

## Between The Lions

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### Let Sports Continue

Will the Rose Bowl be cancelled? Will collegiate sports be curtailed now that the war zone has been brought to our door steps? These and numerous other questions are on every sports lover's mind as he gets ready for the most serious game of his life.

We're not trying to answer those puzzling questions because we're as anxious as the next one to know their solution. We doubt if even those in authority can foretell the near future of athletics.

The continuance or curtailment of all sports in our nation is not as trivial as it may seem at first glance, even in the face of the serious situation we find ourselves in today. Veterans of World War I discovered through experience that nothing keeps the morale and spirit of both active combatants and civilians on a high level as competition on the athletic field.

We're essentially a competitive nation, and nothing buoys up our hearts like taking part in a spirited sport or watching one. The boys in the A.E.F. in France took time out from their trenches to play a few football and baseball games, to box or wrestle, and any one of them will tell you they were none the worse for it. Ask our own Bob Higgins and Joe Bedenk.

The Navy and War Departments have recognized the worth of athletics during wartime and are now organizing them on a huge scale. Men like Gene Tunney, former heavyweight champion, and other prominent athletes of yesterday and today have rallied round the flag to help where they're best fitted.

Colleges will do well to follow suit and continue to follow their usual athletic program. We'll all be the better prepared and ready, in body and spirit, to do our bit when the time comes.

### Pitt Forgets State In All-Opponent Selection

The memory powers of Pitt's once powerful Panthers have seemed to deteriorate as speedily as their athletic record, since they did not name one Penn State grinner on their All-Opponent team.

Minnesota's all-winning Gophers dominated Pitt eleven with All-American Bruce Smith leading in the selections. Michigan's Wolverines placed two men on the mythical eleven, while Duke, Fordham, and Ohio State each placed one.

State players, John Potsklan, sophomore end, and Bob Wear, senior center, were chosen on the Pittsburgher's second eleven.

### Acacia Honors Jaffurs

John J. Jaffurs '44 Nittany Lion grid star, was honored at a banquet Sunday evening at the Acacia fraternity, where he is a pledge. He was presented with a military set by his fraternity brothers.

### At The Movies

CATHAUM: "Skylark"

STATE:

"Nothing But the Truth"

NITTANY:

"Honky Tonk"

## Lion Cagers Meet Unbeaten Cornell Tomorrow Night

Coach John Lawther's unbeaten basketball Lions, who have scored three successive victories on their home court during the past week, will take to the road for the first time when they battle Cornell's Big Red quintet at Ithaca, N. Y., tomorrow night.

After tuning up on Susquehanna, W and J, and Bucknell, the Nittany courtmen will attempt to maintain their winning stride on a foreign floor against a team that should give them a supreme, early-season test. In Cornell's only game this year, they trounced Alfred College, 58-42.

In ringing up their first triumph the Redmen played most of the game without the services of their 6 foot, 7 inch pivot star, Ed Ashton, who was forced to the bench with a slight infection. However, the giant center will probably be in the starting lineup against the Lions tomorrow night.

Two other players, who will probably cause John Lawther's proteges plenty of trouble, are Captain Frank Burgess and Bill Stewart. Playing at his forward stance, Stewart led Cornell's attack against Alfred by accounting for 12 points. Following their fine-up victory, the Cornellians began immediate practice in preparation for what they call "Penn State's acclaimed sliding zone defense."

Penn State will go into the fray with a little more game experience, which may prove a deciding factor against the Big Red. Lawther's veterans are beginning to round into shape, and with the aid of the two sophomores, Dave Hornstein and Larry Gent, the Lions have moulded a well-balanced scoring attack.

Although John Egli, Bob Ramin, and Herk Baltimore divided most of the scoring honors against Bucknell, Elmer Gross and Dick Grimes saw plenty of action during most of the game and are beginning to find their last season's stride.

Despite the Lions' edge in game experience, the battle should be decidedly close. Cornell had trouble with Alfred's somewhat nondescript defense, but may solve the Nittany sliding zone. In comparison, both Cornell and Penn State have shown commendable control of backboard rebounds in opening games.

### Customs Bout Aspirants Requested To Register

Both Jack R. Grey '44 and Jerome H. Blakeslee '43, sophomore and junior class presidents, respectively, coaches of the rival sophomore and freshman boxing teams, emphasized the importance of signing up at Student Union as soon as possible for the customs bouts scheduled for January 13.

"We expected more '45 interest," Blakeslee said, "but maybe they don't realize that they will wear customs until June if they lose." He pointed out, however, that the intramurals have uncovered some capable freshmen material, among them Jack P. Tighe, Jesse G. Hawthorne, and John C. Graf.

Grey is hoping to contact sophomore aspirants before they leave for Christmas vacation in order to choose the squad.



**MAKER OF CHAMPS**—Wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel, whose Nittany Lions have won 21 individual championships of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association since 1927, will advise scholastic coaches and matmen at a wrestling clinic at Lancaster tomorrow.

## 2 Matmen, Coach Attend Clinic

Coach Charlie Speidel and two of his lightweight wrestlers will play important parts in a wrestling clinic at the J. P. McCaskey High School in Lancaster tomorrow.

The clinic, which is open to coaches, officials, and members of teams engaged in scholastic wrestling, is conducted by the Central Pennsylvania Wrestling League.

Penn State and Franklin and Marshall are cooperating with the League in promoting interest in scholastic wrestling. Coach Speidel will lead a session on wrestling fundamentals and Charlie Ridenour and Sam Harry, Lion matmen, will demonstrate.

Since both Ridenour and Harry are lightweights and are about the size of the average high school wrestler they have been chosen to make a representative showing for Penn State. Ridenour holds the 1941 121-pound Eastern Intercollegiate title.

as added attractions, movies of the 1939 National Collegiate Wrestling championships will be shown and the City College of New York grapplers will meet Franklin and Marshall.

### Frosh Court Squad Made Up Of Former High, Prep Stars

Three prep school players are among the un-tested freshman basketballers who can beat the jayvees almost every time, providing Johnny Barr doesn't take the floor against the '45 quintet. Barr is helping Nick Thiel with frosh coaching duties and often teams with the junior varsity squad.

Jim Lawther, whose father coaches the varsity courtmen, played for Shadyside Academy before matriculating here. George Jones helped Brown Prep's basketballers, while Jack Weber saw action with the Petty Prep cagers.

Cal Clements, high scoring forward, was the outstanding player at Charleroi High School, and Jack Phirman played with the crack Williamsport combination. Will Parkhill's height helped Yeaton High; Bob Beck was on the Bethel squad, and Bloomsburg claims Big Jim Muirhead as an alumnus.

On two occasions the frosh team whipped the junior varsity, 32-23 in the initial battle, and 38-25 in the second fray. Then the upperclassmen "cheated" and added Johnny Barr, last year's court captain and All-American, and Charley Prosser, another former State player, enabling the jayvees to win for the first time, 38-25.

## Calvert, Kendall Enter Intramural Boxing Finals

8 Gain Semi-Final, Quarter-Final Flights

### IM Boxing Card Released For Today

Two more contestants reached the finals of the intramural boxing tournament in Rec Hall yesterday afternoon. Howard Kendall entered the finals with an impressive TKO of Jack Sherman in the independent league and Bill Calvert won a decision over Jay Gross in the Fraternity division. Both bouts were in the 175 pound class.

Kendall threw everything but the ring posts at Sherman to send him to the canvas for "keeps" in the first round. Calvert outboxed Gross in a close battle.

Four semi-finalists were decided in yesterday's bouts with Cy Ivory's TKO of Dick McCord and Orvis Krug's decision over Johnny Pellick taking the spotlight.

McCord was stopped in the first round when Ivory threw a series of roundhouse rights to his face. Krug barely edged Pellick in the closest battle of the afternoon.

Frosh Johnny Graf soundly outboxed Fred Zirm to win his second decision of the tournament and enter the semi-finals. Jack Morgan decided Dick Carlton, in the unlimited class, to gain the other semi-final spot in a bout marked by terrific slugging.

John Kimmel, Chuck Phillips, Howard Merrill and Bernard Schwartz fought their way into the quarterfinal flight.

Summaries of the bouts follow:

#### INDEPENDENT DIVISION

121-pound: Gordon won forfeit from Meiser, Ath Hall Waiters.

145-pound: Krug decided Pellick.

155-pound: Kimmel TKOed Faylor, Ath Hall Waiters, in second round.

175-pound: Kendall TKOed Sherman, Watts Hall, in first round.

#### FRATERNITY DIVISION

121-pound: Ivory, KDR, TKOed McCord, TKE, in first round.

135-pound: Graf, Delta Tau Delta, decided Zirm, Alpha Chi Sigma.

145-pound: Phillips, Phi Delta Theta, decided Wadlin, Lambda Chi Alpha. Merrill, Alpha Zeta, decided Neel, TKE. Schwartz, Gamma Sigma Phi, decided Wilson, SAE.

155-pound: Schuetz, KDR, TKOed Riley, TKE, in second round.

165-pound: Jontow, Phi Sigma Delta, TKOed Meyers, Phi Delta Theta, in third round.

175-pound: Calvert, KDR, de-

Intramural boxing manager Parker W. Finney '43 has announced the following fight card of 14 bouts for today.

#### FRATERNITY

121-pound: G. Star, KDR, meets J. McCreary, KDR.

135-pound: J. D. McCauley, Phi Gamma Delta, vs. H. P. Barnes, AKPi.

145-pound: J. K. Ranck, AKPi, meets F. J. Marmion, KDR; K. Cook, KDR, vs. S. Flenner, Sigma Pi.

155-pound: H. Bryant, Tau Phi Delta, meets B. Worrell, Lambda Chi Alpha.

165-pound: J. A. McCormick, KDR, vs. B. Hankin, Gamma Sigma Phi; T. Maier, Lambda Chi Alpha, meets F. Stevenson, TKE; G. L. McCormick, KDR, meets Moriarity, Phi Delta Theta.

#### INDEPENDENT

135-pound: D. Conley, Forestry Society, vs. S. Harry, Penn State Club; G. M. Eno meets M. Croce, Penn State Club; N. Oliver vs. L. Rockey, Track Team.

145-pound: J. Krauss vs. N. Lieberman.

155-pound: E. George, Lion's Club, vs. H. Morford, Irvin Hall; G. E. Jacquish vs. J. Stronka.

### Sport Schedules Available

Athletic schedules for the winter sports season are available at Student Union and at the Athletic Association office, free of charge.

decided Gross, Gamma Sigma Phi. Unlimited class: Morgan, Phi Gamma Delta, decided Carlton, Alpha Zeta.

Marmion, KDR, vs. Ranck, Alpha Kappa Phi, postponed.

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