

Boxers Will Open Against W. Maryland Tonight

Cagers Face Syracuse Tomorrow; Tech Wins

Injury May Keep Racusin Out Of Game

Last Quarter Rally Falls Short At Tech; Foul Shooting Off

By BILL FOWLER

The bruised hip of Norm Racusin, injured in the Georgetown battle, aggravated in the Lions' heartbreaking defeat to Carnegie Tech Saturday, 35-33—may prove the deciding factor as the Nittany cagers meet Syracuse in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. tomorrow night.

Whether Racusin's condition would permit him to play tomorrow was still uncertain late yesterday. With Norm in shape, Lions chances of stopping the unimpressive Orange should be excellent. Otherwise, John Lawther's boys may well end up on the short end.

An inexperienced Syracuse outfit will come to town smarting under the sting of five straight defeats, having fallen before Princeton, NYU, Notre Dame, Michigan State and Fordham in that order. Previous to their minus streak the Syracuseans had triumphed over Toronto, Clarkson and Cornell.

Most of the recent Orange losses have been by narrow margins, however, and the sophomore-junior outfit has shown gradual progress. A tough problem for the Nittany defense will be six-foot-three center Kartliuke, whose 25 points against Clarkson equalled the record for Syracuse's Archbold Gym.

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BETWEEN THE LIONS

Bob Wilson

Luckless Lions

I have whiskers and I like cheese, but never let it be said that I'm big enough rat to desert a Penn State basketball team that's been having more than its share of plain, old-fashioned tough luck so far this season.

On two successive weekend trips to Pittsburgh, John Lawther's di-hard Lions have met with disheartening destruction. Pitt won, 31-28, a week ago. Tech won last Saturday night, 35-33. Both teams are still counting their lucky stars.

State fans, on the other hand, are beginning to mumble and grumble about this year's Lawther five.

"What's matter with 'em?" is the cry. "They look like a bunch of eighth-graders!"

But the punks who are doing the yapping have no idea what Penn State's basketball status quo was before John Lawther came here.

Time was, before Lawther took the reins, when Penn State court teams would slink warily onto the hardwood of Rec Hall, seldom hopeful of checking even the twomouse power attacks of their weakest opponents.

Time was, before Lawther became coach, when even the most loyal Penn State fans would flip a coin to decide whether to take in the basketball game or go to bed early.

Time was, before Lawther, when the name Penn State meant no more to basketball than the ROTC bands mean to good music.

But that was at least five or six years ago—before Lawther came here. Things have changed considerably since those days.

When a Penn State basketball team comes on the floor now, it doesn't slink.

Penn State fans no longer flip coins to decide where to go—the ball game or bed. They go to the ball game. And they go knowing they'll see real basketball no matter who wins.

And when the gang at the pool room, the boys at the gas station or the high school kids in the locker room get together to talk basketball, the name Penn State is mentioned right along with the best of them.

So when you start to talk basketball—Penn State basketball—just remember there's a man who's doing the best he can where he is with what he has and a team that's fighting twice as much and trying twice as hard to win as any Penn State court combination I've seen since I've been here.

Ring Ceremony

A stocky, partly bald cracker-barrel philosopher will go 24 rounds, approximately 48 minutes, against Western Maryland's Green Terror boxing team tonight.

From his seat on the Penn State bench, Leo Lemuel Fleeman, Fred Houck will trade every left to the head and block every right to the body for eight full hours. His 18th boxing team opens its 1940 season in Rec Hall at 8 p. m.

It's dual meet No. 111 that Leo will be watching tonight, and who will doubt that he's fought every round and felt every punch since he came here in 1923.

In dual meets his teams have won 68 times, lost 34 and tied eight. The College sponsored boxing four years before Leo's arrival, but the Lion ringmen did no better than split the 12 meets they fought during that period.

Tonight the man who is today Penn State's boxing meet and is today puts on another show—a show that's always second to none on Rec Hall's winter program.

No Smoking, Please

In all fairness to the participants in tonight's boxing meet and in every other Rec Hall athletic event, fans would do themselves proud to remember the "no smoking" rule.

Shift Court Date

Penn State's final basketball game of the season, scheduled with Carnegie Tech for Saturday, March 9, has been moved up to Monday, March 11. The shift was made in order not to conflict with the Eastern Interscholastic Boxing championships listed March 9.

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Lion Wrestlers Start Slow But Pin Cornell In 1940 Debut

Gleason, Scaizo Throw Opponents To Aid State In 19-9 Victory After Red Grapplers Take Lead

By BOB LANE

When the Nittany Lion wrestlers conquered Cornell 19-9 at Ithaca Saturday in a successful 1940 mat debut, they performed as expected, but the Big Red grapplers, considered to be a soft touch, doublecrossed the Speldelmen and refused to be dispirited without a struggle.

After the completion of the 121 and 128-pound bouts the Ithacans were enjoying a 6-0 advantage over the astonished Penn State matmen, who couldn't believe their eyes.

In the 121-pound affair Lion sophomore Clair Hess battled Cornell's Harry Crandall to a standstill at the end of the nine minute period, but Crandall gained the decision in the overtime session.

Mort Serrell, flashy Big Red senior, encountered little trouble in defeating Dave Wate in the 128-pound match.

Gleason First Lion Victor

Intercollegiate champion Frank Gleason revived Lion hopes when he threw Pete Turner in the 130-pound tilt after 3 minutes and 32 seconds with a half nelson and a croch hold.

Joe Scaizo followed Gleason's example and tossed Ithacan Nick Turner with a front cradle hold in the short time of one minute and three seconds of the 145-pound class.

But Cornell came back fighting when Jim Trousdale was awarded a close decision over Roy Gensler in the 155-pound battle to cut the Lion's lead to one point, at 10-9.

Chuck Rohrer was a bit overcautious in winning the 165-pound match from Fred Riggs in an overtime session. The Lion 165-pounder lacked aggressiveness in the first nine minutes, which caused the decision to be delayed, pending an extra period.

Lion captain Ernie Bortz displayed superior wrestling ability in decimating Gard Reynolds in the 175-pound bout.

In the heavyweight match Warren Elliott was awarded the decision over Forbes Brown of Cornell. Elliott demonstrated speed and endurance in the best bout of the afternoon.

The Nittany Lions capitalized on their greater experience to defeat a Big Red team which refused to be aggressive, but depended on counter wrestling to score points.

Frosh Wrestlers Defeat Cornell

Kerns Wins By Fall To Clinch State Victory

Penn State's Lion Cubs opened their mat campaign with a well-earned 19-15 victory over Cornell's Bear Cubs at Ithaca Saturday.

Charlie Ridenour, frosh 121-pounder, threw Bob Kiernan of Cornell in 6 minutes and 27 seconds with a half nelson and body hold.

In the 128-pound bout Charlie Phillips won a decision over Ed Smallwood, blind Cornell grappler.

Allen Crabtree brought the Lion total to 11-0 when he defeated Nill Leuenberger in the 130-pound match.

Dave Mertz of Cornell threw 145-pounder Dick Peiffer after 6 minutes and 3 seconds with a half nelson and body hold.

Leo Roan, Lion 155-pounder, defeated Bill Senns in a very one-sided match.

Jim Stokoe won the 165-pound tilt on a default by Jim Bachman, who wrenched his knee.

Ithacan Fenton Brown threw Bob Sprout at 6:26 with a body press.

Cornell was leading 15-14 with the heavyweight match coming up. Jack Kerns assured the Lion Cubs of victory when he threw Clay Rockmore with a half nelson and body hold after one and one-half minutes of wrestling.

Varsity Swimmers Sink Frosh, 35-33

Yearlings Garner Two Firsts In Close Meet

Although the frosh mermen took only two firsts out of eight events, Penn State's varsity swimmers were barely able to submerge their fledgling rivals 35-33 in the frosh- varsity meet held Saturday afternoon in Glensland Pool.

The fact that speed merchant Bill Kirkpatrick, and divers Guy McLaughlin and Al Price were absent from the varsity roster may have had some effect on the result, however. Standout for the frosh was "Santa" Claus, freestyle sprinter, who took first in the 100 yard dash and placed second in the 50.

Providing his murred stars are back in the lineup, Coach Bob Galbraith does not expect too much trouble from the W & J swimmers when they come here Saturday. The Presidents have cracked pool records for two weeks in a row, however, so anything could happen.

Gymnasts Polish Style For First Interclass Tilt After Maryland Opener

A few little rough spots, subject to smoothing out by Coach Gene Wettstone, discovered in Saturday's informal gym meet with Maryland's Terps, and the Williamsport Gym Club are the order of the week as the varsity and freshmen acrobats prepare for Friday night, when the first annual inter-squad meet will take place in Rec Hall at 7:30 p. m.

With no other athletic events scheduled Friday, Lion sports followers will get a chance to see Wettstone's charges battle for class superiority.

Divided into four teams representative of each class, the varsity and freshmen teams will vie for a plaque to be awarded the highest-scoring team in Friday's quadrangular tussle.

SPORT MENU

With the moving up of the Western Maryland boxing meet to this evening, several changes in the week-end sports schedule were announced. The complete schedule for the week follows.

TONIGHT

Boxing—Western Maryland—8 p. m.

TOMORROW

Basketball—Syracuse, 8 p. m.

FRIDAY

Gymnastics—Inter-squad Meet 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY

Basketball—Navy—Away

Freshman basketball—Wyoming Seminary, 3:30 p. m.

Wrestling—Chicago, 7:00 p. m.

Freshman wrestling—Mercersburg—2:00 p. m.

Swimming—W & J—4:00 p. m.

Fencing—Temple—1:00 p. m.

After tomorrow, all evening events will begin at 8 p. m. unless changed for special causes, Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, announced yesterday.

Fencers Edge Out Penn, Beat Lehigh

Temple Duel Saturday Will Be 1st Home Meet

After getting off to an impressive start by edging out Penn, 14-13, and trouncing Lehigh, 19-8, the Lion fencing team will have a chance to show the home crowd Temple duellists in Rec Hall at 1 p. m. on Saturday.

Captain Paul Fiebigler pulled the Penn meet out of the fire, last Saturday, winning three matches with the sabre, and one with the foil. His three sabre victories were the deciding factor in the meet.

In total number of victories Les Kutz, and Elmer Lowenstein were not far behind Fiebigler, each garnering three Lowenstein won two epee, matches and one foil, and Kutz took all three of his with the foil.

At Lehigh, on Friday, the Lion fencers had little difficulty in subduing a highly-touted Engineer team, 19-8.

The Nittanymen were never in danger, as they ran up a margin of victory in the foil and epee matches, making the sabre even an anti-climax.

Sophomore Bob Harder, in his first varsity meet, showed much promise as he chalked up three victories with the epee.

Frosh Lose Fights; Must Keep Customs

Tribunal May Rule On Duration Tonight After 6-2 Sophomore Victory On Friday

Student Tribunal had the task today of deciding how long customs will continue for the Class of 1943 following a 6-2 sophomore victory in the traditional interclass fight held before a capacity crowd in Recreation Hall last Friday night.

The sophomore victory over the freshmen—which was the first since the fights were revived in 1939—left the removal of customs with Tribunal which before the fight had said it would continue customs enforcement at least a month if the freshmen lost. A final decision may be announced after the Tribunal session tonight.

SUMMARIES

120 pound—Don Holligan '42 decisedon John Reitz.

127 pound—Freshman class won by forfeit.

135 pound—(Exhibition) Simon Siegal '42 decisedon Milt Dickson.

135 pound—Bill Mazzocco '43 decisedon Walt Greenberg.

145 pound—Homer Hoffman '42 decisedon Bill Richards.

155 pound—Irving Jontow '42 decisedon John Stanbacher.

165 pound—Les Navran '42 decisedon Bill Madden.

175 pound—Harry Masters '42 decisedon Emer Kasprzyk.

Heavyweight—Paul Mall '42 won by TKO from Len Frescoln in 1 minute, 45 seconds of second round.

Final score: Sophomores 6; Freshmen 2.

Referee—Joseph Miller; judges—Col. A. R. Emery and Charles Werner; timekeeper—Samuel Crabtree, seconds—Michael Cooper and Bernard Sandson for freshmen, James Lewis and Frank Stanko for sophomores.

Lions Will Send Five Veterans Against Foe Who Will Present Only Two Experienced Ringmen

Houck Predicts Team This Season Will Improve On 4-4 Dual Meet Record Made Last Year

By BUD SMYSER

Five veterans will be fighting for Penn State when the Lions open their 1940 ring season against Western Maryland in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. tonight.

They are Captain Mike Cooper who will move up from his old 120 pound spot to the 127 weight, Red Stanko who is moving down from 145 to 135, Bernie Sandson at 155, Jim Lewis at 165, and heavyweight John Patrick.

Newcomers to the lineup will be Vic Fiore, a junior, fighting his first varsity bout at 120, Bob Baird, undefeated as a freshman 145-pounder last year, and Harry Masters, sophomore 175-pounder who was unbeaten as a freshman.

Originally the opener was not scheduled until next Saturday and the advance in date has caught the Penn State boxers far from their peak condition. Mike Cooper had a bad cold over the week-end, and Paul Mall, 175 pound contender, was in the infirmary with a slight touch of flu.

Coach Leo Houck, however, was willing to predict his team would win and ventured that the season record would be better this year than last when the squad won four and lost four dual meets while trying for third in the eastern intercollegiate.

Rinkmen Drop 4-1 Game To Hershey

State Holds Bears Until Last Period 'Field Day'

Despite brilliant defensive work for over two periods, Penn State's ice hockey sextet succumbed to the fast finishing Hershey Junior Bears 4-1 in Hershey Friday night. The Bears tallied three goals during the last period to hand the Lions their second setback in as many starts in Eastern Intercollegiate Hockey League competition.

State's lone point was registered by Oscar Smith after 10:43 minutes of the second period had elapsed.

The summary

Penn State	Goal	Hershey
Lighthbody	Goal	Swarz
Smith	Defense	Packer
Wolbert	Defense	Miller
Dowler	Center	Johnson
Mangerum	L Wing	Brown
Matula	R Wing	Sheeley
Alternates Penn State—Garret, Robbie, Bowman, Bachman, Irwin, Johnson, Fedock, Omalecki, Herriek, Lelong Hershey—Pendelton, Stover, E Corsetti, Penes, I Corsetti, Rodemaker, Emerick, Hartsock.		

First period Goals—(1) 1 Hershey, Stover (E Corsetti, Pendelton) 6:05 Penalties—Sheeley, roughing, Wolbert, board-checking, Emerick, tripping.

Second period Goals—(2) Penn

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Special to the Collegian

WESTMINSTER, Md., January 15—Boxing coach Anthony Orteni, handling the Western Maryland squad for his first year, announced today he would send a team of seven sophomores and one junior veteran against Penn State in his opening meet there tomorrow night. Of the seven sophomores, only one had experience as a freshman.

Despite the inexperience of his team, Orteni said his season prospects seemed good and predicted the squad would compare favorably with Green and Gold teams of the past.

Orteni himself was an intercollegiate champion boxer for Western Maryland two years ago winning the 155-pound title in bouts held at Penn State.

His two veterans are Captain Joe Rouse, 127-pounder, a junior who won three fights and lost four in competition during the last two years, and Sophomore Bob Ricker, 135-pounder, who won four fights, lost one, and drew one as a freshman varsity man last year. Western Maryland has four-year eligibility because it has no freshman team.

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State, Smith, 10:43 Penalties—None.

Third period Goals—(3) Hershey, E Corsetti (Stover) 7:34, (4) Hershey, Sheeley (Johnson, Brown) 12:01, (5) Hershey, Penes (I Corsetti) 13:28 Penalties—Packer, tripping.

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