

Nittany Cagers Will Open Against W & J Saturday

Game Scheduled 8 P.M. In Rec Hall

The varsity cagers will open the winter sports curtain for Lion fans Saturday when they meet W&J in the grand finale of the annual basketball clinic sponsored by the College.

The game will be in Rec Hall and will start at 8 p. m. instead of 7 p. m. as stated in the Faculty Bulletin.

The Presidents will bring to the court almost the same bunch of players who squelched State, 35-26, in the feature contest of last year's basketball school. Like the Lions, the Washington and Jefferson outfit will be playing its first game of the season.

The Lawther-coached team's starting lineup seemed pretty well set last night except for one forward position where either veteran Scotty Moffatt or sophomore Johnny Silan may get the nod. Practice teaching kept Moffatt from joining the squad until the middle of November and consequently he is handicapped by lack of practice.

The four couragen who seem sure of starting positions are Captain Johnnie Barr, junior lettermen Dick Grimes and Elmer Gross, and sophomore Herk Baltimore.

The varsity game, as well as three other demonstration contests scheduled during the day, will be analyzed over a public address system by a group of coaches as the game progresses.

In one of the other games court fans will have an opportunity to get a preview of the American University team which plays State in Washington, D. C. on January 30. The Eagles battle Bloomsburg State Teachers College in a half-court scrimmage which starts at 11 a. m.

The Lion JayVee team will meet Lock Haven State Teachers College at 6:30 p. m. as a preliminary to the varsity encounter. In the afternoon Allentown opposes Bradford in a high school game starting at 2:45 o'clock.

The basketball clinic is the fourth annual sports event of its kind sponsored by the College. More than 1,000 persons are expected to witness the demonstration games and hear talks by prominent basketball coaches and officials.

Included among the visiting experts who will participate in the clinic sessions are Malcolm Musser, coach at Bucknell; Gerald Newton, coach at Elwood City High School; George Beech, Jr., president of the Mountain District Basketball Officials Association; and Dr. J. Wynn Fredericks, chief of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Physical Education.

There is no registration charge for the clinic nor admission fee for any of the demonstration games.

Starts Fifth Season



Basketball coach John Lawther, above, will begin his fifth season as Nittany coach when the courtmen take the floor against W. and J. Saturday night. During his four years here Lawther's teams have won 54 games and lost 29 for a percentage of .651.

Captain Gajecki Selected Center On All-East Team

Leon Gajecki, captain of the Nittany Lion eleven for the past gridiron season has been selected as center for the Eastern Team to play in the annual East-West football game, it was learned last night.

Gajecki received a long distance telephone call from Andy Kerr last night with instructions to be in Chicago by December 18. Kerr and Bery Bierman are the coaches of the Eastern Team.

The game will probably be played on the West Coast this year.

Peters' 101-yd. Runback Surpassed By Powers

Chuck Peters, Penn State's brilliant tailback, ran two kick-offs back for touchdowns this past season—one for 101 yards, another for 96, but Temple's Jimmy Powers carried off top honors on Pennsylvania gridirons for the longest run of the season by carrying the opening kickoff against Michigan State back for 105 yards and an Owl touchdown.

Peters' 101-yard return of the opening kickoff against N. Y. U. was second longest run in the State during the 1940 campaign.

Peters' 96-yard return of the second-half kickoff against Lehigh was fourth longest gallop of the year.

Speidel To Lead Wrestling Clinic

A wrestling clinic conducted by the College under the supervision of Coach Charles Speidel will be attended by high school wrestling coaches, officials, and members of teams throughout eastern Pennsylvania, at Forty Fort high school, Saturday.

Enthusiastically received at similar clinics in other towns, Coach Speidel will take his varsity grapplers with him to supervise the high school team members during a special wrestling activity period from 10 to 11:45 a. m.

While the school boy wrestlers are going through their practice session, coaches, officials, fans and others will join in a general meeting covering such topics as rules, interpretations, wrestling in the news, and community activities.

Among those who will speak at the clinic will be H. Ridge Riley, director of sports publicity here at the College. Following the showing of movies of the National Intercollegiate wrestling finals, Coach Speidel will put on a special demonstration session for the coaches.

Krouse Rated 2nd In Pass Receiving

Len Krouse's breathtaking pass snatching all season gained him runner-up honors among the nation's pass receivers, figures released Tuesday by the American Football Statistical Bureau revealed.

In the eight games, the Lion wingback caught 25 passes for a gain of 420 yards or an average of 16.8 yards per pass.

Bryant of Virginia University snagged 30 forwards in nine games to lead in that department but only netted a gain of 222 yards or 7.4 per pass. Only Vosberg, Marquette, surpassed Krouse in yardage gained and average per try, with 19 passes good for a net of 465 yards or 24.47 per try.

Other figures find the Nittany-men high in most of the other departments. A summary of the Blue and White gridiron achievements follows:

1. Penn State placed 14th among the nation's teams in total offense. Not one Lion opponent was ahead of the Nittany machine.
2. Penn State ranked sixth in total defense. Navy, Santa Clara, Boston College, Mississippi State and San Jose State were rated ahead of the Nittany Lions.
3. Len Krouse, reserve halfback, tied Navy's Busick in total yards gained rushing and passing for 21st place.
4. Penn State ranked 10th in rushing offense, and 11th in defense against rushing.
5. Bill Smaltz, Nittany Lion fullback, finished sixth in the nation among the individual leaders in forward passing offense. Smaltz attempted 70 passes, completed 36, had only seven intercepted, gained 413 yards for State through the air for an average gain of 5.90 yards per pass.

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Lion All-American



Captain "Gates" Gajecki has won a place for himself in Penn State's hall of fame by grabbing the center spot on NEA's All-American team. He was also on Hearst's second All-American aggregation.

Gajecki And Co. Make All-Teams

What with the All-American, all-state, all-opponent and bowl fever enjoying its usual post-season popularity throughout the nation, the Nittany Lion football team paced by Captain Leon Gajecki is winning more than its share of mention.

The brilliant pivot man, who has already won a niche in the State football hall of fame by clinching the center post on the NEA All-American team, garnered additional honors last week by being placed on the Hearst second All-American eleven and on the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania team for the second straight year. Lion followers are anxiously awaiting the announcements of the A.P., U.P., Colliers and Liberty selections to see how Gajecki fares.

Johnny Patrick, rugged blocking back and signal caller, was also named on the All-state eleven to give the Lions two representatives. In addition, Tom Vargo was picked as one of the second team ends, Chuck Peters gained a spot on the third eleven and no less than five other Nittany-men received honorable mention. They were Frank Platt, Wade Mori,

Mike Garbinski, Pepper Petrella, and Len Krouse. Garbinski also won an unusual honor by gaining a spot on the 1940 "All-American" Polish team.

All possible chances for a bowl bid disappeared yesterday morning with the announcement that Georgetown University had accepted the invitation to play Mississippi State in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day. The only bid received by Penn State for a post-season game was a strong feeler from Sun Bowl officials but Lion authorities turned it down because of the travelling distance involved and the bad weather which would hamper practice.

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Intramural Boxers Open Season As 31 Enter Ring At 4 p.m. Today

The first rounds of intramural boxing will get underway in Rec Hall today at 4 p. m. as 31 contestants take to the ring to demonstrate their fistic abilities.

A public address system is being installed for the benefit of the spectators who are requested to sit in the balcony rather than on the ground floor.

Entries for the Independent League are as follows: 120 pound class—Bill Stanley meets Tom McCresney. 127 pound — Sam Harry and Sam Fromm. 135 pound — Saul Sorin and Max Hanna. 145 pound—Arnold Rosenblatt and John Blotzer.

155 pound—R. Burak and Bob Edelman, Jim Williams and Ed Martin. 165 pound—Ben Snipas and Ross Manley.

Entries in the fraternity league

are: 120 pound—Army McGill, SPE, and Milt Scholla, Sigma Chi, Tom Walsh, Phi Kappa, and John McCreary, KDR. 135 pound—Frank Mayberry, Sigma Phi Sigma, and Mort Blaustein, Gamma Sigma Phi.

Also 135 pound—Leo Ronigstien, Beta Sigma Rho, and Dave Mackey, Sigma Nu. 145 pound—R. Kurtz, DU, and Ed Ninteln, SPE, Bill Simpson, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Leo Russell, KDR.

155 pound—Art Flynn, Theta Kappa Phi, and Irv Jontow, Sigma Phi Delta, Stu Burns, Phi Gam, and Ed McGinley, Theta Kappa Phi. 165 pound—Paul Blommers, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Bill Litenski, AGR, Carl Maier, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Carl Zeigler, Sigma Nu.



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