

# Cagers Face Carnegie Tech In League Opener Here

## Inexperienced Matmen Knot Nebraska, 14-14

By GEORGE SCHLESS

Experience and lack of experience were the telling factors in the Lion wrestlers' 14-14 tie with Nebraska in the season's opener in Rec Hall Saturday afternoon, as four of Charlie Spedel's five veterans won their bouts, while the other three grapplers stepped off on the wrong foot in their varsity debut.

The save five veterans—Captain Don Bachman at 165 pounds, Carl King at 121, Frank Craighead at 128, Joe Scalzo at 155, and Ernie Bortz at 175—will probably be the backbone of the Nittany team that faces a powerful Michigan outfit in Rec Hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock, with changes possible in the other three classes.

Cliff Keen's Wolverines, favored to retain their Big Ten title this winter, started their season by coping second place in the Central A A U championships in Chicago last month. They boast veterans in all but two classes.

Saturday's meet was settled when, with State behind 14 to 9, Coach Herb Rosenthal defaulted to sophomore Joe Scalzo because of the recurrence of a shoulder injury that had forced Coach Jerry Adam to call off the bout until it was seen that the outcome of the meet depended on it.

The default came after only 2 minutes of wrestling during which Scalzo took the Nebraska man to the mat twice, tying desperately for the fall that was needed to tie the score. Scalzo was in a near-fall position when Rosenthal's shoulder became dislocated, and Referee Paul Spitzer of New York's Downtown Athletic Club stopped the bout.

Carl King started things off the right way for the Spedelmen by winning a one-sided decision over lanky Milton Kuska in the 121-pound class.

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## Mermen Break Relay Record; Down Carnegie

By HERB NIPSON

Breaking the pool record for the 300-yard medley relay in the opening event and going on to annex eight out of nine first places, Penn State's varsity menmen submerged a Carnegie Tech outfit, 57 1/2, at Pittsburgh, Saturday.

Mark Vinzant, backstroke, Al Boileau, breast stroke, and Capt. Chuck Welsh, freestyle, all turned in excellent performances on the medley relay team as their time of 3:16 1/2 clipped over two and a half seconds off the record set by Tech in 1934. Boileau knocked two seconds off his best time for the breaststroke bit of the race.

Another thriller was the 400 yard freestyle grind with Penn State's Boyce Wood coming from behind to nip Tech's Vance on the next to the last turn and then holding his own in the spurt to take second as Lion Ken Bank finished far out in front in first place.

Guy McLaughlin proved that his diving, victory in the Penn meet was no fluke by garnering the exceptionally high point score of 118.89 in the fancy dive as Lion teammate Luther Hoy took second.

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## Skibos Risk Loop Lead, Win Streak

By BOB WILSON

Down upon the sacrosanct hard-wood of Rec Hall will come tonight Carnegie Tech's Terrible Tartans, threatening to make Penn State's belated basketball debut into Eastern Conference warfare a dismal flop. The game will begin at 8 p. m.

The Techs, who have forgotten all about the Highland fling, will not forget that they have the Continental lead and a string of three consecutive victories to defend when they tangle with Lawther's lanky Lions.

West Virginia, Pitt and Georgetown have already been victimized by the Skibo's foreboding five. All of which casts a rather gloomy aspect on the Lions' coming-out party.

What's more, unless Johnny Bai and Max Corbin recover sufficiently from injuries sustained in the Muhlenberg game, Lawther will be forced to send a pair of inexperienced sophomores against the Tartans.

Corbin is nursing a bad charley-horse in his left leg and Bai is suffering from a painful cut on the top of his head. Scott Moffat and Norm Tarcus will probably start in their stead.

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## Between The Lions

By HERB CAHAN Sports Editor

This past week-end—just about at the end of the "dull" season in sports—was probably one of the most newsworthy and active periods in the past few years. Besides the numerous victories chalked up by Nittany Lion teams, there were developments in intercollegiate circles that affect Penn State sports, present and future, very materially.

The most gratifying occurrence of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association meetings in New York was the naming of Penn State as the soccer champions of the East—a glowing tribute to Bill Jeffrey's coaching, long overdue.

We have already sounded our congratulations to Bill and his hooters for their sixth consecutive undefeated season. Little can be added to the symbolic presentation of the trophy to the UNDISPUTED SOCCER CHAMPIONS of the East.

There was that meeting of the Eastern Basketball Conference, featuring Pitt's resignation—to take effect next season. Although it was tabled for future consideration, the outcome seems apparent—Pitt will not be in the league next year.

It has also been suggested that with the Panthers' withdrawal Penn State will follow, with the possible disintegration of the league.

Now, there is no mistaking that Pitt's reasons are rather well-founded—scheduling difficulties and traveling inconveniences present a difficult problem.

Pitt's resignation may weaken the highly competitive standing of the circuit—but, aren't there other equally strong basketball schools who would welcome a chance to join the league?

The Eastern Basketball Conference has built up an enviable reputation in collegiate court circles, and Penn State is now banking in the widespread publicity being accorded this league all over the country.

With the coming of John Lawther, two years ago, and Penn State's entrance into the Conference the preceding year, interest in basketball boomed to a new high—and, undoubtedly, it is now the most popular winter sport.

What creates so much interest in the sport is the fact that by being a member of a league there is a definite goal in winning ball games. Whereas, if we compete independently, there is only the immediate contest in question.

There is something to "bite" into when your team is named the Conference champion.

Here is our stand—Penn State should NOT withdraw from the Eastern Basketball Conference, UNLESS it can better itself athletically by becoming affiliated with another established or newly formed basketball league of top-notch basketball rating.

Lawther, Davis To Teach This Summer

John D. Lawther, assistant professor of physical education and athletics and coach of basketball and Dr. Elwood C. Davis, professor of physical education and athletics, will teach at other colleges during the summer session of 1939.

Schott, Riley Author '39 Boxing Rulebook

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## Mitmen Impressive In Win Over W. Maryland

By BERNIE NEWMAN

Taking six bouts, three of them via the knockout route, and gaining a draw in one, Penn State's boxing team launched its 1939 campaign with a 6 1/2 to 1 1/2 easy victory over Western Maryland last Saturday night in Rec Hall, giving the Lions their tenth triumph over the Green Terror in the thirtieth meeting between the two institutions.

Although the visitors were not too well fortified with material, the Houck lads displayed plenty of talent with the leather mittens and left an impression on the capacity crowd that they are destined for a great season and will be all prepared for the visitors from Bucknell University next Saturday night.

The Jim Lewis-Dave Calhoun slugfest in the 165-pound festivity, reminiscent to Ole Penn State's of the famous Hall-Lewis fight, was the feature of the evening's program. Lewis, a slugger on the order of his brother Al, who captained the Lion ring team in 1932 and who went on to become a national champion, made his debut as a varsity beller by standing toe to toe for almost three rounds with a much heavier opponent.

Lewis Gets Cut

The end came in 1 minute and 20 seconds of the third round when he butted heads with the Maryland slugger. Although holding a decided edge over his opponent, the fight was stopped by Coach Leo Houck when the cut started to bleed profusely, giving the fight to Calhoun by a TKO verdict.

Johnny Patrick, Al Tapman, and Red Stanko showed plenty of class—and power—when each scored knockout victories in the first rounds of their bouts.

Patrick Impressive

Patrick, another Lion making his debut in varsity company, uncoiled a smashing right 42 seconds after the opening bell, sending Joe Oloski into the tank. Johnny looked plenty smart for the few seconds he was in the ring, moving around with the ease of a polished performer.

Hardly a blow was thrown by either man until the time Patrick sent a most perfectly-timed right that traveled no more than six inches and in lightning-like fashion. That was the end.

In the 145-pound entanglement, the curtain dropped 40 seconds after Red Stanko tore out of his corner at the sound of the opening bell and threw a barrage of lefts and rights to the head of Dick Landert, knocking him to his knees. The referee intervened, giving the fight to the Houck pupil as a TKO.

Tapman Floors Opponent

Al Tapman, stacking up against a much taller rival, dubbed away for the entire first round with lefts and rights to Bill Beck's jaw, sending him to the canvas just as the bell rang for the end of the first round. Chailey Havens, coach of Western Maryland, asked that the bout be stopped.

Captain Roy Hanna was the victim of a very, very close decision, merely gaining a draw after trading wallops for three whole rounds with Bob Rickett in the 135 pound class.

The remaining bouts held little excitement in store. Mike Cooper

## Soose Is Presented To Garden Throgs

Billy Soose, former Lion ring star, was introduced from the Madison Square Garden ring last week immediately preceding the Conn-Apostoli fight. Tommy Fari, heavyweight contender, was introduced at the same time.

Resting an injured hand for the past few months, Soose is in New York now under the guidance of Trainer Ray Arce and has begun training at Stillman's gym for a fight within the next month.

## Dr. Davis Chairman Of National Board

Dr. Elwood C. Davis, professor of physical education and athletics, has been appointed chairman of a national committee to study undergraduate and graduate teacher training in health and physical education in the United States.

The appointment was made at a holiday convention of the College Physical Education Association in Chicago from December 28 to '30.

Distance-men Bill Smith, Len Henderson, Frank Maule, Graham Miller, Johnny Strange, Herb Nipson, Jim Hostetter, Chet Snyder and Emmett Bredenberg will be battling for the mile and two-mile posts.

Highjumpers Handicapped

Will Doernert and Vic Sandham, handicapped by having no place to practice, will probably be forced to enter the meet unprepared.

Bob Clark has been working out under the West Stands and should be in fair condition for the pole vault. Captain Miller Prarier is steadily improving in the hurdles along with sophomore Bob Hutchings.

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got tired chasing Jack Rouse, a southpaw, around the ring. Rouse managed to backpeddle it for the entire three rounds, with Cooper getting the decision.

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## Gymnasts Down Kutztown In Lop-Sided 43-11 Triumph

Sweeping first place in each event, the 1939 Lion varsity gym edition made Gene Weststone's coaching debut a huge success by garnering a lop-sided 43-11 triumph over an inferior Kutztown Teachers' outfit in Rec Hall, Saturday.

With Co-Captain Ray Runkle topping the scoring with 13 points by taking firsts in tumbling and rings and second on the horizontal bar, the highly-improved Nittany-men chalked up the most decisive win in State gymnastic history. Colgate bowed 38-16 in 1931 and Western Reserve lost by the same margin last year.

Charles Gillespie, fast-pulling junior rope climber, established a new official Penn State record in the rope climb event of 49 seconds, breaking the 5 second mark held previously by Julian Parton '38.

Three second places and two thirds were the extent of Mac McGovern's Teachers' efforts with Co-Captains Jim Mantz and Rex Reichert taking runners-up honors on the horse and rings. Carl Pennypacker registered the only other Kutztown second on the rope climb as Carl Hildebrand took thirds on the horizontal bar and in tumbling.

Veterans on the Lion varsity lived up to pre-season expectations with Runkle and Gillespie turning in excellent performances, while Co-Captain Al Khgman, Stan Feldman, and Merrill Beck looked good in winning their respective events.

Khgman outclassed all opposition to win the side horse and joined Beck and Mike Woleschok to sweep a clean sweep on the parallel bars. Khgman was second, Feldman's classy front and reverse giant swings climaxed by a back fly away gave him a slight margin over teammate Runkle on the horizontal bar.

Wilbur Ward captured second in tumbling and Page Schaefer, Ben Stahl, and Gillespie recorded thirds in horse, rope, and rings, respectively, to complete the Nittany scoring.

Summaries: Horizontal bar—Won by Feldman, Penn State; Runkle, Penn State, second; Hildebrand, Kutztown, third.

Side Horse—Won by Khgman, Penn State, Mantz, Kutztown, second, Schaefer, Penn State, third.

Parallel Bars—Won by Beck, Penn State; Khgman, Penn State, second; Woleschok, Penn State, third.

Rings—Won by Runkle, Penn State; Reichert, Kutztown, second, Gillespie, Penn State, third.

Tumbling—Won by Runkle, Penn State, Ward, Penn State, second; Hildebrand, Kutztown, third.

Rope Climbing—Won by Gillespie, Penn State; Pennypacker, Kutztown, second; Stahl, Penn State, third. Time—4.9 seconds.

## Skiers Will Face Cornell; Colgate In Weekend Meets

In its second meet of the season the Nittany ski team will compete against Cornell and Colgate in a triangular meet at Ithaca, N. Y., on Saturday and Sunday.

Two of the teams, Penn State and Cornell, count Max Dercum, present Lion coach, as their founder. Three years ago as a faculty member he started skiing here and previously, as a Cornell undergraduate he was instrumental in founding the first ski team there and was on the first varsity squad.

Captain Jim Wilson, Chuck Hilferty, Harry Hitchcock, and Bill Musso are certain to make the Cornell trip. Sam Crabtree, Sam Shaw, and Max Peters may also take part.

Over the Christmas holidays Penn State placed ninth among ten teams entered in the Lake Placid College Men's Invitation Ski Meet.

Fencing Team Wins Close Practice Tilt

Continuing their training for a Blue and White win over Penn on Saturday, Lion fencers defeated Wilkes-Barre YMCA, 9 1/2 to 7 1/2, in an unscheduled meet in Rec Hall Saturday.

Jack Good, promising sophomore who never before fenced in a regular meet, saved the day for State when he defeated Zurenda, Wilkes-Barre sabreman, in the last bout of the meet. Zurenda had defeated Paul Flehiger, No. 1 man on the saber squad, in an earlier bout.

Based on round-poin tryouts, tentative places on the varsity epee squad have been filled by Co-captain John Lipecky, Dean Foltz, Jack Adams and Elmer Lowenstein. Lipecky, Flehiger, Daniel Lyons and Good have tentative posts on the saber squad.

Bischoff Is Honored

Eugene C. Bischoff, assistant professor of Physical Education and Athletics and Director of Intramural Athletics, has been reappointed for his second successive year as a member of the Publicity Committee of the State Association of Health and Physical Education.

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