

Underdog Matmen Set For Michigan; Lion Five Meets American U. Tonight

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

Teams Deadlocked, 3-3, In Series Record

Plenty of fur will fly today when the cagey Nittany Lions tangle with the vicious Wolverines of Michigan at Ann Arbor in effort to steal away a victory which will break the inter-team series record of 3 and 3.

Coach Charlie Speidel's grunt-and-groan artists will find the Michigan squad a tough opener for three difficult matches as the Penn State men prepare to face Syracuse and Navy next week.

With Michigan casting hopeful eyes on the Big Ten championship this season and with the Lions throwing an unbalanced but determined squad into their initial match, the contest promises to be a good test for both teams.

"We're not at our best yet, but we'll give them a good fight," was the way Coach Speidel viewed the situation Thursday night before leaving.

Four Wolverine grapplers who appeared on the Rec Hall mats last year when Michigan received the short end of a 14-12 score form the nucleus of Coach Cliff Keen's lineup.

Captain Jim Galles, this season wrestling 175, will attempt to tie-up Lion Bob Morgan as he did Mike Kerns, 10-2 in the last meeting of the two squads. One of the big surprises of the Big Ten meet last year, 165-pound Bill Courtwright, meets a clever opponent in Ralph Sayre.

Penn State's Charlie Ridenour will grapple a newcomer, Victor Wurtheimer, in the 121-pound class. Sam Harry in the 128-pound division faces scrappy Dick Kopel, acclaimed by Michigan as the most improved freshman wrestler last year.

W. Penn State	Michigan
121 Ridenour	Wurtheimer
128 Harry	Kopel
136 Hess	Deane
145 Lindzey	Barnett
155 Alexander	Hurwitz or Becker
	Courtwright
165 Sayre	Galles
175 Morgan	Greene
Hvy Kerns	

Louis KO's Baer In Initial Round

Two minutes and 56 seconds of the first round was all the time Champion Joe Louis needed to knockout Buddy Baer in a scheduled 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night. An estimated \$70,000 was Louis' share which he donated to the Navy Relief Society.

Making his 20th defense of the heavyweight title, the Brown Bomber used an uppercut to floor the California challenger for the third time in the initial round. Baer went down for a count of nine after two minutes and ten seconds when the Detroit slugger threw a right cross, and hit the canvas for the same count a few seconds later. The third time the challenger failed to get up.

Louis, 27, weighed in at 207 pounds while six-foot, six-inch-tall Buddy Baer, 26, tipped the scales at 250 pounds.

Penn State Mermen To Battle Penn Today

An untried Penn State swimming team, pointing toward victory in its first meet of the 1942 campaign, will embark for Philadelphia early today to encounter the University of Pennsylvania mermen.

Coach Bob Galbraith's Lions are preparing to run up against plenty of tough opposition, because the Quakers are bolstered with practically the same squad that defeated the Nittanymen last year.



BEGINS NEW SEASON—With the experience of 15 years as Lion mat mentor, Coach Charlie Speidel will send his charges against Michigan University at Ann Arbor today. He begins his 16th season of advising with a record of teams which have won 78 meets, tied 2, and lost only 17.

Gymnasts Vie For Team Posts

After two months of hard preliminary training, the top positions in all six events of the varsity gym team are still unknown with a mad scramble going on among a crop of talented juniors and sophomores.

The annual interclass gym meet to be held in Rec Hall at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, January 17 should provide the margin for final decision in determining the top ranking men, according to Coach Eugene Wettstone. Lou Bordo, Charlie Lebow, Syd Rudman and Ed Trybals, are all within a few points of each other on the horizontal bar, while a close race for leadership on the side horse is seen with neither Jim Bush, Sol Small, John Teti, or Charles Warrington holding an appreciable edge.

Filling the huge gap left in the rope climb event, which was dominated by Roman Pio last year, is Captain Charlie Senft, the only senior on the squad, who is being pushed by Lebow and Gotherman.

Although Lou Bordo won the Eastern championship last year, he has his hands full with Small, Teti and Zimmerman on the parallel bars this season. The top position is still a toss-up.

The flying rings event is also wide open with Jim Reifsnnyder, Rudman, and Small in a close race. Hal Zimmerman is out in front of Trybals and Bordo in the tumbling spot.

Frosh Quintet Opens Against Little Reds

Meeting its first regularly scheduled opponent in the only home athletic contest of the weekend, Nick Thiel's frosh basketballers will tangle with the yearlings from Cornell in Rec Hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Will Parkhill will tap off at the pivot post for the '45 quintet while Jim Lawther and Red Zelich start at forward positions. Bob Beck and Jack Pfirman will lineup as guards when the starting whistle blows.

Primed for reserve duty will be Cal Clements, Russ Eckert, Bob Baxter, Jack Weber, and George Jones. The Cubs hold two wins over the Jayvee courtmen against one loss, and a victory over the Altoona undergraduate center squad.

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Eagles' Coach Is Penn State Graduate

Penn State will send representatives to Washington, D. C., today, but not for the purpose of determining any foreign policies. Instead, the Nittany basketball team will do the representing when it battles the American University Eagles on the capital city hardwood tonight.

Coached by a former Penn State graduate, Staff Cassel, the Eagles will be seeking their first victory over Coach Lawther's Lions. Last year, the Nittanymen rang up a 32-17 victory over American U. in the first game on record between the two colleges.

Cassel, who is director of Physical Education and Athletics and coach of football, basketball, and baseball, will build his starting lineup for tonight's game around his 6-foot, 4-inch center, Bing Byham, who was high scorer in the District of Columbia last season.

The Lions, after a three-week rest, will be gunning for their fifth victory in six starts.

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