

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

Genial Gene Wettstone, gymnastics coach and Penn State's Mighty Barnum, nabbed us yesterday to pour wonderful words of his coming All-College Circus into our ears . . . Says Gene: "The Circus this year is going to be twice as terrific as anything we've attempted before" . . . We learned that the theme this year will be "Penn State on Parade"—climaxed by a pageant of Lion athletic and recreational activity, equalled only by Billy Rose's Aquacade . . . Gene, who is probably State's most progressive coach from a viewpoint of service here, was emphatic that the Circus, which falls on April 26, will do a lot for Penn State that day, since hundreds of high school administrators, conventioning here will be in the audience . . .

Earl Edwards, Nittany end coach, was moaning the other day about the freshman football players . . . "Those guys have gained about a ton in weight since the finished" . . . "You can't get the fat boys to work out in the gym, and the skinny ones are here all the time—guess that's why they're so skinny" . . . Then Earl hinted a little about next year . . . "That boy Ventresco is going to mean a lot to us in 1941—I wouldn't be surprised if he beat Smaltz out at fullback" . . . We asked about Sparky Brown . . . "Oh yeh, Brownie is going to be right in there next fall" . . . "When Brownie started that West Virginia game last year, it did more for the kid than anything could have" . . .

A note comes to this desk that Donald G. Enoch '18, now track coach at Newton High School, was on the program of the Track Coaches Convention in New York during the holidays . . . All of which is significant since Enoch was the only high school track mentor at the confab, which was strictly for college cinder coaches.

Boxers Warm Up For Debut Jan. 25

In spite of the absence of Coach Leo Houck, who is ill at his home in Lancaster, the Lion boxers are busy preparing for their opener with Western Maryland on January 25.

All the remaining members of last year's EIBA championship team have reported and are working out daily. Until "Doctor" Houck returns, it will be impossible to list an official lineup for the first string.

At present Captain "Red" Stan-ko, EIBA 127-pound champion, seems slated for the 135-pound division, though there is a possibility that he may fight 145. Bob Baird will probably try for the 145 or 155 division. A newcomer to the first string is Bill Richardson, who may also try for the 145 post.

Jim Lewis, EIBA 165-pound champion, weighs about 162 pounds and is anxious for a crack at the 155-pound class this year. He may, however, end up in the same division he fought last year.

In the heavier divisions, Paul Maul and Paul Scally are both weighing in around 183 pounds. One of them will probably fight 175. Johnny Patrick will probably try for the unlimited assignment, though his attendance at Rec Hall has been practically nil so far.

THRILL To These Song Hits:
"Love Of My Life"
"Poor Mister Chisholm"
"I Ain't Hep To That Step"

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Senior Grapplers Capture Interclass Wrestling Crown

Rohrer, Horvath Score Falls In Mat Finals

Senior grapplers demonstrated that experience is the best teacher when they racked up 24 points to snatch the closely contested interclass wrestling title last night in Rec Hall, the sophomores trailing with 18 points, and the junior and freshman matmen deadlocked at 16.

Two falls and a tie highlighted the bouts which cast 16 of Penn State's trickiest mat performers into a catch-as-you-can struggle for interclass supremacy.

A surprising feature of the matches was that the freshmen, who had placed only three men in the finals, garnered two individual crowns and suffered its only setback in a thrilling match between Charlie Ridenour '43 and Sam Harry '44.

In the 121-pound tussle, Clair Hess '42 and Bill Stanley '43 grappled evenly for nine minutes, with both contestants gaining and losing the advantage twice. The bout was declared a draw.

Another closely drawn duel in the 128-pound class was copped by Charlie Ridenour '43, 1939 PIAA champion, when he reversed his position against Sam Henry '44 several times in a fast-moving bout.

Captain Frank Gleason '41 narrowly missed conquering Jack Metzler '43, a skillful newcomer in the 136-pound class, when Metzler aggressively took an early one-point lead. The Nittany captain surged back in the final minute to cop the bout.

Allen Crabtree '43 decided John Henry '42 in the 145-pound division when he switched his position three times to gain the referee's nod. Joe Scalzo, the varsity's fast-working grappler, took Glenn Alexander to the mat three times to gain another senior title.

Freshman Bill Poorman was pinned in 8:45 minutes by Chuck Rohrer '41 after he had extended the Lion varsity 165-pounder.

Pulling an unexpected victory, Bob Morgan '44 exhibited clever wrestling to decision Joe Valla '41 in the 175-pound class. Following his teammate's triumph, Charlie Horvath '44 caused even more ring-side comment when he pinned Bill Bachman '41 after a fast, even battle in the unlimited division. Bachman, ordinarily a 175-pound grappler, could not overcome the weight advantage.

Lighter Grapplers Lead Mat Parade

Coach Charlie Speidel's ballet of lightweight grapplers are leading the parade for Saturday's opener against the Maryland Terrapins, who are considered one of the better southern mat teams.

Looking strong and formidable in this week's practice sessions and interclass finals, the lower and middleweights are not causing the Lion coach any worry. With such mat performers as Captain Frank Gleason, Joe Scalzo, Chuck Rohrer, Charlie Ridenour, Clair Hess, and others looking in good condition, the outlook is bright.

However, the vacancy caused by the departure of last year's Captain Ernie Bortz, 175-pound Intercollegiate champion, and George Elliott, heavyweight, rests the burden of victory against the Terrapins upon the shoulders of two new men.

The most promising candidates for the posts are Bill Bachman and Joe Valla, who probably will compete today in team trials for the 175-pound slot, while Jack Kerns is considered the best heavyweight prospect. However, Speidel may make a last minute switch and place Bachman in the heavyweight division.

Bachman and Valla, seniors who have been reserve grapplers on the varsity squad, and Kerns, sophomore football tackle, will be vying for their first varsity starting role.

Lion Squad Meets Skibo Veterans

Three veterans make up the nucleus of this year's aggregation of Carnegie Tech mermen who will meet the Lion splashers here at 2 p. m. Saturday. The tilt will be the season's opener for both squads.

The Nittanymen will be able to present a well-balanced lineup against the Skibos since both Ted Clauss and Elmer Webb will be able to participate in Saturday's contest. Clauss had been handicapped with a bad cold and Webb had suffered an injured wrist.

Len Fruchter, varsity back-stroker, who will be the only Lion swimmer out of the meet, will probably be replaced by Ed Ostermeyer or McCarthy.

Especially weak in the fancy diving, Coach Bob Galbraith's lads will have to depend on the other events and especially the back-stroke to garner the decisive points. Joe Volvie, Tech back-stroker, is perhaps one of the most outstanding of the Skibo "threat" men.

Intra-Squad Gym Meet To Be Held

As a prelude to their curtain raiser with Navy's Eastern Intercollegiate championship team on February 1, Penn State's gymnasts will swing into competitive action for the first time this year on Saturday, January 18 in the Varsity-Freshman meet.

The varsity-fresh contest will replace the annual interclass meet which has been abolished because of a deficiency of material in certain apparatus among the upper classes. What the upperclassmen lack in quantity they make up in all-around efficiency, however, and several varsity performers will show their versatility in many departments.

With the influx of polished gymnasts to State during the past two years, Wettstone expects the best varsity gym team in the history of the sport here. The yearlings also boast brilliant performers in their aggregation and heated competition will probably result when the two teams meet.

The main purpose of the meet is to give Coach Wettstone an idea as to who his best men on the various apparatus are and thereby build his plans for the Midshipmen's invasion. The Lions have never defeated the future Admirals on the gym floor.

380 Students' Parents Are Penn State Graduates

Approximately one out of every 17 students enrolled at the College this year is the son or daughter of a Penn State graduate.

The total number of such students is 380, out of an aggregate undergraduate enrollment of approximately 6500. This total, which is 30% higher than last year, includes all students who list either one or both parents as graduates of this College.

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Gross Released From Infirmary But May Be Lost To Cage Team For Weekend Games At NYU, Pitt

Elmer Gross, first-string guard on the Lion basketball club, was released from the Infirmary yesterday afternoon but it is doubtful if he will be able to make the weekend trip to NYU and Pittsburgh.

Even if the junior basketballer, who is suffering from a badly-wrenched knee, does go with the team it doesn't look like he will be of much use. Sophomore Bob Ramin is tentatively slated to take Gross' place at the back-line post.

Against the Violets in New York tomorrow night the Nittany passers will be taking on one of the best cage outfits in the East—a team which has gone undefeated this year and which in 1939-40 lost only to CCNY.

Probable starters for NYU are Ed Stevens and Mort Lazar at forwards, Irving Davis at center, and Ralph Kaplowitz and Captain Ben Auerbach at guards. Four of these, all except Auerbach, started against State last February when the Violets bloomed to a 35-29 win.

After the NYU contest the local courtmen will hop a sleeper to Pittsburgh where they meet their old rival, the Pitt Panther, Saturday night. It will be the 55th

court engagement between the two institutions in a series which extends back to 1906. In this 35-year span the Lions have come off with 29 victories and Pitt, 25.

Barr and Company will come face to face with an all-veteran Smoky City aggregation composed of Eddie Straloski, George Kocheran, Mel Port, Jim Klein and Sam Milanovitch. Two other lettermen, Larry Paffrath and Ed Ziolkowski, are on the reserve list.

To date, the Panthers have four wins and three losses. In a Christmas trip through the Midwest they annexed victories in four of six contests against Big Ten competition. Their third defeat was suffered Tuesday night at the hands of Westminster, Lion Coach John Lawther's charge before he came to the Nittany Valley in 1936.

Artie Shaw And His Band
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