

Nittany Boxers Prepare For Saturday's Tussle

North Carolina Guns For Another Upset

Although only two regulars from last year's well-rounded boxing team have returned for action this season, Coach Mike Ronman's North Carolina squad should be fairly strong when they tangle with the Houckmen in Rec Hall at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow night.

The Tar Heels have yet to chalk up their first victory this year and will be gunning for another upset over the Lions. They were defeated by Virginia Tech and University of Virginia by 5 to 3 scores and by The Citadel, 5 1/2 to 2 1/2.

The Penn State 127-pounder, probably Jess Fardella, is going to have his hands full when he enters the ring against Captain Johnny Johnson. This is Johnson's third season of collegiate boxing and he is undefeated in his three bouts this year. He out-pointed his opponents in the first two meets for decisions but was held to a draw by Williams of The Citadel.

Johnson has greatly improved since he was TKO'ed by "Red" Stanko when the teams came to grips last year and has adopted fine footwork along with a weaving, feinting form.

Milton Harris, although in his second year of boxing and who packs a wallop in both hands, will have to be a smooth, polished performer if he is to gain a victory in the 135-pound class over Homer Hoffman. Harris lost his first two 1942 bouts by TKO's but showed improvement last week when he won handily on a decision from The Citadel contender.

Two seniors, two sophomores, and two juniors make up the rest of the roster for the Carolinians. Their performances in meets this season have not been outstanding. Dick Roundy, a senior in the 120-weight, has fought in the last two meets. He TKO'ed his opponent in the Virginia tilt but lost by decision to Gil Hoffman of The Citadel. Roundy is fast, clever and aggressive and is a good jabber.

In the 145-division, Sophomore Earle Bruton will probably face Captain Bob Baird in the Lion captain's first bout of the year. Young is inexperienced and made his collegiate debut last week when he was TKO'ed in the second round.

Hewitt Rose, senior 155-contender, made a brilliant showing in his first collegiate meet by gaining a TKO over the Virginia Tech aspirant. He missed the first two meets because of sickness but is rounding into form again for the State trip.

The North Carolina 165 and 175 boxers are in their first year of boxing and have yet to gain a victory. Lyman Higdon has lost two 165 bouts and Fred White, 175-pound class, has been defeated three times on close decisions. White has a hard right smash.

The largest boxer in Carolina history is Walter Williams who stands 6 feet 4 inches and weighs 248 pounds. He was TKO'ed in his first meet but scored two impressive TKO's himself in the Virginia and Citadel encounters.

Swordsmen Seek First Victory In Navy Series

Seeking their first victory in three years of fencing with Navy, the Nittany swordsmen leave today for Annapolis where they will cross blades with the Midshipmen tomorrow.

Two years ago the Lion team suffered a 20-7 defeat at the hands of the sea-going warriors and were narrowly edged out last year 14-13.



VETERAN TAR HEEL—Captain Johnny Johnson, senior 127-pound North Carolina boxer, will be gunning for his fourth straight victory of the season tomorrow night.

Lion Five Fears Carnegie Tech

"Give them the least smell of victory, and they'll be difficult to defeat," Coach John Lawther said last night as he commented about Carnegie Tech's hapless basketball team, which has won only two games during the past two court seasons.

Because of their poor record, the Skibos have become greatly feared by many top-ranking basketball outfits, which are always expecting Carnegie Tech to pull a startling upset, especially when the latter finds a chance of victory within its grasp.

Tomorrow night, Penn State will expose its present four-game winning streak, when the Lion cagers clash with Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh. The Tech encounter winds up the seven-game road trip that began for Coach Lawther's machine on January 10 against American U.

During the tour of the East, the Nittanymen have won five out of six to bring the season's total to nine victories in 11 starts.

Wrestling Squad Leaves For Second Dual Meet With Temple Tomorrow

Riding the crest of a victory wave, the Nittany wrestling experts leave at noon today for the City of Brotherly Love where they will attempt to repeat the shellacking they handed Temple in 1936.

Coach Charlie Speidel's artists made a clean sweep of all bouts six years ago to carry off an impressive 30-0 victory in the only dual meet between the two colleges.

The same line-up that smeared Princeton last week is expected to start at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. For the past week the grapplers have been working in intensive squad competition to determine the entrants.

Most impressive in the 145-pound division has been Al Crabtree who last week decided his Princeton opponent. Clair Hess, despite his weight disadvantage, will probably again fill the 136-pound slot because of his technical knowledge of the sport.

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG Sports Editor

Pity The Coach

If you're bemoaning the loss of a dozen promising football players just when the Lions' prospects for this fall were looking so bright, consider the plight of the football coach at San Jose State College.

The Spartans lost no less than seven star players as a direct result of the treacherous Japanese air attack on Hawaii on December 7. The team was visiting in the Hawaiian Islands on a two-game tour at the time and were stranded for 11 days after war was declared.

Both games were cancelled, and deprived of their gridiron activity, the Spartans volunteered for, and saw action as auxiliary policemen during their stay in Honolulu. When the team returned to San Francisco on Christmas Day, seven players remained in the Islands to accept police jobs. This cost San Jose State a couple of fullbacks, a pair of quarterbacks, two guards, and an end.

As far as Penn State's 1942 gridiron fortunes are concerned, 12 players counted on for action have left college to join the armed services and this only looks like the beginning. But that's really nothing to worry about because our opponents will be in the same boat, and while collegiate football won't be up to par, the boys who were scheduled to see action in the games will be playing the game of their lives on other fields.

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Lacrosse season won't be with us for some time to come but it's never too early to put in a plug for one of our favorite sports. Along with Hellzapoppin', the State Theatre is bringing into town a sport short on the ancient Indian game by Grantland Rice.

If one of your neighbors in the movie breaks your rib, don't call the riot squad. Ten to one, the culprit is one of Nick Thiel's squad members trying to learn the finer points of the game before tackling the Lions' enemies in the spring.

Lions Face Tech Swimmers Today

Riddled by draft, graduation, and injuries, Penn State's varsity swimming team will embark early this morning for Pittsburgh where they will be called upon to cope with a tough double assignment against the natators of Carnegie Tech and the University of Pittsburgh.

This afternoon Coach Bob Galbraith's mermen will meet the initial half of their double test when they face the Skibos of Carnegie Tech, who defeated Grove City, 38-28, in a recent meet.

The second weekend engagement finds the Lion tankmen pitted against the Pitt Panthers tomorrow afternoon. Pitt also boasts a recent 40-34 victory over Rider College. Last year, Penn State lost to Pitt, but was victorious over the Skibos of Tech.

"We'll be especially weak in the backstroke department," Coach Galbraith said as he recalled the loss of two veterans, including Captain Elmer Webb, who left College following the last meet against Penn midway in January. The Nittanymen have been idle since losing the Penn battle, which was the first meet of the present season.

At The Movies

CATHAUM: "Son of Fury"
STATE: "The Baker's Wife"
NITTANY: "Keep 'em Flying"

Frosh Courtmen Upset Bison Yearlings, 44-25

Summaries:

Penn State 44			
	FG	F	Tot
Weber, f	6	1	13
Lawther, f	1	0	2
Eckert, c	2	3	7
Beck, g	3	4	10
Pfirman, g	3	1	7
Sacks, g	0	1	1
Parkhill, g	2	0	4
Totals	17	10	44
Bucknell 25			
Burns, f	4	3	11
Fornwald, f	1	1	3
Downes, c	1	2	4
Sember, g	1	3	5
Forrest, g	0	1	1
Hamre, c	0	1	1
Totals	7	11	25

Officials: Sprinkle and LaPorte.
Score by periods:
Penn State ... 11 15 14 4-44
Bucknell 3 11 6 5-25

Weber Paces Cubs With 13 Points

Paced by Jack Weber, Penn State's freshman basketball quintet upset the Little Bisons from Bucknell, 44-25, in a fast game at Rec Hall last night. The '45 cagers will meet Kiski here at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Weber, who copped scoring honors with 13 points, played brilliantly. He was helped by Jim Lawther, forward, who set up plays and paced the floor attack rather than shoot. Bob Beck was runner-up to Weber, nabbing ten counters.

Getting off to an easy 11-3 lead in the first quarter, the Thielmen had little trouble in holding the advantage throughout the fray. At half-time the Cubs were out in front, 26-14, then put on a 14-point rally in the third stanza to make the score read 40-20.

Standout for the yearlings from Lewisburg was Frank Burns, whose all-around play was responsible for the Bison's showing. He led his teammates with 11 tallies.

Last night's loss was the second suffered by the Bucknell squad in seven starts, the first one being at the hands of Scranton University frosh.

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