

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG
Sports Editor

Lawther's Sixth

When State's 1941-42 basketball team opened its campaign against Susquehanna last night, it helped usher in Coach John Lawther's sixth year at the Blue and White helm. That in itself may not appear very noteworthy when compared to the long tenure of some of the other Lion mentors but the record of Lawther, as well as the man himself, are worth more than a mere passing glance.

In coming to Penn State in 1936, Lawther gave up an enviable record he had built up at little Westminster College where he had guided the basketball team to lofty heights among the nation's best court fives. In fact, his squad was awarded the honor of playing in the first double-header in New York's Madison Square Garden and boasted in its lineup some of the best collegiate performers around.

The Lion coach started his tutoring career here at a time when the basketball fortunes at State were at a low ebb. To make his job even more difficult, he was the leading exponent in the country of the so-called shifting zone defense, novel to all high school players.

65 Out of 101

How successful he has been is revealed by a glance at the records. In his five years at State, Lion quintets have won 65 games out of 101, a grand average of .644. The 1940-41 squad was acclaimed one of the best in the East, defeating among others such standout teams at Georgetown, NYU, Army, Navy, Syracuse, Colgate, Temple and Pitt.

This year Lawther is opening up with an inexperienced squad and may have to change his coaching program to fit the material at hand. For the past two years, he had on the team All-American Johnny Barr and Scotty Moffat, a pair of sharpshooters capable of hitting the basket most any time.

Because of the effective tossing of this pair under fire, Lawther concentrated on the team's defense and specialized in winning low scoring games. The shifting zone became the bugaboo of Lion opponents, who were repeatedly limited to a scant number of points.

Having lost Barr and Moffat, the Lion coach is concentrating on wholesale scoring by all members of the team, as was evidenced last night. He is laying stress on the offensive play at this point and will gamble on the defense to pick up on the way. Because of this, as well as the inexperienced personnel of the squad, he expects the first few games on the schedule to be the toughest.

He may be right there and while the Lions may lose a few of the early tilts, we're sure that the squad will improve with experience and prove an equal match for any court team before the season is over. It's not fair to ask miracles of any coach but we have seen Lawther work his magic before and are hoping for the best. Give him time and he'll do the best possible under the circumstances.

Speidel To Run Clinic

Coach Charlie Speidel will conduct a clinic for amateur wrestling enthusiasts of central and western Pennsylvania at the DuBois High School tomorrow. He will lecture on wrestling fundamentals and supervise a demonstration by high school matmen.

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Nittany Quintet Defeats Susquehanna In Second-Half Scoring Attack, 47-18

34 Boxers Open IM Bouts Today



GOOD START—John Lawther's varsity cagers coasted to an easy 47-18 victory over Susquehanna last night as the Lion coach started his sixth season at Penn State.

Freshman Five Tops Jayvee Quintet, 38-25 In Preliminary Contest

Trailing only in the first period the freshman basketball team romped to a 38-25 win over the jayvee quintet in the preliminary contest to the varsity fray at Rec Hall last night.

Cal Clements led the yearling scoring with six points while his teammate, Jim Lawther, son of the varsity coach, contributed good all around play. Of the 15 players who saw action with the freshman five, 12 had at least two points recorded for them.

Tom Sloane, tall guard who copped scoring honors with seven points, helped the upperclassmen take an 8-2 lead in the opening minutes and hold a 9-8 advantage when the first chapter ended. Garnering six more points in the second stanza, the freshmen pulled ahead at the half, 14-9.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

January	10—Cornell	Home
February	5—Bucknell	Home
	7—Kiski	Home
	13—Bucknell	Lewisburg
	14—Wyoming Seminary	Kingston
	21—Susquehanna	Home
March	4—Carnegie Tech	Home

Smaltz-To-Krouse Combination Sets High Mark Over 3 Seasons

Talented passing combinations may don Penn State's grid colors, but perhaps they will never reach the point of perfection which Captain Len Krouse and Fullback Bill Smaltz set on the gridiron in three seasons.

As a team, the two Lion stars have completed 58 passes for a total of 939 yards in three seasons. In the 1941 campaign, their greatest, 32 Smaltz-to-Krouse passes picked up 536 yards, scored four touchdowns, and set up five other scores. Syracuse, NYU, Lehigh, and West Virginia elevens felt their scoring power.

Perhaps the toss-and-catch artists saw their greatest triumph when, with 50 seconds left in the first half of the 1940 Syracuse game, Smaltz placed the tying score in Krouse's arms. With less than four minutes remaining in the game, another pass tied the final score. Besides those two scores, touchdown passes were also registered by the pair against Bucknell and Pitt.

Krouse, for the second consecutive season, is rated the finest pass-receiver in the East and again ranks fourth in the nation. But he attributes his success all to his partner.

"Bill is the best passer in the country. His passes are remarkably soft and easy to catch. He just lays that ball right in the re-

Ramin Paces Lions With Ten Points

By GORDON COY

After playing through a listless first half, Penn State's varsity basketballers came back strong in the final two periods to defeat a veteran Orange and Maroon quintet from Susquehanna University, 47-18, in Rec Hall last night.

Led by Phil Templin, who took scoring honors for the night with 12 points, Susquehanna held off the Lions' attack in the opening quarter. John Egli, Penn State guard, dropped in the first field goal of the game and from then on, the Blue and White never relinquished the lead. However, the Lions enjoyed only a 10-5 margin at the end of the first period.

In the second period Coach John Lawther's outfit again failed to build a formidable scoring attack. Dick Grimes and Bob Ramin tallied a field goal apiece, while later in the period Johnny Silan scored four points and Miles Smith added two as the Nittany-men forged ahead, 20-9 at halftime. For Susquehanna, it was all Templin, who accounted for six of the visitors' ten points.

Coming back after halftime, the Lions showed more of the form that was evident last year when the Blue and White trounced the Crusaders, 55-18. In contrast to last night's start, the Lion first string was able to pile up a lopsided 16-0 score in the first ten minutes of last season's game with Susquehanna.

Penn State rallied in the third quarter, however, and put the game on ice. Shooting accurately from his outside post, Ramin carried the brunt of the Lions' attack by scoring eight points. Elmer Gross also added four markers, two of them on a looping one-handed shot from near the corner.

Templin again paced the Crusaders by scoring two field goals in an effort to match the 17 points-per-game record that he established at Susquehanna last year. By the end of the third period, Susquehanna had failed to stop the sudden Penn State rally, and Coach Lawther's quintet coasted into the final quarter on the long end of a 39-13 count.

Dave Hornstein, sophomore cen-

First Victory

Penn State—47

	G.	F.	T.
Gent f	1	1	3
Gross, f	3	0	6
Hornstein, c	3	1	7
Baltimore, g	1	0	2
Egli, g	3	0	6
Smith, c	1	0	2
Cohen, f	1	0	2
Grimes, g	2	1	5
Ramin, g	5	0	10
Sislin, f	2	0	4
Totals	22	3	47

Susquehanna—18

	G.	F.	T.
Smith, f	0	1	1
Heaton, f	1	0	2
Templin, c	6	0	12
Walsh, g	0	0	0
Miller, g	1	1	3
Bagatini, f	0	0	0
Janson, f	0	0	0
Flickenger, g	0	0	0

Score by quarters:

Penn State	10	10	19	8—47
Susquehanna	5	4	4	5—18

Officials — Referee — Millard Neff, Jersey Shore; Umpire—Walter Levine, Lock Haven.

ter, Sid Cohen, and Silan shared scoring honors in the final period. Hornstein tallied two field goals, while Silan and Cohen added one apiece to wind up the Lions' scoring for the night. Susquehanna still was unable to match the Nittany offense, however. Templin brought his total for the night to 12 with a lone two-pointer, and Ed Miller, visiting guard, tossed in the last field goal of the game, making the final score, 47-18.

The Lions showed signs of having a well-balanced squad as every player scored at least two points. Ramin, by virtue of his third period rally, topped the Nittany offense with 10 points.

Thirty-four contestants will kick the lid off Penn State's own "diamond belt" fisticuffs when the intramural boxing tournament gets under way in Rec Hall at 4:30 this afternoon.

Eighteen fraternity men and sixteen independent aspirants will tangle in the initial bouts today. The tournament will continue Monday and throughout all next week.

A. F. Davis and Danny Demarino will alternate in refereeing the bouts. Chick Werner and Robert Grieve will act as judges along with Major Francis Heraty and other members of the ROTC department.

Matched in the fraternity division today are: 127-pound class: Smiley, Phi Gamma Delta—Vanderlin, TKE. 135-pound class: Blair, TKE—Barnes, AKPi; Graf, DTD—Ridenour, Phi Delta Theta. 145-pound class: Marmion, KDR—Flock, TKE; Cotton, Sigma Pi—Neel, TKE.

155-pound class: Knutsen, TKE—Foucart, DU; Reagan, Phi Sigma Kappa—Rittenhouse, Phi Gamma Delta. 165-pound class: Morel, TKE—McCormick, KDR; Moriarta, Phi Delta Theta—Whyel, Beta Theta Pi.

The 16 boxers to meet in the independent division are: 127-pound class: Fardella, Colonial Hall—Jackson, Ath Hall Waiters; Wright, Ath Hall Waiters—Deutsche. 135-pound class: Fleming—Croce; Ely, Penn State Club—Nick Oliver.

145-pound class: Krug—Herman Otto; Dickson—Tighe, Ath Hall Waiters; 155-pound class: Morford, Irvin Hall—Hean; Lawrence, Ath Hall Waiter—Jacquish.

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