

Cagers Leave For NCAA's To Tangle With Indians

Courtmen Are Still 'Unknown Quantity'

With hopes of putting a successful finishing touch to the best season in Penn State's basketball history, ten Nittany Lion cagers embarked last night for New Orleans where they will tangle with the Dartmouth Indians in the NCAA Eastern Regional playoffs tomorrow night.

Although they looked good during their last two practice sessions yesterday and Tuesday, Coach John Lawther's courtmen are now considered an "unknown quantity." This conclusion follows the fact that the Lions have not experienced a taste of intercollegiate competition since the Carnegie Tech game on March 4.

In addition, the courtmen have been held under the strain of six months of basketball, and are likely to grow stale at almost any time. These have been only a few of the problems that have faced Coach Lawther while he has been grooming his proteges for Penn State's first entrance into a post-season tournament.

On the other hand, Dartmouth has been moving along at a regular-season clip. The Indians were scheduled to battle Princeton in a playoff for the Ivy League title in Philadelphia last night. Results of the game were not available as the Collegian went to press, but Dartmouth was favored to emerge victorious. Win or lose, however, the Indians will undoubtedly benefit from the playoff game, since it will tend to keep them in a competitive stride.

Victory for Penn State on Friday night will permit the Lions to meet the winner of the Illinois-Kentucky scrap. Illinois, Big Ten champ, is favored over the Kentucky five in their Friday night battle, which will probably be played following the Penn State-Dartmouth affair.

On Saturday night, the victors emerging from the two Friday contests will meet to determine the Eastern Regional champ. This victor will then represent the East in a single-game national championship playoff with the Western champ in Kansas City on March 28.

The following players make up the Lion's lineup: Elmer Gross, Dick Grimes, Herk Baltimore, John Egli, Bob Ramin, Larry Gent, Dave Hornstein, Sid Cohen, Myles Smith, and Dick Risteen.



JUST ONE HAND — Elmer A. Gross '42, basketball co-captain who shoots with one hand, hopes to puzzle Dartmouth opponents in the NCAA Eastern Regional games in New Orleans tomorrow night.

Chi O, Ath East, Zeta Win IM Badminton

Chi Omega, team 1, won 2-1 over Zeta Tau Alpha team 2, in intramural badminton yesterday. Ruth Saylor and Jean Wissinger were Chi O victors while Lynn Wolf and Kay Walker played for Zeta.

June Steinfurth and Mary Devilling copped two games for Ath East team 3 to win over team 1, Thetas Joan Herzer and Ginny Manley. Representing Gamma Phi Beta, Marian Owen and Shirley Mason beat team 3 of Thetas Ferky MacLellan and Peggy Colvin, 2-1. Zeta team 3, Jeanne Zug and Norie Ames, won 2 games from Skip Scrivanich and Esther Lloyd, Kappa Deltas.

Alpha Chi Omega defaulted to Phi Mu in intramural basketball.

Penn State varsity sports turned in a winter record of 58 wins against 23 losses and one tie for an amazing percentage of .713.

Boxers Taper-Off After Last Meet

After receiving a 7½-½ shellacking at the hands of the Wisconsin Badgers Monday in their last dual meet of the season, Leo Houck's boxers, with the exception of Captain Bob Baird and Jess Fardella, who will fight in the Nationals at Baton Rouge, La., March 26, 27, and 28, will hang up their gloves this week-end after a "tapering-off" period.

Baird, who lost a close decision to Warren Jollymore of the Cardinal contingent Monday, will enter the 145 division of the national tourney. The weight is one of the toughest in the nation and Baird's title bid will be contested by several outstanding fistic performers.

The Nittany leader hopes to get another crack at Warren Jollymore when the curtain raises in the opening round. Pairings, however, will probably not be made until the contenders weigh in at Louisiana State on the morning of the initial bouts.

Jess Fardella, the other Lion representative who will enter the 127-pound class, finished his dual season with a record of four wins against two losses. The diminutive puncher received his second setback at the hands of Wisconsin's Collentine but has a chance of upsetting the expert's predictions in the tourney.

Both Baird and Fardella will continue their intensive training program until the middle of next week when they trek to the National tournament.

Mat Suits Wanted

Wrestling team members should turn in uniforms within the next week, Mervin L. Quartner '44, assistant wrestling manager, announced last night. Failure to cooperate will make individual responsible, Quartner stated.

The University of Pennsylvania, founder of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, has never won an EIWA championship.

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ROTC Marksmen Enter War Department Meet After Ending Good Year

Penn State has been one of the six colleges selected to represent the Third Corps Area in the War Department Intercollegiate rifle championships being fired for four weeks beginning this week. The Lion ROTC marksmen placed fourth in a field of 18, it was announced yesterday.

Other schools placing in the upper third of the scores in their order of placing were Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Valley Forge Military Institute, Maryland, Virginia Military Institute, and Carnegie Tech.

The blazers will fire two positions a week for the next four weeks. One at sitting and prone, another at standing and prone, third at kneeling and prone, and the final at prone and prone. The scores will be tabulated at Washington and the official tallies will be issued late in April. Last year the Nittanymen placed second to Lehigh in the national meet.

With this meet, the ROTC gunners conclude a triumphant year. Their record shows a total of two wins with but a single loss to Texas A & M in the season's finale.

When Rasslers Were Stranglers

Back in September, 1902, in what was Penn State's first formal wrestling meet, M. C. "Jack" Offutt '05 wrestled for 45 straight minutes before he subdued his opponent, Noguera, a member of the freshman class that year.

But that isn't all—Noguera was injured, and since the rules stated that a match was won when two out of three falls were registered by one of the contestants, Offutt was required to wrestle a substitute whom he pinned in a short time (probably 15 or 20 minutes).

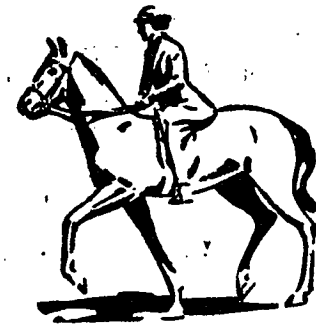
The meet was an inter-class affair—much like present day freshman-sophomore boxing tilts. Previously, class superiority had been determined by the "Class Rush," a genuine battle royal.

Injuries and property damage at the traditional rushes were of a serious nature, so W. Nelson "Pop" Golden, first Director of Athletics, organized the easier method of competition.

Weights were classified in three divisions, middle, light, and heavyweight. To safeguard the competitors, all headlocks and strangleholds were barred, and flying falls not counted.

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Only D. D. Detar '20, later the Lion coach for three seasons, failed to gain a tourney title that year. Ironically enough, Detar was one of the greatest wrestlers to ever wear the blue and white. Forced to forfeit in the finals because of an injury, Detar kept Penn State from making a clean sweep of the seven divisions.

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