

Boxers Floor Bisons, 6¹/₂-1¹/₂; Matmen Top Tigers, 17-11

Speidelmen Score First Season Win

By GEORGE SCHLESS.
Charlie Speidel's wrestlers showed signs last week that they are out to regain much of the prestige commanded year after year by Lion matmen, then relinquished last winter when they ended up without a single intercollegiate champ.

For the Nittanymen, with several new men clicking for the first time, opened their Eastern mat warfare Saturday afternoon with a 17-11 win at Princeton, their first victory of the year.

The triumph came after a grueling see-saw battle with Michigan's Big Ten champs in Rec Hall Thursday night in which State took half the bouts but lost by the margin of two falls, 16-12.

Much of the rejoicing that naturally comes to a team when it wins for the first time in the season was offset by Don Bachman's defeat at the hands of Princeton's Joe Gifford. It was the Lion captain's second defeat in a dual meet in three years on the varsity.

Carl King, continuing his display of championship form and aggressiveness, won his third straight to get the Lions off to a good start against Princeton. De-cessioning Tiger Captain Addison Fosbury by a comfortable margin.

Craighead Falls.
Frank Craighead was the only State man to lose by the fall route. After nine minutes of wrestling on an even keel with Bob Eberle, the State senior was pinned with a bar, arm and half nelson in 43 seconds of the first overtime period.

Frank Gleason held the advantage throughout his bout, pinning Richard Palmer with a bar arm and half nelson in 6 minutes, 40 seconds for his first win of the season. Neil Carothers proved too strong, and experienced for Curt Eberle, with the Tiger 135'er by a referee's decision.

Joe Scalzo showed his usual rough-and-tumble tactics, slaming Dave Skull, Tiger 155-pounder, all over the mat to win a clear decision. Skull was too tall and too strong for short, stocky Scalzo to pin.

Gifford's decision over Bachman was clear. The Princeton senior gained several near falls while the Lion captain wrestled mostly defensively.

Bortz Comes Through.
With the score tied at 11-11, Bortz showed more stuff than ever before to overpower Jack Harkless and nearly throw him as the bout ended. George Elliot, in his first varsity victory, was too smart and fast for Dick Bokum, a big, strong boy whose inexperienced cost him a decision and gave State the meet.

State started off in great shape against Michigan. King came near throwing Tom Weidig six times, before winning a one-sided decision. Craighead got his first win of the season using plenty of (Continued On Page Four)

Hockey Team Loses Thriller

An unknown contestant came through with a last-minute goal to give Lafayette a 5-4 victory over the Penn State hockey team last Saturday in a glorified story-book finish. The game was played at Sky Top lodge in the Pocono's.

Veteran Bob Schuler Chosen To Lead Lion Champion Soccermen

Bob Schuler '40, all Eastern soccer right fullback for 1937 and 1938, was elected captain of the championship Nittany hunter squad for 1989 at a triumphal dinner Wednesday night at the home of Coach Bill Jeffrey.

Ski Fans Use Widened Trail

Snuck falling intermittently for the last week has given local skiers their second chance to use the improved ski trail on Tussey's Mountain near Bousburg.

Opened by the forestry department, ski club and graduate division of the Chemistry and Physics school when the ski club was first established, the trail has recently been broadened.

Its total length from the top of the mountain to a point just behind Dean Warnock's cabin is 4,750 feet. In that distance it drops 1,100 feet, its path making several major turns in width the trail ranges from 15 to 70 feet. Near it is located a small jump.

With the eight-inch snow that fell last weekend only the lower 2000 feet of the trail can be used, but the track has been unusually fast. The upper track, which is especially steep and is only for expert use, can be used after an 18-inch snow or after two snows of only five inches deep, provided the first has hardened and made a good base.

Toboggans Forbidden.
Max Derum, ski coach, in order to prevent accidents, has urged all skiers to exercise caution in using the track and has forbidden toboggans and sleds to use the track because they can not be controlled and may lead to serious accidents with skiers.

In charge of the trail, Coach Derum, a forestry instructor, is a skilled skier, having participated in the sport 10 years. Last winter, when on a leave of absence from the College he was in charge of a ski school in the Sierra Nevada's. At that time his wife participated in the California State championship.

Frosh Take Two Openers, Drop One

Yearlings Impressive As Dickinson Bows In Cage Defeat

Sparked by the effective floor work and ball handling of Elmer Gross, Rusty Sonnenfeld, and Hal White, the Lion cubs opened their 1989 campaign in impressive style as they crushed Dickinson Seminary, 37-16, here Saturday afternoon.

The yearlings got off to a slow start but led the Seminary, 9-5, at quarter time and 14-7 at the half. A Gross-White combination in the second stanza netted a continuous barrage of baskets for the Lions as the latter piled up 9 points while accounting for 9 more as Sonnenfeld took care of an additional 5.

The lineups:
Penn State Dickinson
F. Sonnenfeld Jarmoska
F. Gross Sloffer
C. Smith Heaney
G. Medlar Miller
G. Kelley Freeman

Cornell Beats Lion Ski Team At Ithaca

Although Jim Wilson, Penn State captain, took first place in two of the three events, Cornell's skiers showed better team strength and defeated the Nittanymen, 1,097 to 980, in a meet at Ithaca, on Saturday.

Wilson's first places, coming in the cross country, and downhill races, with a second in the slalom, were especially impressive since the Cornell skiers have been recognized as New York state champions.

The other State entrants, Harry Hitchcock, Chuck Hillferty, and Bill Misso, were well back in all events.

Owls Rally In Second Half To Spill Lion Cagers, 31-29

Jarred loose from the pleasant anticipation of a brilliant season in Eastern Conference competition, were Penn State's basketball Lions today, for the well-known "Indian Sign" that Temple court teams have held over them for the past three years did not fail at Philadelphia last Saturday night where the Owls came from behind to hand the Nittanymen their second straight conference defeat. The score was 31-29.

All of which puts the Lions only one jump behind the wonderful one-hoss shay's impressive record. For while it took that ancient piece of vehicular architecture only one day to fall completely apart, it took the Lions two nights. Charged with two losses against no wins, the Lawthermen are now undisputed tenants of conference basement.

Lion Fencers Net Win Over Quakers, 19-18

Lion fencers gained a margin in each of the three divisions of the meet with Penn at Philadelphia Saturday, netting a 19-8 win to open this year's season.

Co-Captain Dean Foltz paced the Nittanymen with two falls and three epee victories to his credit, closely followed by Scotty Rankin and Elmer Lowenstein, each of whom won all three of his falls bouts.

Jack Good, sensational sophomore, starred by winning his letter in his first official meet, taking two victories substituting for Paul Flehiger and Daniel Lyons in the saber matches.

FOLLS—Foltz, Penn State, defeated Boyer, 5-4, defeated Perakos, 5-4, lost to Austin, 5-3. Rankin, Penn State, defeated Austin, 5-2, defeated Boyer, 5-1, defeated Perakos, 5-1. Lowenstein, Penn State, lost to Perakos, 5-1; lost to Austin, 5-2. Lester Kutz, Penn State, lost to Boyer, 5-3. Score: Penn State 5, Penn 4.

EPPE—Foltz, Penn State, defeated Gouard, Cov, Bentz, 3-1. Co-captain John Lipcecky, Penn State, lost to Bentz, 3-2, lost to Gouard, 3-1. Paul Flehiger, Penn State, defeated Cov, 3-0. Lowenstein, Penn State, defeated Cov, 3-0, defeated Bentz, 3-2, defeated Gouard, 3-1. Score: Penn State 7, Penn 2.

SABER—Lipcecky, Penn State, defeated Zetlin, 5-3, defeated Newton, 5-2, lost to Salter, 5-2. Flehiger, Penn State, defeated Salter, 5-4, defeated Zetlin, 5-4. Lyons, Penn State, defeated Newton, 5-2; lost to Salter, 5-3. Good, Penn State, defeated Zetlin, 5-4, defeated Newton, 5-1. Score: Penn State 7, Penn 2.

Fast Falls Help Cubs Top Mercersburg, 21 1/2-12 1/2

Stan Staruch's fall victory in 20 seconds was the feature of the Lion freshman wrestlers' 21 1/2-12 1/2 win at Mercersburg on Saturday afternoon.

The cub, 175-pounder's victim was Fallon. Both boys fought to get an early advantage and in the scramble Staruch pinned the Academy man with a croch hold and body lock.

Jack Henry was the only other, one of Joe Krupa's yearlings to win by a fall throwing 135-pounder That with a double armlock in 2 minutes, 20 seconds.

Three decisions and a draw accounted for the rest of the cubs' points. Clair Hess, 121-pounder, looked good against V. Henry. Bob Alexander showed his usual varsity calibre style to beat Jaeger, and frosh grinder Bruce Paulhaus decided 155'er Helmick.

Ralph Sayre wrestled to a draw with Mercersburg's Minor in the 155-pound bout. Klopp of Mercersburg threw Bender, cub 128-pounder, with a half nelson and croch hold in 3 minutes, 50 seconds, and Stone threw the State heavy-weight, Phil Hatzel, with a half nelson and body press in 3 minutes, 45 seconds.

Ref. Lauds Mitmen; Patrick Impressive

Freddie Masteran, referee of Saturday's Penn State-Bucknell meet, expressed the opinion that Penn State has one of the better boxing teams in the East, as he and Leo Houck, State mentor, talked over the meet and old times.

Masteran, an ex-professional fighter and at present a professional referee in and around Pittsburgh, was very much impressed with the showing of Johnny Patrick Junior who, he said, was one of the hardest collegiate punchers he had ever seen.

Between The Lions

By HERB CAHAN Sports Editor
We were wondering, last Saturday night, what thought those two blue-jerseyed individuals—Nestor Kocubinsky and Johnny Sayres—as they went through their duties as seconds for the boxers.

You know, if the fates had been a bit more foresighted (from a Penn State point of view) these two young gentlemen might now be boxing as Nittany Lion representatives. These same "fates" might have saved Billy Soose from collegiate obliteration (also from a Penn State point of view) but, alas—twice, not meant to be.

Goooks! (as the Doctor Houck would exclaim) what an aggregation of fisticuffers that would be!

Just think—Soose, Kocubinsky, and Sayres, in their fighting it out with Cooper, Sopchak, Tapman, Hanna, Stanko, Sandson, Lewis, Handler, and the two Patricks. What a headache it would be to choose a team from that lot!

What we were originally getting around to relate was a little about those two smooth looking handlers—Koch and Johnny.

Except for some of you "newcomers" you know that Koch was declared ineligible two years ago for participation in amateur bouts. And the sharp Mr. Sayres has earned his way through school by dusting off a few pretty good welterweights—so, naturally, he never was eligible for collegiate competition.

We'd rate Johnny as one of the best seconds existent because he has a keen understanding of the sport, knows how to analyze the proceedings, and gives well chosen and impartial words of advice.

Johnny would like to coach boxing when he graduates in June, and we can think of few more able young men to perpetuate the noble "art of self defense" than this "extra cucular" Houck protege.

Two years ago it was suggested that Johnny receive some special kind of award for his unselfish assistance with the boxing team. May we remind however it may concern that he graduates this June. A "complimentary" vaisy "S" would certainly be a nice gesture.

And, as for the other gent, whenever we see or think of Koch we are reminded of that great Houck Eight of the 1936-37 campaign. Remember—Sopchak, Tapman, Goodman, Donato, Soose, Ritze, Kocubinsky, and Richter—what a source for future reminiscing tales—that weird season of 1936-37.

Koch now helps Leo with the law freshman material, and we were certainly pleased when he came back to school this Fall to resume his education.

Wonder what he thought and said when he helped his two former team and class mates—Sopay and Tapman—in and out of the ring?

Small Talk:
The lull in sports activity around here between now and February 11 may give us an opportunity to witness Bob Galbraith's natatos they take on Temple's ducky Owls in Glennland pool Saturday, February 4.

That medley team (Mark Tinzant, Al Bolleau, and Cap Chuck Welsh) broke another pool record last week and we hear it's a pretty dang good team ya have there professor!

And that 19-8 fencing victory over Penn seems to indicate that another professor, Doc Harry (Continued On Page Four)

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Fisticuffers Hibernate Until February 11 When They Meet With Orange

By BERNARD A. NEWMAN
The Lion fisticufflers went into a three-week hibernation Saturday night after trouncing the Bisons of Bucknell by the same margin of victory as their 6 1/2 to 1 1/2 win over Western Maryland the week before. The Houckmen will remain idle until February 11, when they stack up against the Orange of Syracuse.

Without the services of Captain Roy Hanna, who was taken down by the gripe, and Jim Lewis, suffering from a cut on the forehead received in the Western Maryland tilt, the Nittany mat team found little difficulty in handling Bucknell for its second straight triumph.

Three Make Debut.
Three newcomers appeared in the Lion lineup Johnny Patrick Jr. taking over Nate Handler's duties as heavyweight, second the quickest knockout of the evening when he tore out of his corner at the sound of the opening bell and sent Bucknell's Chuck Reed to the canvas in the short time of 40 seconds with a volley of hard lefts and rights to the head.

Alex Sopchak, fighting for the first time since his appearance two years ago as the regular varsity 115-pounder, handled the 127-pound assignment and displayed his old form when he smothered Casey Smith with left jabs and hooks for two whole rounds.

Before the bell ended the second round, Sopchak dropped Smith with a hard left hook to the midsection and a right to the head. Bucknell's Coach Joe Reno threw in the towel, giving Sopy a TKO verdict.

The third newcomer to the lineup didn't fare as well as the other two, after standing toe to toe with his Bucknell foe, the entire first round, Dave McKinley was dropped by John McElhany after 1 minute and 25 seconds of the second round, giving Bucknell their only bout.

Johnny Patrick took the 175-pound engagement by forfeit. Marty Quick, who was defeated only once in his three years of college boxing and who was supposed to put Patrick to the acid test, couldn't come down to 175. He was four pounds overweight at the weigh-in.

Although Referee Mastrian handled Bernie Sandson only a draw for his bout with Dan Welch in the 155-pound class, Coach Leo Houck said that Sandson put on one of the finest exhibitions he has ever seen in college boxing.

"The way you used that left jab, I think you were a member of the fencing team," Leo jokingly told Sandson in the dressing room after the fight.

In the lighter weights, Al Tapman and Mike Cooper displayed fine boxing exhibitions. Moving up to the 135 class to fill the vacancy left by Captain Roy Hanna, Tapman outpointed Jack Flaugh. Although he received a cut above his left eye at the end of the second round when Flaugh butted him with his head, Tapman copped the decision when he went out again in the third round and clubbed away with long lefts (Continued On Page Four)

Smith Shines In Test Runs For Ohio Tilt

Taking advantage of Saturday's "compensatively" warm weather, Track Coach Chick Werner ran his outdoor/indoor trackmen through final time trials for their meet with Ohio State at Columbus, O., this Saturday.

Top honors of the workout go to "Wild Bill" Smith, the lad who skyrocketed to cross-country fame, by topping off an undefeated dual season by topping the IC 4A's last fall. Smith ran the two mile event on Saturday in 9 minutes and 48.5 seconds, the best time he has ever registered on the boards. He did this less than an hour after placing second to Frank Maule in a 4:30 mile.

Maule took second in the two mile, also breaking ten minutes. Graham Miller was third in the mile and Jim Hostetler placed number three in the two mile.

Frazier Improved.
Captain Miller Frazier looked better than ever as he topped the 60-yard tall ladders in 74 seconds and chalked up an even 7 seconds for the low hurdles over the same distance. Bob Hutchings was right on his heels in both events.

With varsity sprinters Bill Engel and Paul Staller out with injuries, Walt Dempler ran through several practice 60 yard dashes with the freshmen, being clocked, once at 6.3 seconds.

Will Sutton took his heat in the quarter-mile run with a time of 5:2. As Van Hartman and Dick Yohn bettered 54 as they took second and third, respectively.

Pat Kjelmann took his heat of the quarter in 55.
Charley Pierce paced a 2:46 half mile run as Jimmy Williams took second and Johnny Strange, third.

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