

Between The Lions

By HERB CAHAN, Sports Editor

Before we give vent to our feelings, and similar reactions voiced by others who attended the refereeing tinoco at Syracuse this past week-end, we offer a well-earned token of congratulations to a gallant bunch of wrestlers who came through with a surprising second-place in the wrestling intercollegiate, which added another notch of accomplishment to an inspiring and talented coach.

Gaining only one championship—an unexpected victory for Sophomore Frankie Gleason in the 136-pound class—Charlie Speidel's courageous band of grapplers deserve much commendation for coming through with enough falls and second places to put the State team just behind Lehigh's great aggregation. A mere seven points separated these two well-balanced and capably-handled outfits.

While Champ Gleason receives the praise for his individual conquest, a ringing tribute goes out to Capt. Don Bachman, John Craighead, Roy Gensler, Ernie Boitz, William Elliott, Joe Scalzo, and Dave Warte for coming through with enough points—22 in all—to come dangerously close to upsetting the favored Engineers.

No written or verbal praise can truly pay a just tribute to a great team and its great coach.

Those Boxing Intercollegiate—Add 1937:

After it seemed that the boxing/intercollegiate were going to be conducted under an improved system, the official draw distributing the byes and seedings very fairly, the whole affair reverted to a duplication of the setback that handed collegiate boxing at Syracuse in 1937—all due to a farcical display of refereeing and judging, and the unparliamentary crowd reaction.

Two of the three referees—Ed Brockman and Jim Crowley, in particular—seemed utterly ignorant of how to score an intercollegiate match, besides displaying a flagrant violation of one of the most important points in any kind of sports judging—being swayed in their decision by a partisan crowd.

This latter point was especially apparent in the decision that awarded the 175-pound title to Syracuse's popular and previously undefeated Rico Wysegs. If even a man outboxed a wild-swinging, inferior opponent that man was Johnny Patrick Semo. Not only did Johnny jab the Syracusean's face into a fiery red hue, but he continually beat Wysegs to the punch and caught most of Wysegs' sledgehammer swings on his gloves and shoulders.

Brockman's and Crowley's slips showed a slight edge for Wysegs, by some unanny method of scoring—while Charley Short, the third referee, voted for Patrick.

Penn State was not the only victim of poor officiating. Among other sufferers were George Zlatides, Dartmouth's all-American guard, and Bobby Stauber of Syracuse True, referees are human beings and not infallible, but they supposedly better knowledge of the sport and its requirements for declaring a victor, should place them in a position where their judgement is respected rather than continually ridiculed.

One rule violation, which probably cost Al Tapman the 127-pound championship, was completely disregarded by the referee. The rules state that when a clinch is broken by the referee each man must take one step back. In the first round of their championship bout, Tapman and Cornell's Moe Goldbas were separated by the referee. Tapman stepped back Goldbas did not. Instead, the Cornellian rushed in and slugged the defenseless Tapman with a powerful left hook that footed the Nittany Lion.

Gentleman Al, who seemed dazed for the remainder of the round, was again floored, but he came back strong in the second and third stanzas to have Goldbas on the verge of unconsciousness at the final bell. Had it not been for Goldbas' failure to observe that regulation in the first round, and the failure on the part of the official to warn him and justly discount the knockdown, Tapman would now be 127-pound champ.

His comeback was such a gallant one that even the anti-Penn State crowd showed him with rounds of deserved applause.

Another courageous little Nittany Lion was Mike Cooper who, in losing to the string-beany Cadet Walt Lavendusky, made a superb showing that he can well be proud of. Mike was just too short to be able to outscore his jabbing opponent, but his ability to absorb so much punishment and still finish strong—left hand out, right cocked in true Houckian style—was really an astonishing feat.

Just as the 135-pounder was the sole wrestling title-winner, so it was in boxing. Capt. Roy Hanna was the essence of intercollegiate (Continued On Page Four)

Courtmen Write Unusual Chapter In Record Book

By BOB WILSON

Viewed from any angle, even through rose-colored glasses, Penn State's Official Basketball Scorebook (Spaulding No. 91-810) is a highly unimpaired piece of literature.

It is absolutely devoid of verbs, adjectives, pronouns, adverbial clauses, dangling participles or what have you.

All that is embodied in this weather-beaten, paper-bound notebook are names and numbers—but what a story they tell! And yet that story is but a chapter in 43 years of basketball history at Penn State.

Let's take a look at the ledger. In 27 games, four more than they have ever played in a single season, the Lion eagles recorded 11 victories against 10 defeats, for a net setback that they were charged with last year. The Nittanymen amassed 790 points during those 23 games, nearly 150 more than any Penn State quintet has ever piled up in one campaign.

Significant sidelights on the season just passed show that the Lawthermen, in their finale, whipped Temple for the first time in Eastern Conference history, that Pitt was trimmed twice in the same season for the first time in 12 years, that an 11-year Lion scoring record was shattered when West Virginia was beaten, 64-40; and that it was the first time in John Lawther's college coaching career that his team lost four games in a row. It happened on State's Christmas trip west.

One incident that will always remain among the season's unforgettable was Max Colbin's once-in-a-lifetime shot that traveled three-quarters the length of the floor to tie West Virginia at Morgantown as the final gun sounded. It was the year's No. 1 Conference thriller. State won 46-43 in three overtime periods. Another unusual occurrence was State's participation in a "spec-

	pts	reb	sts
Prosser	72	51	68
Stopper	39	28	38
McWilliams	34	25	34
Colbin	33	24	35
Sair	33	22	40
Moffat	27	8	12
Sapp	19	11	19
Christman	16	9	17
Raewyn	15	6	15
Rutherford	8	1	4
Rhodes	3	2	1
Chalmers	1	4	5
Crowell	2	0	0
Kawa	0	1	1
Totals	298	104	295

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Hanna Is Only Lion Titlist As Army Boxers Repeat Matmen 2nd; Gleason Lone Champion

Orange 2nd; Nittanymen, Cornell 3rd

By BERNIE NEWMAN

Capt. Roy Hanna was the lone Lion boxer to be crowned an intercollegiate champ last Saturday night when Army's gold and black-clad mitmen retained the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing title at Syracuse by taking three individual titles, one second and three third places for a total of 21 points. Syracuse placed second with 17 points, and State and Cornell tied for third with 15 each.

Army, Syracuse and State butted neck and neck up to the finals, with each sending in four representatives. Cornell was next with three. But the Cadets clinched the tournament before the evening bouts were half completed when Cadet Hull defeated Stan Kishman of Syracuse in the 165-pound meeting, to give Army its third crown of the evening.

With Lions Frank Silvestri and Hank Schweitzer, eliminated in the preliminaries Friday night, and Bernie Sanders and Johnny Patrick, Sophomore, ousted in the semi-finals, Penn State had Mike Cooper, Al Tapman, Johnny Patrick Senior and Hanna in the final Saturday night.

Cooper loses in Finals. Cooper went into the semi-final after outpointing Wood of Dartmouth in the preliminaries Friday night. He met a tough opponent in Mark Terzise of Syracuse the next afternoon, but gained the decision after three grueling rounds.

Although tired from his afternoon bout, Cooper was pitted in the finals against Cadet Lavendusky, Army's defending champ, and gave him one of the toughest fights of his career.

The little Lion sailed into his much taller opponent and kept after him for three rounds, making a heroic effort to hang on to the Soldier's chin and end the fight, but the long-armed Cadet was able to stave him off with long left jabs and got the nod.

Tapman Loses Tough One. Al Tapman defeated Clement of Army in the semi-finals, but dropped a heartbreaker in the finals to Moe Goldbas, Cornell's defending champ. Goldbas knocked Tapman to the canvass in the first round with hard left hooks to the head. But he got up and, after a clinch Goldbas did not step back but hit Tapman with another left hook to send him down again.

This blow weakened Tapman and it wasn't until late in the second round when he was fully recovered. He gained the plaudits of the crowd by his great comeback when he punched away at Goldbas continually for the remainder of the second and the entire third stanza.

Tapman had Goldbas out on his feet and would have knocked out the titleholder had the round gone another few seconds.

Poor Decision For Patrick. Johnny Patrick, Semo, was victim of the worst decision handed down in the entire tournament when he met up with an old foe in Syracuse's Americo Wysegs. Patrick made up for a TKO loss he suffered at the hands of the Syracusean in the dual meet by outboxing and outpunching him for the entire bout.

The decision was given to Wysegs. (Continued on Page Four)

Fencers Trim Owls To End Season

A decisive 12½-4½ victory over a six-man temple squad ended the season for Lion swordsmen in Rec Hall Saturday.

Margins were gained in all divisions of the match which concluded only 17 bouts instead of the usual 27.

Scotty Rankin showed himself in top form, defeating all three of his opponents, including Owl Captain Huber, who downed Co-captain Dean Foltz and Lester Kutz for their only losses of the meet.

Doug Adams scored wins in both his epee bouts, while Roger Kirk lost one and shared one.

In the saber division, Coach Harry Krutter used four different men in the four bouts. Co-captain John Lipceky, Ed Zaiget and Dan Lyons registered wins. Jack Good lost to Perlestein, P. S.

This was the last meet for seniors. Foltz, Lipceky, Rankin, and Kirk. These, along with Earl Strunk, another senior, were the backbone of the team this season.

The summaries. FOILS—Foltz, P. S. defeated Goldberg, 5-3; Rankin, P. S. defeated Perlestein, 5-2; Huber, T. defeated Kutz, 5-2; Foltz, P. S. defeated Perlestein, 5-1; Rankin, P. S. defeated Huber, 5-4; Kutz, P. S. defeated Goldberg, 5-3; Huber, T. defeated Foltz, 5-4; Rankin, P. S. defeated Goldberg, 5-0; Kutz, P. S. defeated Perlestein, 5-1. Score P. S. 7, T. 2.

EPEE—Kirk, P. S. and Davis, T. shared the point, Adams, P. S. defeated Lapinsohn, 3-1; Adams, P. S. defeated Davis, 3-0; and Lapinsohn, T. defeated Kirk, 2-2. Score P. S. 2½, T. 1½.

SABER—Lipceky, P. S. defeated Kessel, 5-2; Perlestein, T. defeated Good, 5-3; Zaiget, P. S. defeated Kessel, 5-3; and Lyons, P. S. defeated Perlestein, 5-2. Score P. S. 3, T. 1.

Sportography

Shy Frankie Rubs Lucky Nickel, Gets Medal

By GEORGE SCHLESS

Last Wednesday afternoon Charlie Speidel untangled himself long enough to scratch his sparsely-thatched head and make, for the first time in his 13 years as Lion mat coach, a last-minute choice of an intercollegiate tourney entry.

Only then did shy blue-eyed blond Frank Arthur Gleason know that after a not-too-hot dual meet season that included sessions on the bench he would wrestle in the annual tournament at Yale.

Three days later the still-shy sophomore was the proud possessor of a first-place medal and the title of Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Champion the only Nittanyman to gain a crown.

All the way to New Haven, while championship chances were being discussed for almost everyone on the team but Gleason he had silently toyed with a lucky nickel and nursed a hunch that he would come through.

A thorough student of the sport Gleason knows almost every existing hold, and is mustering them one by one under Speidel's watchful eyes.

"I still have a lot to learn. In fact I don't know enough yet to enter the Nationals this weekend," says the champ. "I felt like shooting myself for a while I was throwing myself by using holds I knew but hadn't mastered." (Continued on Page Four)

Fleming Elected EIBA Head; Boxing Tourney Stated Here For 1940

Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, was elected president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association at Syracuse Saturday. He succeeds Dr. Leslie A. Bivan of Syracuse.

Penn State will be the scene of the 17th annual intercollegiate tournament. It was decided by association officials. The 1940 championships are scheduled for the second week in March.

Other new officers of the association are Charles Havens, Western Maryland, vice president, and Asa Bushnell, New York City, secretary-treasurer.

Officials also voted Cornell University into the association. The Big Red ringmen, guest competitors at the current intercollegiate tourney, tied Penn State for third place.

Membership in the association now includes Army, Syracuse, Cornell, Yale, Dartmouth, Western Maryland, and Penn State.

Leopards Face Rinkmen Away

Returning to the ice after a month's layoff, Penn State's hockey Lions face Lafayette's Leopards in a return match in the Hershey Ice Palace at 6:45 p.m. today.

Still rankled by memories of a previous 5-4 defeat, the Lions will be fighting for a chance to turn tables on the Eastern puck-chasers. In that defeat the State men were beaten by a mystery player when in the midst of a scramble before the goal, the puck eeked its way through the net to spell victory for Lafayette.

Since then the Lions downed Lehigh 7-1 in a fast game played in Hershey. Because of the absence of ice, coach Arthur Davis has not been able to hold outdoor practices for several weeks and is undecided about his starting lineup, but two- or three-players will make the trip.

4 Lions Are Runners-Up; Lehigh Retains Team Title

Making the trip only on a last-minute decision of Coach Charlie Speidel, modest little sophomore Frank Gleason, with a far from outstanding dual meet record, fought his way through the star-studded 35th annual Eastern Wrestling Intercollegiate at New Haven Friday and Saturday to win the 136-pound crown, only individual title for the Nittanymen, who fought their way to a runner-up spot seven points behind Lehigh's powerful Engineers.

Placing five men in the semi-finals and three in the finals, the Nittanymen amassed 22 points, while Lehigh's defending champions won four titles and the team crown with 29 points. Harvard and Yale, far out of the running, tied for third place with 9 points each, followed by Syracuse, Cornell, Princeton, Penn and Columbia.

John Craighead and Joe Scalzo lost in the finals to Lehigh men and took second places while 165-pounder Captain Don Bachman and 155-pounder Roy Gleason lost in the semi-finals, but each won consolation bouts and then took decisions from the defeated finalists to end up with second-place medals. Ernie Boitz took third place in the 175-pound class.

Engineers Win Four Titles. Both Lehigh and State scored in every weight but two, but the Lions had no chance of catching up with the Engineers after four of their five finalists won championships, giving them a 16-point lead at the end of the title bouts.

Gleason won his title in an overtime fray with strong Waldo Bird, Yale veteran. After a close nine minutes in which he seemed to have a slight edge, Gleason turned on the heat in the extra periods to win on the basis of aggressiveness.

After tipping his way through a strong field to reach the finals, Craighead lost a clean decision to Princeton's Bob Eberle. After positions reversed twice in the first two minutes, powerful Eberle took Craighead down with a leg hold.

Jim Bird of Yale to end up 155-pound runner-up. Bortz lost a heart-breaking extra-period battle to Columbia's grid star, Bob Taylor, in the semi-finals. After Taylor lost in the finals to Lehigh's Matthes, Bortz desecrated Stickey of Penn and Hauer of Yale to take third place.

Strong in Opening Round. The Lions started out strong in Friday afternoon's opening session, placing five men in the semi-finals. Gleason won by forfeit over Ed Gueez of Cornell, then threw Jim

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