

Lion Tracksters, Matmen, Cagers Battle Away Tomorrow

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

With semester exams temporarily calling a halt to intramural basketball activity, two bowling contests at the Dux Club were the extent of all I. M. sports.

Alpha Sigma Phi blanketed Phi Kappa Phi as the Chemists recorded their second successive win by downing Tau Kappa Epsilon 6-2 Tuesday night. Theta Chi gained its initial victory as Delta Chi defaulted.

No further cage encounters will be run off until Wednesday night, February 8, when six Fraternity League battles are scheduled. Volleyball, wrestling, and handball will begin shortly after registration.

All entries for wrestling and handball should be filed in Room 213, Rec Hall, before the end of the term.

Fencers Train For Rutgers

Not content with their upset over Penn last Saturday, the Lion swordsmen are continuing their drive for an undefeated season by getting in trim for the Rutgers meet away on February 18.

Wernermen Meet Ohio State Away

The Lion indoor trackmen will lift the lid off their 1939 indoor and field season as they battle Ohio State in the Buckeye's fieldhouse, Columbus, O., tomorrow afternoon.

Heading the Buckeyes contingent of stars will be Hatley Howells, a quarter-mile who has several times been clocked in 47.5 seconds and who toured Europe with one of the American track outfits last summer.

Captain Miller Frazier will attempt to make his debut as varsity captain something for the Ohioans to remember as he tops both high and low timbers. Sophomore Bob Hutchings will be his jarring mate.

Charley Pierce and Bill Giest, two seniors who were clocked at around 2.2 for the 880 yard dash on New Beaver Field boards in the cold, disagreeable weather that met away on February 18.

Cornell Ski Meet Set For Feb. 4; First On New College Ski Trail

A ski meet between Penn State and Cornell, the first meet ever held on the college trail near Boalsburg, has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 4. There is a possibility that Colgate may also participate.

Continued cold and intermittent snow have put the trail in fine condition; opening almost its entire length for the first time this winter. The track is reported very fast.

The events planned for the meet are slalom, cross country, and downhill. State will have a fine chance to avenge the defeat they were handed at Cornell last week-end as here they will be able to enter a larger team.

Mermen Hope To Sink Owls

Penn State's varsity mermen will attempt to stretch their win streak to three in a row when Temple's Owls wet their feathers in the Glenland pool here on February 4.

With top-sided victories over Carnegie Tech and West Chester, and only a 46-29 loss to a powerful Quaker outfit marring their record, Coach Galbraith's boys should enter the water the favorites over a mediocre Owl outfit that lost its opening meet to Manhattan.

The Nittany medley relay team of Mark Vinzant, Al Boileau and Captain Chuck Welsh, will get its first chance at the new pool record of 3:17.4 which it set against West Chester.

The boys will be out to equal the time of 3:16 for the 300 yard, which gave them the pool record at Carnegie Tech two weeks ago as the Titans fell, 57-18.

Guy McLaughlin, undefeated in three starts, will team with Lion Luther Hoy in the diving. McLaughlin compiled the unusually high score of 118.88 points in taking the fancy diving against Tech.

Sophomore Bill Kirkpatrick, an excellent man in the sprints, will team with Captain Welsh and Tom Allison in the 50 and 100-yard swims. Ken Bunk and Boyne Wood will take care of the distance events while Vinzant and Dave Welsh swim backstroke and Bill Reilly teams with Boileau in the breast stroke.

Chances of a Lion gymnastic victory over Navy loomed bright today as Coach Gene Wetstone tapered his squad off for the encounter at Annapolis Saturday, February 4.

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Army Meet Crucial For Speidelmens

By GEORGE SCHLESS Hoping to pick up where they left off when they beat Princeton last Saturday, Charlie Speidel's matmen, looking better every day, will take on Army tomorrow in the Kayletts' first home wrestling meet since they temporarily dropped the sport in 1936.

The battle is a crucial one for the Nittanyman, anxious to sound out the weak spots on their team before they wade into the cream of the Eastern crop next semester—Lehigh, Navy, Cornell and Syracuse—in successive weeks.

Army broke a two-year retirement from intercollegiate wrestling Saturday, losing to Franklin and Marshall by a 22-6 score last Saturday. Cadet winners were McBride at 175 and Farmer at 175. P and M's winning score was the same as that by which they beat Nebraska, the team State tied in their season's opener.

Charlie will again change State's lineup in another attempt to fill the 145-pound hole. This time Wayne Bortz, a rugged senior, will be given his chance. There is a possibility, however, that Joe Scailo will come down to 145, his natural weight, leaving the 155-pound spot for Junior Roy Gensler, a letter winner who showed up well in the intercollegiate last year.

Craighead in for Craighead John Craighead will probably wrestle at 128 pounds in place of his brother, Frank, who has been bothered by a cold all week. This change should have only a slight effect on the team's strength.

Carl King, Junior 121-pounder, will carry into the Army meet a record unblemished in three tough engagements so far this season—Nebraska, Michigan, and Princeton. And if he continues to show the same hand of wrestling, he should cut a wide swath in the East's mat affairs for the rest of the season.

Don Bachman, the Lion captain, will be seeking his third win of the season, after an unexpected defeat at the hands of the Princeton 165-pounder.

Frank Gleason, sophomore 135-pounder, and George Elliot, Junior heavy weight, plan to take the Army in full stride after scoring their first intercollegiate victories against the Tigers.

Ernie Bortz, veteran of an unsuccessful heavyweight career as a 175-pounder last winter, has rapidly gone from the uncertain to the dependable side of Speidel's ledger. After starting off with a win against Nebraska and losing a tough one to Big Ten champ Don Nichols of Michigan, Bortz made the best showing of his mat career last Saturday when he came through when the cards were down, with the Lion and the Tiger deadlocked.

4-Way Meet Is Slated For Riflemen Tonight

A four-way meet with Cornell, Drexel, and Penn is scheduled for the varsity riflemen as they line up their sights on the bull's eye in the Armory tonight at 7 o'clock.

Results of a triangular meet fired last week showed the riflemen to be trailing both Utah Agricultural College and the Marine Barracks team of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The scores were Utah, 1383; Marines, 1376, and State, 1332.

Between The Lions

By HERB CAHAN Sports Editor

Back in 1928, when Rec Hall was built, there were approximately 3,000 men students here.

Today, a male enrollment of about 6,000 just about doubles the first figure—yet the recreational facilities have not changed.

And, we have been told, that by 1940 this number will be increased still more—perhaps to a male enrollment of close to 9,000.

A \$5,000,000 building program has come—and is almost gone—that has taken care of the expected increase in attendance as far as classroom and study space is concerned. But what are these additional men students going to do for necessary physical recreation?

Space in Rec hall now is inadequate! What will it be like next year—or the year after?

There are just two answers to the problem—and they both cost money.

1. Build the two proposed wings on Rec hall, that were planned more than eleven years ago—to cost approximately \$250,000—of which \$41,000 was pledged by the class of 1922.

2. Erect a field house. In the right wing (of plan no. 1) will be a swimming pool—toward which the \$41,000 pledge was made, and in the left wing will be housed lockers, baths, treatment rooms, and additional team quarters.

A field house will serve two purposes. It will give additional recreational space—and furnish a place where indoor track meets can be held.

The latter makes the field house almost a necessity, inasmuch as Penn State now officially has a winter track program—and, as proven by the last few freezing days, practice on an outdoor wooden oval for indoor meets is almost a waste of time, besides being hazardous to the participants.

With an adequate field house Penn State could become the winter track center of the East—possibly conducting a winter indoor invitation games on a purely collegiate-non-commercial basis.

Either plan would solve the problem—temporarily. The carrying out of both plans—wings on Rec hall and a field house—would be unbelievable, though necessary.

Our best wishes for future success—and the winning of their varsity "S" in life—to the following graduating athletes: Pop Ellwood, football, Joe Andriukitis, lacrosse, Paul Bachman, boxing, Arnie Cohen, tennis, and Bob VanBenschoten, hockey.

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Lions Face Middy Five Minus Barr

By BOB WILSON

A crippled Lion basketball team will leave this afternoon for Annapolis, Md., not at all prepared to check the budding attack that the Middies of Navy, will provide in a non-conference scrap tomorrow.

Although the outcome of the game will be of little significance to followers of the Nittany five, a victory for the hapless Lions would be a tremendous impetus for future success in Eastern Conference competition.

When the Lawthenmen take the floor against the Middies tomorrow, they will do so minus the steady influence of sophomore Johnny Barr, whose illness following the Temple game was suspiciously diagnosed as appendicitis, was well enough to leave the infirmary Wednesday morning, but will not make the Navy trip because of his weakened condition.

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Lions Meet Tough Orange Boxers After Long Layoff

A big consignment of menaces—a quintet, to be exact—will state Lion boxers in the face during the next two months, which gives the Houckmen something to work for during their three-week lay-off.

Syracuse comes here Feb. 11, and from the prowess they have always displayed during the past fourteen years of competition, indications show that they will be no soft touch.

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