking up against Adolph Comptel versus Petrucci in the heavy-weight class.

SPORTOGRAPHY From Choir Boy To Cager In 3 Years

By BOB WILSON

There was a time when the man sang in a church choir; when he used to raise calves as a member of the 4-H Club, and when he preferred dramatics and debating to athletics.

But that was once upon a time. Today Howard Clifton McWilliams, Jr., spends his spare time on the Rec Hall hardwood clad in a basketball uniform and a Prussian haircut.

Never much of an athlete in high school, Cliff came to State with no expectations whatsoever of playing varsity basketball. For a while he was content to sing in the College and Presbyterian choirs, write poetry, and stick pretty close to his pre-law texts.

But when basketball season came along, Cliff decided to take a crack at the sport. He made the freshman squad, spent his sophomore year on the varsity filing off the awkward edges, and is now only junior regular on the Lion squad.

Vital statistics. Cliff is a six-foot, three-inch, 200-pounder. Got his biggest basketball thrill scoring 15 points as a reserve against West Virginia last year.

Has written three songs which he hopes will be good enough for the Spring Thespian show. Wants to be a class officer before he graduates, and a politician after graduation.

Went into the DePaul game minus ankle wraps, got his left ankle badly sprained and has been superstitious about the wraps ever since.

Once when he was a 4-H Club member, Cliff had his picture taken for Fox Movietone with a calf (baby cow) in his arms and Charles Schwab, steel magnate, at his side.

Still likes to write poetry. Plays a fair game of bridge, dances some and has an All-College average of 1.9. Is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Interscholastic Council and Parni Nows.

OPEN SEASON TOMORROW



LEO HOUCK

CHARLES SPEIDEL

Mermen Face Tech Away

Penn State's varsity swimmers will splash it out against the Carnegie Tech tankmen tomorrow afternoon at Pittsburgh.

With one meet under their belts, Coach Galbraith's boys plan to redeem their loss to Penn by defeating the Flaids and stretching their streak of wins over Tech to five in a row.

Coach Galbraith's squad will be practically the same as that which swam against Penn last Saturday. Captain Chuck Welsh, Bill Kirkpatrick, and Bob Allison will take care of the 50 and 100-yard freestyle sprints while distance men

Ken Bank and Boyne Wood will swim the 220 and 440 yard events. Lather Hoy and Guy McLaughlin, winners in the meet with Penn, will do the diving and Mark Vinzant and Dave Welsh will battle Tech in the backstroke. Bill Reilly and Al Bolleau will hold down the breaststroke spots.

Vinzant, Bolleau and Chuck Welsh will compose the medley relay outfit. The 400 yard freestyle relay team will be made up of Allison, Kirkpatrick, C Welsh and either Johnny Crocker, Tom Robinson, Al Bechler or Dick Rubner.

Each player is assigned a specific opponent whom he is to pick up from scoring.

John Lawther's Basketball Dictionary

(Recent developments in basketball, brought about by rule changes as well as the normal evolution of the game, have caused an influx of brand new court terminology, which has mystified Mr. Average Fan. To clarify many of the new terms and to organize them in relation to the old, John Lawther, Penn State's basketball coach, has prepared the following glossary which should prove useful to basketball spectators.)

Man-for-Man Defense

Each player is assigned a specific opponent whom he is to pick up from scoring.

Zone Defense

Players are assigned relative floor areas and concentrate on the ball, instead of the man. Assigning players to fixed floor areas is an outmoded type of defense.

Rather, the defensive men play areas of the court in which there is an offensive threat. These areas change as the offensive threat changes. This movement of defensive play is usually called the sliding zone.

Fast Break

System of offense in which a team, recovering the ball by interception, rebound, out of bounds award or any other means, drives at full speed towards the basket in an attempt to score before opponents have a chance to form their defense.

Deliberate Offense

The opposite of fast break in which the offensive team, choosing to bring the ball down court slowly, works through the defense systematically by use of some previously practiced play.

Screen Play

Offensive players assume legal positions on the floor which interfere with the movement of the defensive players and enable an offensive player with the ball to shoot or dribble. "Legal" means a stationary position at least three feet from the defensive player.

Switching

Also called sliding and cross-checking. A defensive maneuver in which defensive men exchange opponents. It is designed to combat the screen play.

Example Four

Four players are involved. Offensive players A and B, defensive players C and D. Offensive player A is dribbling the ball. Offensive player B places himself in such a position as to set up a screen behind defensive player C who had been guarding A. Now it is up to defensive player D (originally charged with guarding the screener B) to switch his attention to A. It is then the duty of C to pick up offensive player B as quickly as possible.

Automatic Switching

Defensive players switch or exchange positions simultaneously with the movement of the ball. This term is applied to certain types of sliding zone defenses.

Types of Offense

Screen Play (see above)

Set Play

A pre-arranged movement on the part of the offensive team designed to free a man for an open or "set" shot at the basket.

Pivot Play

Style of attack in which one player stands with his back to his own basket near the foul line in order to receive and return passes and serve as a screen for his team-mates cutting around him. He is known as a pivot man. In the west he is often referred to as the post man.

Pass-and-Cut

This is also called "give-and-go" and "pass-and-return pass," in which player passes to a team-mate, cuts for the basket and receives a return pass. In this offensive maneuver, no screen play is used.

Continuity Plays

Offensive players follow regular outlined paths of attack which bring them to their original positions ready for a repetition of the same maneuver if no shot at the basket results.

Examples Weaving Offense

An offensive maneuver in which players continually cross each other's path and exchange the ball by short passes.

Figure-of-Eight

Players rotate in the form of an "8" so that the moving players tend to interfere with the movement of the defensive players and thereby free an offensive player for an open shot at the basket.

Cross-Cross

Usually a form of the figure-eight in which players cut across the court in front of the basket, traveling first to one side, then the other.

Hacking, Holding, Blocking

Hacking is illegal personal contact made by a striking motion of the hands. It occurs most frequently when the defensive player, attempting to strike the ball, hits the arms of the offensive player.

Holding

Is impeding the progress of an opponent by use of hands or arms. If this impediment is accomplished by contact with some other part of the body it is usually called blocking. Blocking is also called when an offensive player, attempting to "screen" gets nearer to the defensive player than the legal distance of three feet. This is an illegal screen or "pickoff."

Miscellaneous Terminology

Dribble, Interchange

Results when a player dribbling the ball passes or bounces the ball to a team-mate cutting close behind him. A weaving offense is based on this principle.

Double Dribble

A violation is called "for double dribbling" and the opponent is awarded the ball out of bounds when a player discontinues his dribble, that is, comes to a halt with the ball and then begins his dribble again, when he dribbles with two hands at once; or when he brings the ball to a momentary pause in the process of dribbling.

Scissoring

A modern and effective type of screening occurring when an offensive man runs between a team-mate and his defensive opponent. It often results in a collision between two defensive players.

Fainting or Faking

Some movement to deceive the defensive player as to the movement of the ball or body.

Pot Shot or Set Shot

Shooting from a still position.

3 Vets Sure To Wrestle Cornhuskers

By GEORGE SCHLESS

Three lettermen sure started three sophomores making veterans tend to their knitting one position still a great big question mark.

That is how the Lion wrestlers shape up for their opening meet of the season—Coach Charlie Speidel's thirteenth—in Rec Hall tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. with the Cornhuskers of Nebraska.

King Stated for 120

Carl "Midge" King, scrappy junior veteran, will wrestle at 120 pounds, probably meeting Milton Kuska, former Kansas prep school champion.

A tough battle is expected in the 128-pound class, with Frank Grainger, Lion senior, meeting Jim Knight who lost a dubious decision to Princeton's Dick Harding in the Nationals here last March.

The second of the grappling Grainger twins, will probably be the Nittany 125er, although Frank Gleason, who upset the senior in last Saturday's Interscholastic finals, has a chance of heading into the lineup.

In the 145-pound class, problem child of the Speidelmans, sophomore Curt Eves and Frank Hoel, and seniors Ed Kraybill and Joe Saportis stack up neatly equally, and any one of them may face Bill Luke of Lee Clare, Nebraska veterans.

2 Good Men in 155

Speidel has two good men in the 155-pound division—junior veteran Roy Gensler and Joe Scalzo, captain of last year's freshman team. For Nebraska, it will be either letterman Roy Tomes or Rosenthal, former Iowa prep champ.

Captain Don Bachman, undefeated last season until forced out by a knee injury, will hold down the 165-pound berth, probably against Paul Fuller, a newcomer to the Cornhusker team.

Elmer Botz, last year's heavyweight, or Bill Bachman, sophomore brother of the Lion-captain, will get the call at 175 pounds, with George Elliot, 195-pound junior with only the 1938 Nationals as experience, meeting other Shelly Condon or George Scamman, Nebraska grad end, in the heavyweight event.

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Get into the White Hall habit in those free hours—you'll be surprised at the results.

Now that we've gotten that off our chest, here are some items of interest. There will be two Army-Navy basketball teams—one group made up of majors and the other an all-college. The teams will be chosen by the managers, captains, intramural managers and Miss Lucy Winnet of each Army-Navy meet will play the other winner on January 23. Two hours of practice are required before the player is eligible for a team.

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Varsity Gym Team Ready For Kutztown Tomorrow

By BILL ENGEL

Opening its first campaign under a full-time mentor, the Nittany Lion varsity gym team will oppose Kutztown State Teachers College in Rec Hall at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Coach Gene Wettstone, anxious to chalk up a victory in his initial attempt, will send 17 men into action led by Co-Captains Ray Runkle and Al Klugman. Nine juniors will participate with four seniors and four sophomores.

10 On Kutztown Squad

Co-Captains Jim Mantz and Rex Reichert pace a small band of 10 Teachers, touted as "definitely superior to last season's outfit." Sherwood Peters, Carl Hildebrand, Carl Pennypacker, and Reichert are the outstanding performers, each competing in three events.

Runkle, consistent all-around Lion gymnast, is slated for four events including the rings parallel bars, horizontal bar, and tumbling. Other Nittany veterans who will be a threat on their respective apparatus include Charles Gillespie, holder of the State rope climb record, on the rope and rings; Stan Feldman on the horizontal bar; Merrill Beck on the parallel bars; and Klugman on the horse.

Heim Shmuller and George Towilliger join Runkle and Feldman in the horizontal with Page Schiefer and Harold Streator competing with Klugman on the side horse.

Klugman, Runkle, Beck, and Mike Woloshok form the Lion quartet for the parallels as Runkle, Gillespie, Elmer Weaver, and George Giesman participate on the flying rings.

Several newcomers will appear with Runkle and Gillespie in the tumbling and rope climbing events, respectively. Bill Lewis, Harold Savino, and Wilbur Ward are scheduled for the former with Ben Stahl, Gene Zierdt, and Lewis joining Gillespie.

Penn State's independent ice hockeymen will inaugurate their 1939 random rink campaign at Williamsport tomorrow when they tangle with a strong Mountain Beach Club six. The game will begin at 2:30 p. m. provided the condition of the ice is favorable.

Coach Arthur P. Davis announced a probable starting lineup for the game. Carl DeLong will be goalie for the Lion sextet. Press Dowler and "O. T." Smith will start at the defenses posts. George Merwin will be at center. Capt. Joe Elliott and Bob VanBenschoten will handle the wing assignments.

Several other games have been carded for the Lion ice men but, as yet, the dates are only tentative. The Nittanymen will meet Columbia University at New York on February 4 or 5, Lehigh at Hershey on Feb. 9, and Pitt at Hershey on March 11.



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