

No College Action As Theories Rise On Eligibility Rule

Probably no definite action on the status of freshmen in varsity sports will be taken until the Athletic Advisory Board considers the problem at the end of this month, it was learned last night following an announcement by Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

Supporting previous remarks made by Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, Fleming reiterated that there is no active proposal to lift the present eligibility ruling.

However, should important sports opponents adopt the "Harvard plan," Penn State would probably be forced to follow suit, Fleming pointed out. Completely manned squads revitalized by freshman talent would possess an unfair advantage over teams which may be hit by enlistment or draft.

Already twelve varsity football candidates have left campus because of war-time conditions, supporters of the change argue. Further decline in varsity material may be expected.

Present opposition to the proposed eligibility change is considered by College authorities to center about freshman orientation to college life. It is feared that additional burdens of varsity competition may make it difficult for new students.

Still a third proposition may be considered. A compromise plan is suggested by some sports fans who argue that entrance of first-year men would most benefit sports where the emphasis is laid upon individual activity.

Although supporters of this plan have not consulted College authorities they argue that such participation would benefit sports like track, swimming, gymnastics, wrestling and others where it is not necessary to acquire team standards.

Riding Club To Hold Open Meeting Tonight

All persons interested in joining the Penn State Riding Club are invited to attend an open meeting at the Stock Judging Pavilion tonight at 7:30 p. m., Rachel MacMaster, Riding Club official, announced last night.

This announcement came after plans had been completed for the club's second semester activities. At the same time Ray M. Conger, club financial advisor, stated that membership applications will be available at Student Union desk this week.

Plans for second semester activities, Mr. Conger said, will be more easily followed out because they will focus around a nucleus of experienced riders who were not around when the club was reorganized last fall. These riders and new members may get their tickets from him as soon as they have paid their fees at Student Union.

Summer Positions Open For Camp Counselors

Application blanks for students interested in securing summer camp positions can be obtained from Dr. C. O. Williams, associate professor of education, in 106 Burrows Building.

According to the Camp Unit of the United States Employment Service, military service and defense work has caused a "terrific shortage of summer camp counselors." This agency is interested in contacting students with past camp experience.



Barney Ewell

Track Trio Ready For Milrose Games

In the inaugural meet of 1942, a trio of trackmen will don the Blue and White to represent Penn State at the Milrose Games in New York this Saturday, it was announced last night by Chick Werner, varsity coach.

Barney Ewell, Don Dolbin, and Norm Gordon are the three trackmen who will face the pick of the country's trackmen in the Madison Square Garden meet.

Barney, probably the most outstanding entrant in the special 60-yard dash, will have to come close to the record of 6.1 in the event to beat out his Pittsburgh rivals, Bill Carter and Hap Sticker.

Carter, Pitt senior, will provide the most competition for the dusky Nittany veteran in the shorter sprint because of his exceptionally fast start, but Barney is trying for his initial victory of the 1942 season and will probably continue his dominance over the Pitt Negro.

The Gotham boards will also be the scene of a tussle of teammates, since Dolbin has developed in the past three seasons to the place where he is a dangerous rival to the "Midnight Special" in the quest for the title of "World's Fastest Human."

Gordon, recently elected captain of this year's harrier squad has been entered in the 1000-yard event. This event will probably serve as a tune-up for the East's outstanding milers in their preparation for the Pennac Mile on February 13.

The Philadelphia distance runner has turned in a 9:37 two-mile effort on the Rec Hall track and a 4:32 miles on the outdoor board track on New Beaver Field, when he was pushed by Jerry Karver, frosh miler and former PIAA mile and half-mile champ.

In an all-out effort to give the trio of tracksters a taste of foreign soil, a trip was taken to the Pitt track house, where Barney and Dolbin practiced on the starting blocks and Gordon ran a fast half-mile against the Pitt middle distance men.

IM Deadline Saturday

It was announced by the Intramural office that Saturday, February 7 at noon would be the deadline for entries in the Intramural basketball and wrestling tournaments. Entrance fees are \$1 for basketball teams and 25 cents for individual wrestling participants.

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Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG Sports Editor

8-Out-Of 10 Good Enough

Your correspondent just returned from Philadelphia where there's such a predominance of uniformed men that one feels self-conscious prowling around the streets in civilian clothes.

Along with a big delegation of Penn Staters, mostly alumni, we cheered the masterful performance of John Lawther's basketball squad, which, in beating Temple on Saturday, proved that not all skill has been removed from the fifty-year-old game. The Lion cagers did every chore which can be expected of a top-flight collegiate quintet but still got its usual reward from the non-partisan (?) Quaker City papers, raspberries.

One venerable old timer even went so far as to compare watching State perform on the court with taking in an ancient silent movie, totally deficient in thrills. Maybe so, but if the second half of the double header between St. Joseph's and West Texas Teachers' giants is a sample of the up-to-date basketball thrillers, the ancient scribe can have it.

The point-a-minute scramble certainly has its thrilling moments but it is completely lacking in the skillful all-around proficiency of a truly versatile sport. It lays all the emphasis on the game's offense and puts a premium on the six-foot plus giants who can lay them in under the basket.

Lawther has applied the best system possible to his players and while out of town fans may find the Lions' shifting zone defense a bit monotonous, we'll never get tired of watching them winning. An eight-out-of-ten average is a big enough thrill for this department.

Brosky And Halpin Lost To Gridmen

Bernie Brosky and Bob Halpin, sophomore lineman on last year's varsity grid squad, will be lost to next Fall's football fortunes, according to the latest casualty report released by Coach Bob Higgins.

Ineligibility, caused by scholastic grades during the first semester, was given as the reason for the loss of the two sophomore standouts. Halpin has decided to travel the usual route—with Uncle Sam—while Brosky has not yet announced his intentions for the future.

The loss of these two gridmen brings the total casualty list to an even dozen, according to Coach Higgins. Jim Bonhan and Ted Kratze, two promising linemen, joined the armed services after Christmas, and Pep Ventresco and Manny Weaver followed suit soon afterwards. Weaver, the only hold-over from last season's first-string backfield, and Ventresco were juniors.

Bill Debler, who is also the Lions' baseball captain, completes the roster of football losses, so far as the varsity squad is concerned. The remaining five casualties are found in the ranks of last Fall's unbeaten freshman eleven. Harry Alston, one of the leading backfield performers, ran into scholastic difficulties midway in the first semester. The four other frosh on the debit side of the ledger are Swede Larson and Don Hart, ends; Clarence Smith, a tackle; and John Moody, reserve back.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "How Green Was My Valley" STATE "Playmates" NITTANY "The Feminine Touch"

Lion Cagers Will Battle Navy At Annapolis Today

Injured Ankle To Keep Reifsnnyder On Bench

Jim Reifsnnyder, capable gym performer on the flying rings, will definitely be out of action when the Lions play host to Princeton in Rec Hall Saturday evening, it was revealed by the team physician yesterday afternoon.

Reifsnnyder received a cracked bone in his ankle when he dismounted from the rings in practice last Saturday and is now hobbling around on crutches. Sol Small will probably replace him in the lineup.

Houck Announces Formal Exhibition

"Tuxedos for Tar Heels" will be the theme in Rec Hall Saturday night when Leo Houck's matmen tangle with North Carolina for the good doctor has proclaimed that a formal exhibition will be staged in honor of the southern mentor, Mike Ronman, whom he once coached at Penn State.

The Carolina coach has pitted his teams against the Nittanymen only twice during the six years he has been at Chapel Hill. His ringmen upset the Lions last year 4½ to 3½ squaring up for a licking they were handed in 1938 by the same score.

In the five years that Ronman has mentored the Tar Heels his teams have won three state championships, competition that was stopped recently, and have generally made fine showing in the annual Southern conference tournament. His squads in 1939 and 1941 finished second in team scoring in the tourney.

Ronman proved a capable student for his teacher and after a "warm-up" year on the varsity in 1933 he absorbed enough of Houck's boxing training to walk off with the Eastern Intercollegiate crowns in 1934 and '35. Houck says that Ronman, who also captained the team in 1935, was one of his best pupils and that his record speaks for itself. The North Carolina coach fought in the 127 pound class his first two years and moved into the 135 division his senior year.

Lion Squad Will Clash Blades With Midshipmen

Uncle Sam's fighting sons of the sea will taste the steel of mountain swordsmen when Coach Harry Krutter leads the Nittany fencing team into foreign territory at Annapolis this Saturday.

Navy has the reputation of producing expert fencers and the Lion team expects a tough meet. The Midshipmen last season squeezed out a close 14-13 score in the first home match for Penn State.

"We hope to make a creditable showing," Dr. Krutter stated last night in commenting on the prospect of victory in Saturday's meet. With only two veterans returning to the Nittany foilsmen, Coach Krutter will build his squad around Captain Harder and George Gimber.

Nittanymen Seek 4th Straight Victory

Having already brushed off a stubborn Army quintet, Penn State's varsity basketballers will attempt to make a clean sweep of the service academies when they clash with Navy's midshipmen at Annapolis, Md., this afternoon.

Coach John Lawther's proteges, who are riding on the crest of a three-game winning streak, will be pointing toward a new victory record for the current season. Once before the Lions won three straight, but faltered in the fourth encounter when they lost a close 28-25 verdict to Cornell.

Despite the fact that they have won no more than three in a row this year, the Nittanymen have hung up a commendable record of eight victories and two defeats, which is better than the showing made by the Lions last year when they copped seven out of their first ten encounters.

Dave Hornstein, who has been out of action since he started against Pitt more than two weeks ago, did not accompany the team when it left for Annapolis last night. Hornstein is suffering from an ankle injury which has not readily responded to treatment.

Hoping to repeat the same spirit and fire against Navy that they displayed against Temple, the Lions will lineup with Elmer Gross and Larry Gent at forwards, Herk Baltimore at center, and Dick Grimes and Bob Ramin at guards.

Last year, the Nittany cagers came out on the long end of a 23-20 count in the battle with Navy. However, the midshipmen stand a better than even chance of gaining revenge this season since they sport an enviable record that shows only one defeat at the hands of Duke University.

Nittany Lion Freshmen Meet Bucknell Cagers

In the only Penn State athletic contest tomorrow, Nick Thiel's freshman cagers will be hosts to the yearling quintet from Bucknell University in Rec Hall at 8 o'clock. On Saturday the '45 squad will be busy again, taking on Kiski Prep from Saltsburg, Pa.

In case the frosh courtmen should end up on the small side of the score tomorrow night, the Lion Cubs will get another chance to even the score a week later, when the Thielmen journey to Lewisburg. The fray is carded for February 13.

Kingston, Pa., will be the next stop on February 14, with Wyoming Seminary as the opposition, while February 21 will mark the close of the freshman campaign.

Ice Skating Begins

Ice skating sessions will be held on the College skating rink on the tennis courts from 7 to 10 p. m. tonight and every night while the cold weather lasts. Admission is 15 cents per person.

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