

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Sports Editor

John Lawther has another potentially great basketball outfit. Even though several of his varsity starters were still far from top form in their season opener last Saturday, they still managed to make their win over stubborn W&J look easier than it was.

Probably the best all-around performance was turned in by Larry Gent, who drew applause from the crowd several times with his brilliant floor work and dribbling.

Baltimore and Hornstein, although not as good as they appeared at the close of last season, turned in good performances. Hornstein tired in the last half of the W&J tilt, however, and wound up by fouling himself out of the scrap.

Whitey Von Neida appeared a little too shaky in his first varsity start, and made several noticeable defensive slips, but is beginning to round into form. With a little more game experience he should make another outstanding forward.

Johnny Egli, who seemed to be far from top shape against W&J, was still not fully recovered from a severe cold, and consequently his timing was not what it should have been. He should begin to hit his old pace with another game or two behind him.

Two newcomers whom Penn State fans will probably see a lot of during the current campaign are Bob Beck and Jack Biery. Both of these boys displayed flashes of fine floor work in the brief appearances they made last Saturday.

Both of them should see plenty of action in tonight's meeting with the Susquehanna Crusaders, who never appear to mind traveling to State every year to absorb a drubbing. Teams with such unusual qualities of patience and persistence, however, occasionally hit the headline jackpot with an upset, but the likelihood of such a chop-down tonight appears very remote.

Pittsburgh Press Sports Editor Chet Smith said a chinful the other night at the annual Journalism Smoker when he asserted that the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio "practically keep Southern colleges in touchdowns."

"In fact, with Northern material starting on Southern teams," said Smith, "there are probably more Yankees in the South now than during the Civil War."

The state of Georgia, especially, has taken a real shine to the sons of the North. Remember the records of the Georgia and Georgia Tech outfits?

Commenting on the "disappointing" efforts of the various Service teams during the past season, Smith asserted that the Pre-Flight boys still had their regular training for the Big Game to maintain, in addition to toying around with football.

"There is still the war to be won," Smith added, "and the boys are bending their greatest efforts to keeping Tokyo out of the National League."

Cagers Favored Over Foes

Wrestling Season Starts January 9

Penn State's Eastern Intercollegiate champion wrestling team—minus Coach Charlie Speidel—will open an uncertain season against West Virginia in Rec Hall on Saturday, January 9.

Taking over the coaching responsibilities for the Lions in Speidel's absence, will be Paul Campbell '30, former EIWA champion and local attorney. Officially, Bob Higgins is head coach, but it is up to Campbell to carry most of the work of shaping a team.

With a loss via graduation of such men as Captain Glen Alexander, EIWA champ; Ralph Sayre, Clair Press, John Henry, Mike Kerns, and Ron Chrisman, Coach Campbell will build a starting combination to oppose West Virginia.

On the credit side of the ledger Campbell will have such material as co-captains Charlie Ridenour and Sam Harry, Eastern Intercollegiate champs; Al Crabtree, veteran 145-pound grappler; Bob Morgan, heavyweight contender; Gardiner Lindsey, and John Bertolet.

Dan Veleni, Paul Bender, Ben Ulerich, Glen Smith, Chuck Hall, Warren Conrad, Gale Stockdale, Jay Clyner, Dick Reeves, Bill Emmons, and Bob Lowrie have reported for practice and show much promise. A knee injury has kept Dick McNaul, former 155-pound wrestler for State High, from practice so far.

The work of co-captains Charlie Ridenour and Sam Harry during the "dark days" when the eastern champions were without a coach will be a factor in State's chances this year. Just what the future of intercollegiate wrestling is will depend upon the war situation. The appointment of Paul Campbell to coach the grapplers has raised Penn State wrestling stock for the uncertain season.

Interclass Wrestling Tourny Finals Set For Saturday In Rec Hall

With only three days remaining before the final Interclass Wrestling Tournament set for 2 p. m. Saturday in Rec Hall, the preliminary bouts are progressing in "good shape," mat coach Paul Campbell said last night.

Since Monday night, 10 preliminary bouts have been run off leaving approximately 20 bouts remaining before the finals.

Last night's eliminations saw Vigilante pin Compton in the 121 pound class; Reeve decisioned Loffert in the 165 pound class; Emmons decisioned Yeaple in the 145 pound event; and Harrington decisioned Sonabend in the 135 pound division. Kimble won by default.

Phi Sigma Delta Elects

New officers of Phi Sigma Delta, elected at a recent meeting are Howard L. Schwartz '45, vice-master frater; Edgar H. Sykes '45, treasurer; and Gerald B. Maxwell Stein '44, secretary.

Skiers Work Out Despite Snow Scarcity; Team Will Compete In Lake Placid Annual

Although the snow during the schools competing in the meet past two weeks has been light, include Dartmouth, Colgate, Harvard, Cornell, Princeton, Syracuse, New Hampshire, Middle-Penn State's ski team a light workout on the ski trail during the past few days.

The Blue and White has entered a six-man squad in the annual Lake Placid meet, scheduled for December 30, 31, and January 1, Coach King announced. Other group.

Lions Meet Crusaders At 8 P. M. Tonight

Penn State's basketball team, winner in the season's opener Saturday, will try to extend its current 13-game winning streak when they encounter Susquehanna in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. tonight.

Although each team has played but one contest in the winter's campaign, the Lions will enter the tilt top-heavy favorites. They conquered a strong Washington and Jefferson quintet, 34-29, while the Crusaders had trouble in disposing of Hershey Junior College, 33-30.

The Lions and Crusaders have met on 18 previous occasions in a series which started way back in 1907. The Nittanymen have captured all of the tilts thus far in the series. In one game the Lions hit a high of 86 points for one game.

The Crusaders are not to be overlooked, however. Three men will be starting who have had at least one year of varsity experience behind them.

Stagg Has Two-Letterman

Senior captain Jack Walsh will be the only two-letterman on the squad. He has been one of Coach Amos A. Stagg Jr.'s bright spots for the last two years.

The other lettermen are Larry Isaacs and Al Bagatini. Isaacs was a member of the Crusaders' cage team two years ago, but a football injury kept him out of play last basketball season. He was captain of the gridiron squad this past season.

In their opening contest, Bill Janson, six-foot one-inch center, exploded 19 points in the nets to lead the Crusader scoring. Bagatini followed with nine tallies.

The Crusader lineup will find Isaacs and Bagatini at the forwards, Janson at center, and Walsh and Jack Houser at guards. Lion Coach John Lawther will start the same team that opened the season. Larry Gent and Whitey VonNeida will fill the forward posts; Herk Baltimore will be at center; and Dave Hornstein and co-captain John Egli will open in the guard slots.

Lions Have Height Advantage

The Lawthermen will start the game with a height advantage of three inches. The Lions average about six feet two inches while the visitors average a height of five feet eleven inches.

Penn State overwhelmed the Selinsgrove five last year by the score of 47 to 18. The second team played all of the contest after the Lion varsity had rolled up an 18 to 0 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The lineups follow:
Pos. Susquehanna Penn State
LF.....Isaacs.....Von Neida
RF.....Bagatini.....Gent
C.....Janson.....Baltimore
LG.....Welsh.....Hornstein
RG.....Houser.....Egli

More military planes are scheduled for production this year than were made in the U. S. from 1909, when the Army bought its first plane, to last December 7.

At The Movies

NITTANY—
"Sin Town."
STATE—
"Behind The Eight Ball."
CATHAUM—
"The Navy Comes Through."

Basketball Game, Bouts To Lead Army-Navy Night

IM Champs Meet Again; Ensigns Tackle ROTC

A boxing exhibition between IM winners of the independent and fraternity divisions, plus a basketball game between teams composed of Ensigns training at the College and advanced students and faculty of the College ROTC, will feature the Army-Navy night scheduled for Tuesday, December 15.

The bouts, under the supervision of Leo Houck, coach of the Lion boxing team, will probably start off the program.

Lineups for the fights include:
Independent Wgt. Fraternity
Cotrone 121 Compton, PKT
Grim 127 Koven, ASPi
Serago 135 Shoemaker, AZ
Catanoso 145 Harry, KS
Wright 155 Mattern, PDT
Chayooshian 165 Bache PSK
Hawrylak Hvyw t. Banbury, PDT

Krug, 145-pound independent champ, left school to join the armed forces and will therefore be replaced by runner-up Catanose, while Muschlitz, winner in the 155-pound independent class, was badly cut in his last bout and Wright will take his place.

The 175-pound class was eliminated because fighters in both divisions were injured or did not compete, as was the case in the independent division.

The Blue Band may participate in the program, but as yet definite arrangements have not been made. Ensign spectators will be in full dress, and it is probable that advanced ROTC students may also be in full dress uniform.

The program is under the supervision of Coach Leo Houck, Albert W. Swan '44, and Ensign William Bolton, former All-American basketball player for Syracuse University. Ensign Bolton will coach the Navy basketball squad.

Last Library Reading

The last Wednesday reading in the Library will be presented today, at 4:15 p. m. in Room 402 by Professor A. H. Reede of the department of economics. Dr. P. S. Klein, formerly scheduled as the reader, has been commissioned a Lieutenant (JG) of the Naval Reserve Air Corps, and has gone to Ohio State University at Columbus for indoctrination. Mr. Reede will take "Woodrow Wilson" as his subject.

Gamma Sigs, Phi Delt Win In IM Swimming; Gain Semi-Finals

Gamma Sigma Phi came through for the second time to defeat Phi Kappa Sigma in last night's intramural swimming meet by a score of 35 to 15. The Gamma Sigs took first place in four events. First placers were Lou Posner in the 60 yard free style, Ken Horowitz in the 60 yard back stroke, Sol Small in diving, and Bob Solomon in the 1120 free style.

Diving was featured by Sol Small, of Gamma Sig, who was high scorer with 84 points to his credit, losing only his optional Jameson of Phi Kappa Sigma choice of a back one and one-half, took second in the diving with a total score of 72 points, with Joe Boscov, Gamma Sig, placing third with 664 points.

Gamma Sig captured all three places in the 120 free style with Bob Solomon, Bob Kolb, and S. D. Chipin placing first, second, and third respectively.

Chi Phi and Phi Delta Theta fought through to finish with Phi Delt coming out on top by a score of 38 to 12. The Phi Delt won first place in everything but the 60-yard free style, which was won by Hall Pratt, who swam the event in close to the record time of 36 and one-half seconds.

First places for the Phi Delt were taken by Baumport in the 1120-yard free style, Scarborough in the 60 yard back stroke, and Pomerene in the 600 yard breast stroke.

Diving in this meet was entirely dominated by the Phi Delt, with Moriorti, Fife, and Scarborough coming in first, second, and third respectively.

There are only four more teams left in the intramural meets with Phi Delt and Gamma Sig as possible finalists. The Phi Delt have a slight advantage in the time factor, which may prove disastrous to Gamma Sig. Horowitz has a time of .51 seconds in the 660 yard breast stroke over Phi Delt .55 turned in by Pomerene. Phi Delt has the best time in all other events but diving where Gamma Sig's Sol Small has the edge.

Ag School Faculty Meets

There will be a meeting of the School of Agriculture faculty in Room 109 Agriculture Building at 4:10 p. m. on Friday, Dean S. W. Fletcher announced.



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