

AXP Wins IM Cage Championship

Steady Rise, No Slipbacks Marked Lion Mat Season

By GEORGE SCHLESS

A slow but sure rise with many a slipback that's the course followed by Charlie Spiedel's wrestlers as they snatched out of early-season doldrums to amass a record of five wins (over Princeton, Army, Navy, Cornell, and Syracuse), 2 losses (to Lehigh's Eastern champs and Michigan's Big Ten title-holders), and a tie with strong Nebraska.

Much of the credit goes to sophomore Joe Senzo, who greatly strengthened the team when he dropped to 145 pounds, filling a weak spot and making room for junior Roy Gensler, Eastern runner-up at 155. Senzo lost one dual meet to Lehigh's Mason, he finished second to Mason in the Intercollegiate, then he beat the same Mason to wind up second in the Nationals.

Captain Don Bachman, bothered by an old knee injury early in the

season, fought through a tough Intercollegiate tourney field to take second behind Lehigh's King, then wound up his collegiate mat career in a blaze of glory by gaining the National title, only to suffer a rib injury that greatly cut his effectiveness against Lehigh's Matties, and forced him to forfeit second-place and take third.

Both the senior Graegheid twins were hard hit by pneumonia, but John recovered enough to take second in the Eastern 125-pound class. Another point-gainer in the Intercollegiate was Ernie Bolt, steady junior 175-pounder, who took third.

And not to be overlooked is Intercollegiate Champion Frank Gleason, sophomore 126-pounder who had trouble during the dual meet season because of too much chance-taking, but really showed his vast knowledge of the sport as he crashed through to the title.

Then too, heavyweight Warren Elliott, showed steady improvement, and Dave Wate came down ten pounds to do a good job in handling the 121-pound post vacated by Carl King, who may be back next year as number one contender for the Intercollegiate crown.

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Two Boxers Will Battle In Nationals

By BERNIE NEWMAN

It's been a befuddling situation this past week for Coach Leo Houck, but after coming out of it in the style he usually does, we wonder if it wasn't he who invented that strange thing called psychology.

After selecting Al Tapman and Intercollegiate Champ Ray Hann as Penn State's representatives to the National Collegiate Boxing tournament next week, the good "Doctor" leaned to Capt. Hanna's ear in a long conversation that Tapman would have to box at 127, instead of 120 as he was scheduled because of the ruling which calls for all entries to have boxed at least 50 per cent of dual meets in the division as entered.

Well, Tapman was moved back up to 127, and is expected to do just as well there, but the psychology came when Leo, after going over his minutes to find a possible substitute for Hann, decided on Hard Luck Hank Schweitzer.

Schweitzer, who for three years trained faithfully for a regular berth on the boxing team, only to be used here and there as a fill-in, was plagued by hard luck whenever he did fight—and Leo realized this all along.

There was one chance left for Schweitzer to achieve what he's been after so long, and the shrewd Houck gave him this chance: Watch him take advantage of it!

Delta Chi Is Edged 23-18 In Final Tilt

Paced by towering Jack Hess, Alpha Chi Rho, Section 2 winner, unleashed a well-balanced attack to outclass Delta Chi, Section 3, Delta in the finals of the Fraternity basketball league crown, 23-18, in Rec Hall Wednesday night.

Hess tallied 12 points, garnering seven in the last half. His consistent teammate, Phil Blough, gained runner-up scoring honors with eight, while Chas Snell dropped in the remainder of the victory's points.

Delta Chi drew first blood in the close contest as Bill Fischer, offensive pace-setter for the losers, scored the first of his seven markers. Hal High, Miller Frazier, George Ritter, and Art Nippes provided a stubborn defense until outmaneuvered by the tricky Alpha Chi Rho quintet.

Alpha Chi Rho will battle the Beta R B club, Independent league winners, for the all-College basketball championship in Rec Hall at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Volleyball:
With the Delta Chi-Independents and Beta Sigma Rho-Lambda Chi Alpha semi-final tilts called late last night, the respective winners will battle for the intramural volleyball championship in Rec Hall tonight.

Delta Chi topped Alpha Chi Sigma, Independents upset Sigma.

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Weather Delays Heavy Workouts For Track Squad

When the snow stops falling and the cinder track dries, Coach Chuck Weiner's trackmen will begin serious training for a tough spring season which begins at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, on April 28-29.

A soggy track is keeping the undermen from anything but general conditioning at present and it looks as if Coach Weiner's varsity men will have to skip an Easter vacation if they expect to be in top shape for the stiff competition they will meet in the Relays.

Equipment has been issued and coach, men, and managers are ready to go. It's only the weather that is putting a brake on things.

'I Want Helmets,' Says Thiel; Picks Stick Prospects

"Helmets, helmets, where are my helmets?" chanted Nick Thiel this week. "How can we have increase scrimmage without any helmets?" Meanwhile he named his best prospects as follows:

Inside attack men—Ray Cooley, Ralph DePalco, Bart Buser, Andy Krouse, Howard Rumbough, "Seappy" Dowles, and Jim Ridgell.

Center holder—Jack Gensler, Ott Wuenchell, George Ritter, Al Blum, Harry Hauth, Joe Carter, Lee Kriape, and John Price.

Inside defense men—John Hess, Goalie—Bud Meyers.

'AIN'T ENVIOUS'



BUSBY BUTTERFINGER
Taylor Due For A Tough Job, Says Busby

Maybe some guys envy Robert Taylor, Hollywood's gift to something or other, but not me, sir, I don't envy Robert at all with the job he's gonna have in picking the prettiest babe to be the Circus Queen next month.

From the way those pictures is piled up on the boss' desk, it looks like our movie star fan will have to just toss em up in the air and take the one what don't come down. Anyway, I don't want nothing to do with the job cause I would not want all the rest of them pretty (and I do mean pretty) girls mad at me.

And gals, you better hurry if you're gonna get your pictures in by midnight, tomorrow. And we can't accept any late entries unless the camera's busted.

By the way, I don't like to be biggen or nothin', but I was a Barnum and Bailey scout once, but I ain't never seen anything like the way little Patsie Mitchell is in that new dance she's practicing. It's a wow. And a certain Mr. Brandt is becoming very alert (ifly cent word) in juggling knives, after a bit of practice. He says he's good at to-sin' hatches, too. Brothers, I'll just stay under my tight wire and view the situation.

With all the apparatus and staff around no wonder Joe Myers thought he was on the trampoline the other day when he took a nice dive off the tight wire—but he didn't bounce. And he missed dropping on me, too, so there.

Tennis Team Drills.
Unable to practice outdoors because of inclement weather, Penn State's varsity racket players have been holding weekly drills in the Armory in preparation for the opening match with Penn after Easter vacation.

Stiff Grind Begins For Footballers

Blue, White Elevens To Stage Game Tomorrow

According to all reliable weather almanacs, March 21 is the first day of Spring, and Bob Higgins' Lion gridgers will affirm the fact. For with the coming of spring Tuesday (according to the almanacs), they began their first real week of training.

Unless there is a distinct change in weather conditions, Nittany football fans will get their first chance to see next year's squad in action tomorrow afternoon when the Higginsmen stage the first intra-squad battle.

Coach Bob Higgins announced that the squad will be divided into Blue and White teams made up of veterans and freshmen. Many substitutions will be made and the teams will be shifted in an attempt to find the best possible combinations.

During the past week, the Lions had several good sessions with a long scrimmage Wednesday afternoon. This workout was undoubtedly the best the squad has had thus far this spring, Coach Higgins stated.

Several men stood out in the Wednesday scrimmage. Big Bill Smaltz, last year's freshman back, showed up well as a coming power runner for the Lion gridgers. Smaltz, who is the heaviest backfield man on the squad, is very fast for his size and can kick and pass with the best.

Junior Gil Radcliffe seems to be one of the most improved men on the squad and looked like one of next year's regular guards. Mike Garbinski, a freshman, also turned in a nice piece of work at guard Wednesday night. Frank Elliott and Wade Mori, two business-sophomore linemen, show a great improvement over their play last season.

Another prospective backfield star is left-handed Jack Day, a freshman Day is a fast, shifty runner and his portside passes loom as a valuable asset to the Higginsmen.

Twelve reported at the caddy house Monday for varsity golf practice.

Three Lion Gymnasts End Careers

Co Captains Ray Runkle and Al Kigman, and Harold Streator end their Lion gymnastic careers at West Point tomorrow when the Weststone squad opposes a powerful band of Cadets in the season's finale.

Eleven Nittanymen will leave this morning to match muscle exercises with an outfit which dropped a 25-30 decision to Temple, but decisively trimmed Princeton and Dartmouth by an identical overwhelming margin, 52-2. Charley Gillespie, resting a broken hand, will not make the trip.

Schott Will Attend NCAA Ring Tourney

Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education, will attend the NCAA boxing championships in Madison, Wis., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Dean Schott will also participate in meetings of the NCAA Boxing Rules Committee of which he is a member.

Gault Breaks Record

Firing in competition for the William R. Hearst Trophy, Gilbert G. Gault of the varsity rifle team, broke the college record by scoring 193. The final results of the team standing for the trophy has not been received yet.

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Three Nittany Lion Musketeers

A Producer With Sword, Stage-Lipecky
'Iron-Man' Foltz In Double Duty For Fencing Squad
Ferocious Foilsman Scotty Rankin Stirs Stands

After seeing fencing co-captain Johnny Lipecky sit around back stage all hours of the morning at Thespian rehearsals this past year one wonders where he ever got up enough energy to compete in the strenuous fencing bouts he has had to participate in this past season.

Johnny is production manager of Thespians (he calls it chief stooge to Sock Kennedy), a job which requires plenty of hard work and late hours, and a job which is most strenuous especially during fencing season.

But he's managed to come out all right, even though so overworked. Sock Kennedy says he couldn't do without him, while Doc Krutter, fencing coach, rates him as one of the best sabremen he has ever had under his tutelage.

Vital statistics: Is a direct descendant of some famous Hungarian Husars. Is a brother of Charley Lipecky, who captained State's fencing team two years, '34 and '35, and who is considered the best three-weapon man ever to represent Penn State. Johnny's a point science major. Wants to get into foreign service. Greatest thrill came last year when he defeated Lehigh's Jim Bright who was undefeated for two years.

Co-captain Dean Foltz, who has been doing double duty the past three years as epee and foils man on Lion fencing teams, concluded his career as a varsity performer with quite a consistent record.

Battling in six bouts each meet, three in foils and three in epee, to make a grand total of approximately 36 bouts each year, Foltz hangs up his sword with a yearly average of 14 victories in the foils and 15 in the epee, against four defeats in the foils and three in the epee.

Foltz, like most of his Lion colleagues, never handled a sword until he came to Penn State. He did take lessons in foils these past two summers, however, from Aldo Nadi, world's greatest fencer and teacher, who gives credit to Coach Doc Krutter for most of his success, especially when it comes to the epee.

Vital statistics: Would rather fight with foil than any other weapon. Takes advanced ROTC. President of Les Sabreurs, honorary fencing fraternity. Plays drums in the Blue Band. Wants to enter foreign service. expects to do graduate work next year. loves to tell about his year of travel through Europe, also, of his dad, who is a prof at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College.

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