

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG
Sports Editor

The future of State's spring sports schedule is still undecided but the prospects of the spring teams seeing their usual quota of action look much better now than a week ago.

We can't give our reasons at the present for the change in the outlook since the new second semester schedule was announced, but we expect word from the athletic authorities for the go ahead signal within the next few days. The sudden change in the academic year is so closely tied up with the sports set-up that a revision of the latter, if necessary, entails a lot of work. Hence the delay.

—BTL—

John Lawther, coach of the Lion basketball squad, regaled his audience in the journalism sports writing class the other day with tales of the hardwood courts.

One crack had to do with the Lion's host tomorrow night, West Virginia. Commenting on the decisions usually handed out against the Mountaineer's opponents in Morgantown, Lawther remarked that basketball is no longer a non-contact sport except at West Virginia where a visiting player gets called for a foul for holding hands with someone in the balcony.

Last year when Rhode Island's famous two-points-a-minute quintet was piling up huge scores against all comers, the streak was suddenly snapped by their traditional rival from Connecticut State.

Shortly after this upset, Lawther met the Nutmeggers' coach and asked him if his team played a defensive game to win. The latter answered yes. (The score was Connecticut State, 91; Rhode Island State, 89.)

—BTL—

The Japanese attack on Hawaii was brought closer home for Johnny Chambers, Lion skier, who made the trip to Lake Placid over the Christmas vacation with the rest of the State team.

In executing one of the turns on the ski trail, Johnny met with disaster and when he finally emerged from the pile of snow where he was momentarily buried, his face was a bloody mess. His appearance was remarked on by Otto Schniebs, former Dartmouth coach and foremost ski authority in the country, who tried to cheer Chambers up with a "Don't let it get you down, son. Remember Pearl Harbor!"

Uncle Sam To Manage Soose's Future Fights

Ex-Penn Stater Billy Soose has announced definite plans to enter the Naval Reserves sometime next week. A special position in the physical fitness department headed by Gene Tunney is the aim of the former Nittany Lion ringman.

Soose's decision to enter the service came after his defeat last Tuesday evening in Cleveland when he lost a ten round decision to Jimmy Bivins in his second light-heavyweight scrap.

The Nittany mitman was starting a quest for the light-heavy championship of the world, currently held by Gus Lesnevich, but the decisive licking handed him by the Cleveland colored boy has made him change his mind and seek an enlistment in the service along with such other notable sports figures as Bob Feller, Joe Louis, and Billy Conn.

At The Movies

CATHAUM:

"Babes On Broadway"

STATE:

"Bedtime Story"

NITTANY:

"It Started With Eve"



RED CROSS REFEREE — Aiding in an even greater fight than the impending battle with Western Maryland in Rec Hall tomorrow night, varsity boxing coach Leo Houck took campus leave last night to referee amateur fights in Lancaster for Red Cross benefit.

Boxing 'Terrors' To Meet Lions

In the first attraction of a double header, Penn State's boxing Lions will swing it out with the Green Terrors from Western Maryland tomorrow night in Rec Hall at 7 p. m.

Coach Leo Houck pointed out yesterday that the squad, faced with the loss of their captain, Bob Baird, is determined to make it victory number 12 when they meet the team that has bowed by identical scores of 7-1 to Penn State the last two years.

The unexpected injury to Bob Baird forcing him to withdraw from the opener, leaves a huge gap for Houck to fill in the 145-pound class. Ernie George, who has made an impressive showing in intramural fighting and in this season's training period, will probably replace Baird in the lineup.

Jack Grey has improved greatly in practice and is expected to get the bid in the 120 pound weight, while in the 127 class, Milt Dickson or Jess Fardella will capture the varsity berth. Dickson may not be able to make the weight limit however, when the contestants weigh in at 1 p. m. tomorrow.

Homer Hoffman is in top form and with his experience to aid him, will probably tangle in the 135 pound division. The 155 class is still a toss-up between Bill Richards and Irv Jontow with Richards likely to be chosen for the weight.

Charlie Kaveny has practically clinched the starting post in the 165 pound class but complications may arise in the heavier weights to change the lineup since Bob Halpin, unlimited contestant, has a slight eye infection that may force him to withdraw.

In this event, Nick Raneri, who

Lion Stickmen Seek Initial Win Of Season Against Carnegie Tech

Despite being set back 2-1 at the hands of the Hershey Junior Cubs in their season opener Wednesday night, the Lion ice hockey six are favored to repeat last year's 4-1 victory over Carnegie Tech in their encounter Saturday night in the Shaffer Ice Palace, Johnstown.

Coach Art Davis' boys appeared exceptionally strong against the more experienced Hershey team, and with a little more practice, especially on offensive plays, should present a well balanced squad against Carnegie Tech.

Coach Davis expects to use virtually the same lineup which he used against Hershey, with Captain Larry Lightbody at the goalie spot, Bert Anthony and Tom Goodwin at the defenses.

Penn State Cagers Hold Height Edge Over West Virginia In Tonight's Game

Baric Holds Scoring Hopes For Opponents

Height advantage, which played an outstanding part in Penn State's recent basketball triumph over American University, may again prove to be the margin of victory when Coach John Lawther's Lions clash with a small University of West Virginia quintet in the Morgantown Field House tonight.

Despite the Mountaineers' lack of height, they now rank as one of the up-and-coming teams of the East. Particularly good on the offense, the West Virginians have a great scoring threat in Captain Rudy Baric, an agile 200-pound senior, who tallied 14 points against Geneva, 14 against Maryland, 12 against Duquesne and 19 against Carnegie Tech.

Although Baric stands six feet, three inches, he is the only tall man on the starting five. Roger Hicks, Dick Keslin, Scotty Hamilton, and Lou Kamar—the other four who have teamed with Baric in the previous tilts—are all an inch or two under the six-foot mark.

The Nittanymen, on the other hand, average six feet, two inches, and will probably be able to use this definite height advantage in scoring on rebounds. Coach Lawther intends to start the same quintet that has been on the floor at the opening tip-off in a majority of the games this season.

This lineup finds Co-captain Elmer Gross and John Egli at the forward slots, Herk Baltimore, center, and Co-Captain Dick Grimes and Bob Ramin at the guard positions.

Baltimore led the attack against Washington and Jefferson by scoring 15 points. In the Cornell fracas, when the Lions were defeated for the only time this season, Baltimore was again high man with 8 markers.

Against American University and Bucknell, John Egli paced his mates in the point-making department when he tallied 14 and 17 markers, respectively. Giving still more variety to the Nittany attack, Bob Ramin took the laurels for the evening by accounting for 10 points when Coach Lawther's proteges downed Susquehanna in the season's opener.

Figuring that the high-scoring honors had still not been in enough hands, the Lion courtmen centered their attention on the squad's two top sophomores, Dave Hornstein and Larry Gent, who rung up 10 points apiece to lead the Nittany advance against Syracuse in the last game prior to the Christmas vacation.

has dominated the '75's, will probably be switched to heavy, Kaveny to 175, and a newcomer fresh from the intramural ranks, Carl Maeier, might fill the 165 opening.



MR. CONSISTENCY—Rudy Baric, who has been the top point maker for West Virginia in four of the team's first five games, appears to be well on his way toward setting a new single-season scoring record for the Mountaineers.

Riflemen Prepare For Heavy Card

With two victories already under their belts, the ROTC rifle team is preparing for their next match on February 14. Intra-squad matches will be the only competition the riflers will face while conditioning for their heavy February schedule.

Capt. Arno P. Mowitz, rifle coach, has three veteran varsity members and four of last year's freshman team as a nucleus. This year's team is expected to equal or better the mark of last year's ROTC riflers of eleven wins in 12 matches, losing only to Washington State.

Hal Yount, captain, Johnny Quirk, and Stan Forbes are returning along with Harold Bucher, Ed Kaiser, Charles Rutschky, and Ken Weimer, freshmen marksmen last year. Newcomers are Charles Baish, John MacIndoe, freshmen Ken Yount and Bill Suter.

In last night's practice session, Ken Yount gave indication of his value when he blazed a 386, the best score turned in this year. In the first two matches he also lead the marksmen with a 385 total.

Ten postal matches comprise the remainder of the schedule for the ROTC marksmen. On February 14, they face Massachusetts State College, Penn, New Mexico Military Institute, and Utah State College. The University of Florida will oppose the Nittanymen on February 21.

Michigan State, University of California, and Texas A and M will compete with the Blue and White on February 28.

Lions To Face Navy Grapplers

Mighty Navy, fresh from a 23-11 triumph over Carolina, will let loose her big guns in Rec Hall tomorrow night as the Midshipmen attempt to sink Penn State's two-victory margin in the team series of 27 meets.

At 175-pounds, Captain Bill Carmichael looms as the Navy's most outstanding wrestler. Last week he scored a fall in 1:55. Dick Batista of Penn is the only man ever to beat him in college competition. Carmichael will be working to avenge last season's meet when the Lions sank the Navy 17-11.

With the experience gained from an entire plebe year of grappling and one varsity meet in which he won everyone of his bouts by falls, Bob Kitt will be a terrific opponent for any Nittany 145-pounder.

In case academics keep Kitt from the line-up, Junior Jim Hallaway will be the choice inasmuch as he wrestled 50 per cent of the 145-pound matches last year.

Veteran Earl Buckwalter in the 136-pound berth is a cagey, hard-working mat expert. He scored a fall against Carolina last week. EIWA champion Mickey Bennett returns to the 155-pound division. His match with Lion Captain Glenn Alexander should be a feature of the meet.

The Midshipmen are somewhat weakened by the loss of 165-pound EIWA champ Bee Weems who graduated early. Gene Bevan, former Maryland interscholastic champ, will attempt to properly replace Weems.

Sophomore Bob Plass is expected to give Penn State's Charlie Ridenour some trouble since he makes up for inexperience with speed and strength. Charlie Jaslin, another sophomore, will probably defend the 128-pound post. He has beaten Jack Heimack decisively for the starting nod but will have trouble making the weight.

Groomed and trained by heavy-weight champion Jack Harrell, who is now ineligible for competition, sophomore "Swift" Swift promises to make the unlimited class bout with Jack Kerns a lively one. Swift won by a fall last week.

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