

Between The Lions

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Spikes And Blades

Penn State's winter sports season has been dominated by victories and surprises, but two hard-working and victorious Lion teams have been working under adverse weather and equipment difficulties with little credit for their efforts.

Those two teams are the Nittany track squad in New York today for what may be a successful quest for Penn State's first indoor IC4-A track trophy and the hockey team, which has lost only one game during the current ice season.

Despite the fact that one team piles its trade with spikes and the other steel blades, there is a striking similarity in the handicaps under which the two teams operate.

First, the inclement weather has driven the Werner-coached squad from a comparatively bad board track set-up on New Beaver Field to the sharp-cornered aisle in the Rec Hall balcony, and has entirely eliminated practice in the field events.

Unpredictable Jack Frost has thrown the practice plans of the icemen to the winds and cancelled many of their afternoon sessions on the flooded tennis court adjacent to the temporary track.

Oddly enough, the cold, snowy afternoons, which hinder the track activities help the rink squad by freezing the usually slushy portions of the puckmen's practice field.

Another disadvantage to be considered in connection with the two winter sports is lack of spectator support, an important element in padding the win column of many collegiate teams, which is directly attributable to the complete "road" schedule required of the teams.

Despite the adverse practice conditions, the spiked-shoe contingent has turned in its best indoor season, while the skaters have lost only to Georgetown, strong eastern rival.

We realize that an indoor hockey rink and a fieldhouse are impossibilities because of priorities on building material during the present war time, but also believe that these two fast-moving, active sports would draw considerable attention from Nittany Valley sports fans if it were possible to card home games.

A vote of confidence is the most we can give athletes like Gordon, Ewell, Glenn, Lightbody, Dufford, et al, who are representing the Blue and White tonight in Madison Square Garden and at a Washington, D. C. ice rink Tuesday against the pick of the East's collegiate trackmen and the Catholic University rinkmen.

So "hats off" and "good luck" to Chick Werner and A. F. Davis as they lead their industrious charges on the way to new laurels.

Fencing Time Changed

Time of the Penn State-CCNY fencing meet in Rec Hall has been switched from 2 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. Saturday it was announced last night. The Lions will meet the City College of New York bladesmen for the first time in fencing history. The visitors placed third last year in the Intercollegiate.

Charlie Ruffing is the first pitcher ever to win 200 games for the New York Americans.

Six Lion Ringmen Face EIBA Opponents Today

Captain Baird Will Meet Syracuse Jinx

Lion boxing captain, Bob Baird, has a two-fold duty to perform at the University of Virginia this afternoon when the 19th annual EIBA tourney swings into action. The 145-pound puncher is out to down Loren Schoff of Syracuse and a jinx that has warded off victory in the four times he has clashed with the Orange contender.

Baird, the only Nittany pugilist who has had any tournament experience, was decided by Schoff in a 1940 scheduled meet and also succumbed to the Orange champions blows in the EIBA contest that year. The rivalry was heightened last season when the Syracusean duplicated his 1940 feat by whipping the fistic-politico in the finals of the EIBA tourney.

Adding insult to injury, Schoff turned in his fourth victory over Baird when the Nittanyman journeyed to Syracuse this year.

Five other Lion mitmen will battle in first round fights today. Jack Grey, sophomore 121 pounder, will tangle with Cunningham of the Coast Guard, Jess Fardella meets defending champ, Jack Roland of Syracuse in the 127 division, and Bill Richards tangles with Hughes of Maryland in the 155 pound class.

Sophomore southpaw Joe McCormick, in the rugged 165 pound race, tackles Gilmore of Western Maryland and Bob Perugini, junior 175 pounder, will be tested by Coast Guard's Emerson to complete the roster. Homer Hoffman and Aldo Cenci will rest today after receiving byes into the second round.

Swimmers Face 2 Dual Meets This Weekend

Concluding their dual meet season this weekend, Penn State's varsity swimmers will battle Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J., this afternoon and the Temple Owls at Philadelphia tomorrow.

Plagued by graduation, injuries, and the draft, Coach Bob Galbraith's natators have managed to win only one meet this year. Penn, Pitt, Syracuse, and Cornell have defeated the Lions, while the lone victory was registered over Carnegie Tech.

Blues In The Night Lend Color To Tennis Practice

By BEN BAILEY

Penn State's tennis season opens next month. We would have been content to insert this as a notice at the bottom of the page, for our S. Allen street subscriber who says he is a tennis fan, were it not for the fact that Penn State has a unique tennis squad without knowing it.

For instance, we'll wager that not more than a handful of people (other than our subscriber, of course) are aware of the fact that every night while coeds and other slumber, and engineers are deep in the heart of study, "Little" Ted Roethke and his boys are deep in the heart of tennis practice.

For the past three years they have had to practice in Rec Hall at night, usually from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m., since this is the only time the floor is not in use.

While returning from a basketball game the other night, we saw approaching what appeared to be a refugee from hell-week, out to lose a night's sleep.

To our surprise he turned out to be Beta prexy Charlie Bowman, in sweat pants and overcoat, on his way to tennis practice. (Charlie, by the way, is captain of the tennis team this year.)

Our curiosity was aroused then and there, and now Penn State has two tennis fans.



FACES JINX — Bob Baird will exchange punches today with Loren Schoff, Syracuse 145-pounder, who has chalked up four victories over the Lion captain.

PIAA Mat Championships Start In Rec Hall Today

Preliminary rounds in the fifth annual Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association wrestling championships will get underway in Rec Hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Quarter-finals will be run off at 7 o'clock.

Nine of the 12 districts in the state have entered the high school tourney, with 92 grapplers participating. Semi-final contests starting at 2 p. m. Saturday will see the stage for the finals at 8 p. m. when 11 champs will be crowned.

Jim Mohney, Clearfield; Tom Gill, Kingston; and Jim Conklin, Waynesburg, are the only defending champs returning.

At The Movies

CATHART:
"Dangerously They Live"
STATE:
"Louisiana Purchase"
NITTANY:
"The Bugle Sounds"
and
"Rise and Shine"

Six Teams Capture IM Cage Contests

Cage competition in the intramural program continued with six games last night after a day's layoff.

Lambda Chi Alpha quelled a Beaver House second-half rally to gain a close 13-12 decision. A field goal in the last minute of play by Bruce Worrell proved to be the winning margin.

Leading from the opening whistle, Beta Theta Pi piled up 33 points to outclass Delta Sigma Phi, 33-10. John Walton was high scorer for the Betas with 11 points, followed closely by Jim Zook and John Jackson with 10 and 8 counters respectively.

Despite three long shots in the final minute of play by the Alpha Zeta quintet, Gamma Sigma Phi held too much of a lead and captured a 14-13 win from the AZ's. Every man on the winner's team scored at least one tally.

Delta Theta Sigma easily won from Pi Kappa Alpha in another tilt, 13-8. Ed Beckman, who tallied seven points, and Lawrence Lucas, with six markers, accounted for the winners total.

Sigma Phi Epsilon tagged Kappa Sigma 19-11, by pulling away from a 12-11 half time score.

It was not until ten seconds before the final whistle that the Phi Kappa Tau's scored a field goal. However, it did no good as the Theta Xi No. 1 five swamped them, 12-2. Bob Davis took scoring honors for the winners with six points.

Sigma Chi forfeited to Theta Xi No. 2; Phi Epsilon forfeited to Theta Chi; Pi Kappa Phi forfeited to Alpha Phi Delta; and the Fletcher Club gained a forfeit from Penn State Club No. 2.

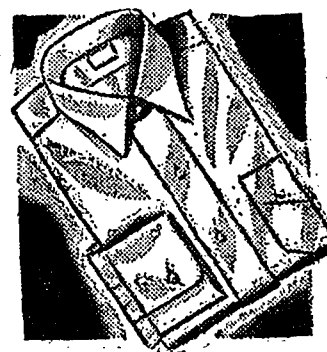
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