

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

Barney Ewell must be feeling like a little boy who wears his first pair of long pants in public after trying them on in his room several times.

The Penn State "Flier" has made a habit of breaking world records indoors for the past three years but the fogies in charge of the hard board have persistently refused to acknowledge the new standards. Last Saturday Barney won the coveted 60-yard dash in the Millrose meet in New York by tying the existing world's record of 6.1 seconds.

Strangely enough, the officials gave Ewell credit for sharing the world's record which has so long eluded him. In the past, the big-wigs insisted Barney always beat the gun but Saturday's start by all four finalists was so slow even a blind starter could detect a fleeting pause between the gun's discharge and the sprinters' start. All four had broken on the first start and rather than face elimination, took it easy on the next try.

Speaking of indoor sprinting, these short dashes are seldom run true to form. One mistake and the runner is out of the money. Ewell himself was running third at the 55-yard marker Saturday and only a sudden burst at the finish clinched the victory for him.

This Friday he's competing in the Penn A. C. 50-yard dash in Philadelphia's Convention Hall and the distance of the race has him slightly worried. Not addicted to false modesty, Barney claims a defeat there wouldn't surprise him in the least, but we think that the ex-Lancaster star will be out to average last year's surprise defeat and won't be caught napping.

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With Coach John Lawther's

amazing basketball team scheduled to make its first home appearance in five weeks, against Temple tonight, we're reminded of an amusing incident which happened in the first meeting between the two teams ten days ago.

John Barr, ex-Lion great, accompanied the team to Philly and in the absence of a water boy, kept the Lions supplied with water and towels during time outs. While on the floor, he tried to give the boys a few pointers out of the corner of his mouth while the referee wasn't looking.

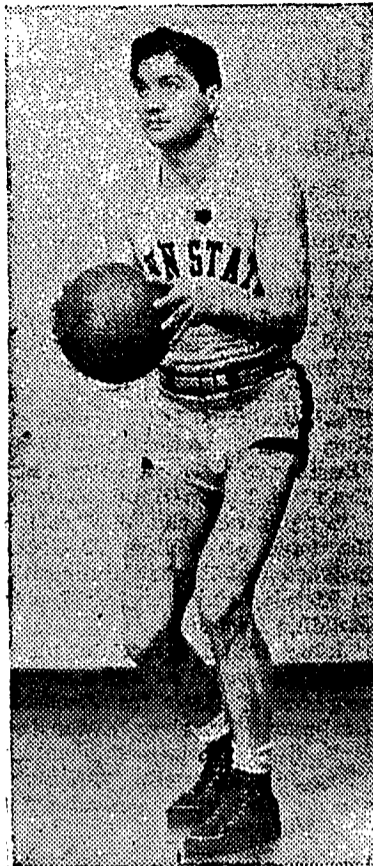
After a few attempts at fifth columning, John was walking off the floor when he was stopped by Referee Harry Dayhoff in front of the Temple bench with the remark, "Why don't you bring the blueprints out on the floor next time out, Barr?" The Owl substitutes fell off the bench in a fit of laughter.

Freshmen, Jayvees In Practice Mat Meet

In preparation for its first competition this Saturday afternoon with Wyoming Seminary, the freshman wrestling squad conducted an inter-squad meet with the Junior Varsity team last Saturday afternoon.

During practice sessions this week eliminations for the Wyoming meet will be run off. As yet no definite freshman lineup has been formulated by Coach Charlie Speidel.

So far the inter-class wrestling tournament has not been resumed. This tournament has seen no action since prior to the Christmas holidays.



TAKES LEAD — Co-captain Elmer Gross has now taken over top laurels in basketball scoring this year with a total of 102 points, which have been earned on 37 field goals and an above-average record of 28 out of 36 foul tosses.

Collegiate Boxing Started By Lions

Penn State's boxing team, who will meet University of Virginia in the opening of a doubleheader in Rec Hall Saturday night, can boast of being the oldest sponsor of intercollegiate boxing.

The Penn State team of 1919 issued a challenge to the University of Pennsylvania for a meet to be held in Philadelphia and which was entered in the records as the first regularly scheduled meeting of two collegiate boxing teams. Unfortunately, the Lions lost the tussle, 4-2.

When boxing continued to spread throughout the country the NCAA approved a set of governing laws and in 1921 the Intercollegiate Boxing Association was formed. Penn State was a charter member along with Pennsylvania, Navy, and MIT.

In 1924, the first IBA tourney was held and State College was the chosen site. Penn State won that first championship and has taken six since.

The Nittany mentor, Leo Houck, is the last survivor of the old time "big three" of intercollegiate boxing coaching. Virginia's Johnny LaRowe died last year and was succeeded by his best pupil, Al York. H. "Spike" Webb is still at Navy but is no longer coaching the pugilists in intercollegiate boxing.

The Lion coach, who was born in Lancaster, came into intercollegiate boxing from the professional ring. A little more than a decade ago he was one of the world's greatest middleweights. He defeated George Chip and Jimmy Wilson before they won their championships but was never able to get a rematch with them for the title. As a light-heavy he appeared in two no-decision bouts against Gene Tunney.

The first boxing coach at Penn State was Dick Harlow, now head football coach at Harvard. Houck came to the campus in 1923 when Harlow moved to Western Maryland.

Last IM Weigh-Ins Scheduled For Today

Intramural wrestling entrants will be given a last opportunity to weigh-in today between 4 and 5 o'clock, according to Eugen C. Bischoff, head of intramurals. This will be the last possible time to weigh-in as it is desired to get the first brackets in order.

Temple To Seek Revenge Against Lion Cagers In Rec Hall Tonight

Although they sport one of the best records in the East, Penn State's varsity basketball team will be put to the supreme test when they clash with a revenge-seeking Temple quintet in Rec Hall at 8 o'clock tonight. This is the only contest scheduled since there is no preliminary.

Tonight's encounter will be the first of the forthcoming six-game "suicide" schedule, and the Lions will have to play championship ball all the way if they want to improve on their commendable record of 10 victories in 12 games.

"Our defense has been holding up well all season," Coach John Lawther said last night, "but we have lagged on the offense several times. If all the players, and especially the guards, show a well-balanced scoring attack, we should be able to hold Temple on even terms."

On the other hand, the visiting Owls will pool every effort toward gaining revenge for the 41-33 setback suffered at the hands of the Nittanymen in Philadelphia's Convention Hall 10 days ago. Previous to that game, the Temple aggregation had been idle for several weeks, and both Musi and Getchell were out of condition because of illness. For this reason,

the Owls were probably not up to par when losing to Penn State.

With a recent 43-40 victory over New York University to their credit, the Owls will floor a better-conditioned team than they did in the game with Penn State in Philadelphia. Although Musi has been Temple's leading scorer during the past two seasons, Getchell has shown unexpected improvement and is now considered the most consistent offensive player on the Owl squad.

Paced by Elmer Gross, senior co-captain and forward, the Lions are now riding the crest of a five-game winning streak. By virtue of his 19 points against the Carnegie Tech Skibos, Gross now leads the Nittany scorers with 102 points for the current campaign. He is closely trailed by Herk Baltimore, who was the top point-getter prior to the Tech game.

Dave Hornstein, reliable sophomore guard, who has been on the "casualty" list for several weeks with an ankle injury, will don a uniform but may not see much action in tonight's contest.

The Lions will lineup tonight with Gross and Larry Gent at forwards, Baltimore at center, and Dick Grimes and Bob Ramin at guards.

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