

Lion Basketballers Crush Susquehanna Quintet, 55-18

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

The intramural boxing bombings are over for another year, but those in charge of next year's fist-cuff tourney might keep in mind one thing . . . It was evidenced in the still resounding decision of the Max Peters-Irv Jontow scrap Tuesday night . . . It might be possible, and a good idea too, if more capable judges could be used in deciding the outcome of the finals . . . With all due respect to the ROTC department officers and all track coaches this writer sees no reason why the judging couldn't be done by someone notably versed in ring-lore . . . To the kids fighting for the IM championships, it's a pretty important matter, and they should be given every possible chance to win . . . This doesn't mean that the Peters-Jontow decision was the only questionable one during the tournament, but only proved the point by its unpopular approval.

Two healthy rumors drifted West these last few days from out New York way . . . First that if Billy Soose takes the count of Tami Mauriella in their January 3 bout, the former Penn State ringman will get a real-honest-to-goodness shot at the middleweight crown now physically (or otherwise) held by Ken Overlin . . . Rumor No. 2 has to do with Gates Gajecki, retiring Lion grid captain . . . At the football banquet last Thursday Bob Higgins stated that he had received some "very good news" per telegram about the Nittany pivot star, but couldn't publicly announce it . . . By mathematical deduction, would it be too far-fetched to hope that the State star might be the center choice on the All-American Board's team which is due to hit newsstands within the next week or so?

Remember Nestor Kociubinsky, frosh boxing coach last year and ex-Lion ring satellite . . . "Koch" has recently taken over duties as boxing instructor at the Broadwood A. C. in New York . . . Whoever clinches the 175-pound wrestling post on Charlie Speidel's team which meets the University of Maryland grapplers on January 11, is in for a big night . . . Filling that slot for the Terps will be a Pennsylvania boy, Paul McNeil, who has won 33 consecutive mat decisions, without a loss!

Penn State Club Banquet To Feature Bill Jeffrey

Bill Jeffrey, coach of the Penn State undefeated soccer team, will be the guest speaker at the annual Penn State Club banquet, in the Sandwich Shop at 6 p.m. tonight.

Andrew P. Szekely '43, pianist, and Leon Rabinowitz '43, comedian, will be the featured entertainers. Al A. Zimmer '43, will lead group singing of Christmas carols.

Notre Dame now has a flying field near its stadium.

2 Frosh Make Interclass Team In Wrestling Trials

Freshman wrestling trials were held yesterday afternoon at Rec Hall in the 128, 155, and 175 pound classes with two grapplers, Joe Steeie and Ed Roberts, winning in the finals. The winners in each class will make up the frosh team for the inter-class meet.

Semi-Finals

128-pound class: Sam Harry decisioned Norman Sudnick.

155-pound class: Mike Graznak decisioned Bill Emmons.

175-pound class: Edward Roberts pinned Bill Procter.

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Reserve Matmen Needed By Speidel

With only one full week of intensive practice left before the Nittany Lion grapplers tangle with Maryland, January 11, Coach Charlie Speidel still has a team of unknown strength as it rapidly nears the time when the referee calls, "Wrestle."

With Captain Frankie Gleason, Joe Scalzo, and Chuck Rohrer as his only varsity men returning, Speidel must rely upon his reserves and sophomores, who have shown excellent form during practice.

Although 136-pound Gleason and Rohrer, 165-pound grappler, with Scalzo alternating at 145 or 155 pounds, have their posts well in hand, there will be an open fight for the other positions:

Charlie Ridenour and Bill Stanley, two sophomores, appear to dominate the 121 and 128-pound competition, while Tim Welch, Walt Polak, Bob Cressman, Irwin Curry, all sophomores, and Bill Vanderline, junior, offer a challenge to Captain Gleason.

John Henry and Frank Horpel lead the varsity competition for the 145-pound spot, with sophomores Allen Crabtree, Len Gitschier, Clarence McCall, and Jim Metzler fighting for recognition.

In case Speidel decides to switch the dependable Scalzo to the 155-pound position, the varsity grappler will have tough going against Glenn Alexander, Tom Tate, and Curt Eves, who were reserves last year.

Ben Snipas, Jim Bachman, Ralph Sayre, and George Campbell may dethrone Chuck Rohrer as the 165-pound varsity regular, but the 175-pound weight will be wide open between Joe Vallo, Skip Scott, Paul Richards, and Bob Sproat.

Bill Bachman, brother of the former Captain Don Bachman '38, may wrestle either in the unlimited class or a lower weight. John McHugh, Jack Kearns, and Jim Hale will compete in the unlimited group.

Second-String Lions Play Most Of Game

In what can hardly be called a fair test of playing ability, the Nittany cagers played topflight ball to sweep to a ridiculously easy 55-18 victory over Susquehanna in Rec Hall last night.

The Lion first team made a mistake in even coming to the game and saw action for only 10 minutes. The second five entered the exhibition midway in the first half when the score was 16-0 and played until the final gun.

The high spot of the State performance was shooting as the courtmen sank 25 out of 60 shots for a percentage of .416, their best of the season in this department. The floor play—of the first-string, at least—was nearly faultless as Coach John Lawther's continuity plays worked almost to perfection.

Veteran Scotty Moffatt, starting his first game of the year, opened the Lion target practice about two minutes after the start by tallying from close under the basket on an assist by Elmer Gross. With that as a start the Nittany passers scored almost at will until they turned the ball game over to the reserves.

The subs continued where the first team left off and by halftime had upped the count to 26-5. In the second half they outscored the Crusaders, 29-13, to make the final score of 55-18 the greatest margin of victory run up in any of the three Nittany wins to date.

No less than five Lion courtmen—Moffatt, Johnny Silan, Bob Crowell, John Linde and John Egli—shared scoring honors with eight points apiece. Moffatt got his share on four field goals within the first 10 minutes of play.

The summary:

	G.	F.	Pts.
Penn State (55)			
Moffatt, f	4	0	8
Silan	3	2	8
Barr, f	1	0	2
Crowell	4	0	8
Baltimore, c	2	0	4
Linde	4	0	8
Edgar	1	1	3
Rimes, g	1	0	2
Ramin	2	0	4
Gross, g	0	0	0
Egli	3	2	8
Totals	25	5	55
Susquehanna (18)			
Ford, f	1	2	4
Templin, f	3	0	6
Heaton, c	1	0	2
Miller, g	2	0	4
Smith	1	0	2
Walsh, g	0	0	0
McCord	0	0	0
Isaacs	0	0	0
Totals	8	2	18

Referee: Levine, Umpire: Neff.

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Ski Team Chosen For 'Placid' Meet

Captain Sam Crabtree, Max Peters, Howard Mendenhall, and Henry Thurston have been selected to represent Penn State at Lake Placid for the twentieth annual invitation college ski meet, to be held Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, Coach Max Dercum announced.

Dercum's decision was based mostly on the results of the time trials held 10 days ago. Practice has not been held since that time, due to the bad conditions on the ski trail.

In the Lake Placid meet, 12 colleges are expected to compete for the President Harding Trophy, symbolic of the team honors. Middlebury won the trophy last year, with Harvard as runner-up.

Colgate, Cornell, Middlebury, New Hampshire, Penn State, Princeton, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Williams, Yale, and possibly Hamilton College will seek honors at the coming meet.

Harvard has indicated that it will be unable to participate, and Dartmouth has not been listed as yet. McGill, St. Patrick's, Queens University, and Toronto of Canada, which have lent an international aspect since the games were inaugurated, are missing from the list of schools entered.

However, there should be plenty of fireworks in the Lake Placid event, because of an even distribution of strength among the schools. Dartmouth, leader in the ski meet for years, will face some stiff opposition this time.

Frosh Cagers Top Jayvee Five, 25-21

Returning after a 31-25 defeat at the hands of the Jayvee cagers last Saturday, the Lion yearlings overcame the same basketball outfit by a 25-21 score last night in the second pre-season game as a preliminary to the State-Susquehanna contest.

Whitey Van Neda's goal in the first three seconds of play sparked the freshmen five to a 14-4 lead as the half ended. Sid Cohen, freshman forward, captured the scoring honors with eight points.

The Jayvees returned in the second half to play a better brand of ball led by Herb Currie, Wilbur Van Lenten, and Bob Batchelor. By the end of the game the freshman lead was decreased to four points. The yearlings suffered the greatest loss when their second team saw action.

Twenty-eight Qualified For IM Weight-Lifting Finals

Twenty-eight students have qualified for the intramural weight-lifting finals which will be held next month.

Those qualified are:
 112-118 pound class: Joe Sawick '44, Vince Sweigert, Bill Stanley '43.

118-132 pound class: Tom McChesney '44, Henry Wenger '44, Clair Hess '42.

132-148 pound class: George Cross '44, Jim Brewer, Carl Nitsche '42, Joe Garbacz '43, Bill Vanderlin '42, John Griffith '41, Walt Hollobaug '42.

148-165 pound class: Kim Grimm '42, John McIntyre '43, Carl Morris '44, Jim Mollenauer '43, Jim Ziegler '44, Miit Kuhn '43, Larry Tate '41.

165-181 pound class: Larry Curtis '42, Bert Taylor '42, Jay Hammond '44, Linn Adams '44, Harry Bland '42, Joe Valla '41, Jim Bachman '42.

181-heavyweight: Dick Marsh '44.

Alfred M. Swift '27 Writes Story In This Week's Post

Alfred M. Swift '27, takes his place among authors in this week's Saturday Evening Post, where he writes "I'm Going Home" about Pennsylvania mountains and coal mines around Altoona.

At The Movies

CATHAUM—
 "Trail of the Vigilantes"
STATE—
 "Go West"
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 "Mark of Zorro"

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