

Between The Lions

WITH JOHN BAER

It's a few days late but we would like to present Penn State's case for the invitation to represent this district in the eastern National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tourney—an invitation which was awarded to Pitt's Panthers.

For one thing, the Nittany cagers have a better record than Pitt. The Panthers won 12 and lost 5 for a percentage of .701 and the Lions ended with 15 victories and the same number of defeats as the Panthers for .750. State is ranked 9th in Pennsylvania and Pitt, 12th. Against each other, the two teams split, State winning 36-21 and Pitt taking a 37-26 victory.

A look at the record book shows that the Lions need not be ashamed of any of their five losses. Wash-Jeff, Pitt, West Virginia, Syracuse and Georgetown were the only teams able to down the Lions and for three of these setbacks—Pitt, Syracuse and Georgetown—the Lions got full measure of revenge. To those, add victories over NYU and Temple and the Nittany cagers have a record any team would be proud of. It is significant, too, that no team defeated State twice.

We'll let you judge for yourselves whether the members of the NCAA invitations committee for this district were biased in making their decision. On the committee are H. Jamison Swarts, athletic director at Penn; Dr. H. C. Carlson, coach at Pitt; and Lewis P. Andreas, coach at Syracuse.

We'll let you judge for your own decision as to whether State deserved the invitation more than

Hess Injured, But Likely To Compete In Tourney

Suffers Head Injury

Doctor Hopes For Rapid Recovery From Blow



CLAIR HESS

Clair Hess, veteran 128-pound Lion grappler, received a minor head injury in wrestling practice last night, but the injury probably will not be serious enough to keep him from Eastern Intercollegiate competition this weekend, according to Dr. Alfred H. Griess, team physician.

Pitt did. It really doesn't matter because the committee has decided and its decision will stand.

"Ole Man Injury" stalked on the mats of the Penn State grapplers last night when Clair Hess, veteran 128-pounder, suffered a minor head injury when he was knocked unconscious in a warm-up bout with little Charlie Ridenour.

Hess was taken to the College Infirmary immediately for observation and was resting comfortably last night, according to the Infirmary staff.

When contacted later, Dr. Alfred H. Griess, team physician, stated that Hess probably could compete in the intercollegiate this weekend at Columbia if he improves as quickly as he has responded to treatment.

The Nittany Lions will taper off in their final drill tonight with Coach Charlie Speidel planning to iron out a few rough spots in their grappling technique.

With Penn, Lehigh, Princeton, and Penn State, rated as the grunt-and-groan favorites to battle for the Eastern Intercollegiate diadem, Speidel will count on Ridenour, Captain Frank Gleason, and Joe Scalzo to act as the Penn State flying wedge.

Captain Gleason and Scalzo, 145-pound titan, lead the Lions with seven triumphs apiece, with Scalzo dropping one bout. Bolstered by 15 straight victories in two years varsity competition, Gleason will seek to regain the intercollegiate title that he lost to Lehigh of Penn last year.

Penn's Andy Melgard and Gerald Baker of Syracuse, both undefeated, will lock arms with Scalzo, who has been described by the former Olympic wrestler, Dick Voliva, as one of the smoothest counter grapplers that he has seen.

Drawings for tournaments bouts will not take place until Friday morning, a few hours prior to the beginning of the first bouts.

18 Independent Teams Compete In Intramural Basketball Tournament

Nine independent intramural basketball games were played last night in Rec Hall with the following scores:

Watts Hall Whites 22, Penn State Forestry Society 9; Watts Hall Blues 10, Mac Hall Waiters 4; Boland's Spades 27, Miller Club 11; Rocky Ramblers 25, Zephyrs 24; West House 25, Langford House 13; Homan Hillmen 21, Burr-Nitt Club 8; Lion Club 13, Penn Haven 12; BRB No. 2 13, Fairmount Hall 6; Irvin Hall 25, Ath Hall Waiters 6.

Games tonight will start at 7:30 p. m. instead of the usually scheduled time of 8:30 p. m.

Cadets Defeat Nittany Riflemen At West Point

Nittany riflemen attacked the Army camp at West Point in a shoulder-to-shoulder encounter during the weekend, only to be repulsed by a 1387-1371 count.

Lion marksmen bogged down in their scoring as Hal Yount seared a 278, Co-captain Gil Gault marked a 277, and Dick Cuthbert garnered a 274. Bob Rambo and Bob McCoy shot 272 and 270, respectively.

Goalie Gets Measles

Larry M. Lightbody, varsity hockey goalie, is confined to the Infirmary with measles and probably will not be able to play against Lehigh Saturday.

Riding Club Asks College Approval For New Stable

Plans for a stable of 12 stalls to be erected on the campus by the Riding Club were submitted to the College for approval yesterday by Ray M. Conger, director of the All-College Outing Club.

The club intends to meet the expenses of building the stables, but no definite site for them has yet been chosen. Club membership will cost \$15 per semester, according to Dr. Henry L. Yeagley, sponsor.

Seventy members applied for riding privileges at the first meeting, Monday. Tennessee walking horse, especially bred to be ridden at a fast walking pace, was exhibited.

Pitt Five Invited To NCAA Tourney

Pitt's Panthers, with a record of 12 victories in 17 starts, have been invited to represent District 2 in the eastern National Athletic Association tournament at Madison, Wis., on March 21 and 22.

The tourney is the one to which the Lion cagers received a "feeler" bid last weekend. The announcement that Pitt had been invited came from H. Jamison Swarts, athletic director at Penn and chairman of District 2.

Other teams invited are Dartmouth, District 1; North Carolina, District 3; and Wisconsin, District 4. The winner of the tournament will meet the winner of the western section for the national championship.

The Nittany Lions, with 15 victories and 5 defeats for a .750 percentage, rank 9th among Pennsylvania court teams, according to won-lost compilations released yesterday.

The mythical state championship went to Westminster with a season mark of 20 triumphs against one setback.

The first 12 teams in order are: Westminster, Duquesne, East Stroudsburg, Wyomissing Polytechnic, Franklin and Marshall, Washington and Jefferson, Villanova, Grove City, Penn State, Edinboro, Bloomsburg and Pitt.

6 Veterans Back For Lacrosse

Thirty-five lacrosse candidates, including six lettermen, are practicing, under the direction of Coach Nick Thiel, in preparation for the first game of the season at Navy on April 12.

The six lettermen are Captain Jimmy Riddell and Bud Dattlebaum, inside attack men; Jim Ritter and Al Blair, center fielders; and Bill Henning and Bill Ziegenfus, inside defense men.

One of Thiels biggest problems is the goal tending position. Marty Saler, junior letter winner, will be out of action with an injured knee until late in the season. The most likely candidates for the post, according to Thiel, are Jack Santmyers, an inexperienced junior, and Jim Henderson, a sophomore.

Other candidates who stand to see a lot of action are sophomore Bob Koch on the inside attack; Charlie Lockwood, Mark Singley, Wayne Bitner, Bob Thorpe and Irv Chelly in center field; Jack McHugh, Jim Gotwals and Keene Campbell on the defense.

Housing Lecture Today

The third of the 1941 series of lectures on Pennsylvania Local Government and Administration will be given by Ellis Tumpson, executive assistant to the Pittsburgh Housing Authority, on "Public Housing in Pennsylvania," in Room 124, Sparks Building, at 4 p. m. today.

Boxers Prepare For Nationals

Penn State's boxers turned their backs on the most disastrous EIBA tourney the Lions have ever participated in, as they started looking forward to the grand finale of the season, the NCAA tournament, scheduled for Rec Hall, March 27, 28, and 29.

Only one more hurdle remains to be crossed before the State mitmen start actual preparation for the NCAA's—their last dual meet this season with Michigan State at East Lansing, Mich., Saturday.

Among the entries currently received for the Nationals are six boxers from Catholic University, Washington, D. C. One of Catholic's six entries is a boxer named Leo Houck, Jr. Advance press reports paint a favorable picture of the son of Penn State's boxing coach.

The Nationals will provide Leo Houck's boys with a chance to revenge defeats suffered from Syracuse, North Carolina, and Wisconsin, and at the recent EIBA fiasco.

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