

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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In running through one of the metropolitan papers yesterday I was intrigued by a piece advocating the adoption of the penalty box in basketball, and the discarding of the present rule which retires the player from a game in which he violates sports etiquette on more than three occasions.

The proposal was broached by a basketball coach, of all persons! Big Bill Chandler, of Marquette University, would banish the four-time fouler from a game only for a period of three or four minutes—during which time his substitute could carry on, while he cools off in the penalty box.

The present rule, Chandler contends, discourages the better players who are naturally more "aggressive" than the mediocre.

Imagine for a moment—if you can—a game in which the penalty box theory were installed.

In the first place, there would have to be a strong-armed "cop" to sit between rival inmates of the "box" to prevent disturbances of the peace.

Players on the floor would have to don helmets, shin guards, padding—maybe even brass knuckles—to hold major injuries to a minimum.

Opposing coaches would have to set up first aid dispensaries along the sidelines to minister to "casualties" not requiring hospitalization. (Most athletic budgets should be taking on an unhealthy pallor along about this point.)

Play would be wide open. Many football coaches would be switching over to basketball in the winter. Any player who committed accidental mayhem would receive a warning from the referee that he had only three more opportunities to go—and then he'd incur a three-minute rest in the penalty jug.

Refereeing would become an accelerated trade—you've got to be fast to sidestep a line-buck even on the gridiron. (This would force into retirement many of the older arbiters.)

There'd be no end of exhausted players trotting in and out of the game. "Giants" would disappear from the sport—because it stands to reason that a frame more than two yards high will suffer more bruising in a fall to the hardwood than would a frame less than two yards high.

Basketball courts would have to be enlarged to accommodate single and double wing formations. Spread formations would bring up the problem of a field house.

There's no doubt about the fact that the game would be speeded up. But "aggressiveness" would become the keynote, rather than speed, deception and agility. The bruiser would replace the half-pint.

Looking at it through the other lens however, the proposal does have its advantages. It would be a boon to coaches like John Lawther, who at the present time has one of his smallest squads in history.

The other week in Madison Square Garden, Lawther was nearly impelled to don a suit and enter the game himself after two-fifths of his team was lost on fouls before the game was half over.

Such games could be retrieved with the penalty box innovation, since "banished" players could re-enter the fight after a brief rest.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Lion Cagers Defend District Two Title With Games At Carnegie Tech, Pitt

Lawthermen to Floor Same Starling Five

Following a one-day stand in Rec Hall Wednesday when they trounced Syracuse, Penn State's once-defeated basketball squad leaves today for two all-important tilts in Pittsburgh over the weekend.

The initial tilt will find the Lions pitted against Carnegie Tech in the Tartans' court tonight. Tomorrow evening the Pittsburgh Panthers will entertain the State quintet in the Pitt gymnasium.

These two tilts may go a long way in determining the ultimate District Two title for this season. The crown is now held by the Lions by virtue of last year's season record of seventeen wins and two losses.

Tech Stronger

Carnegie Tech is much stronger this winter than any year in the last five seasons. Their offense and defense is built around Dave Brin, who is in his third year of varsity competition.

The visiting Lions are favored in both of the weekend tilts, but they will probably encounter the most trouble from Pitt. The Panthers, too, have a much improved team as indicated by their victory over last year's Madison Square Garden tourney champions, West Virginia.

The Golden Panthers have a season's record of three wins and one loss. The lone defeat was suffered at the hands of a strong Ohio State five. Bright spot of the season so far as the Smoky City five is concerned is the 48 to 33 defeat handed to West Virginia, which practically eliminates the Mountaineers from the title race.

Pitt Beat Tech 44-38

Latest of the Pitt conquests was a 44 to 38 setback handed their city cousins, Carnegie Tech.

Coach Carlson is in his twenty-first year as head coach of basketball at Pittsburgh. In his first twenty, his teams won a total of 262 contests and dropped but 133 tilts, which is an all-time average of .664.

His most successful season was the 1927-28 winter when his Panther team captured 21 contests and did not lose a game.

Lion Coach John Lawther will start the same five that has opened all but two of the Nittany tilts. With Co-captain Johnnie Egli recovered from an ankle injury, the Blue and White will again be at full strength.

Egli to Start at Guard

At the forward posts will be Larry Gent and high-scoring Whitey VonNieda. Towering Dave Hornstein will be at pivot and center position with Co-captains Herk Baltimore and Egli at the back line.

Also making the Pittsburgh trip as capable substitutes are Jack Biery, Jim Lawther, Bob Beck, and Sid Cohan. These men can be counted on to see plenty of action during the trip.

In an effort to get the second team in the best shape, Coach Lawther sent them through a long practice session against the third and fourth string squads last night.

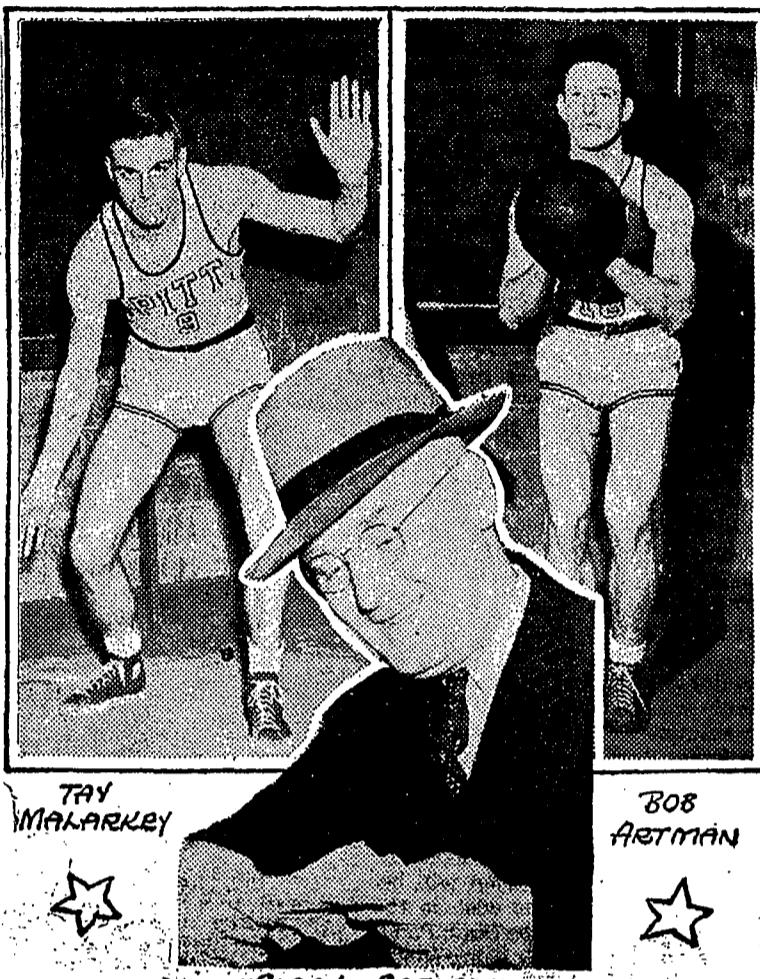
The varsity five tapered off for the weekend's tilts with a light workout and foul shooting.

The teams will leave State College shortly after noon by private car to Tyrone where they will board a train for Pittsburgh.

AGR Elects Officers

William J. Hasley '44 was recently elected president of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Other officers are: George D. Pringle '44, vice-president; Samuel I. Haines '45, secretary; Joseph A. McCurdy '45, chaplain; Lawrence V. Rubright '44, usher; Junior D. Hess '44, reporter; and Marlin E. Zimmermann '44, alumni secretary.

Two Veterans Bolster Pitt Coach's Hopes



Ray Malarkey and Bob Artman, When Coach H. C. Carlson's Golden Panthers take the floor against the district champions tomorrow night, the Lions can expect plenty of trouble from these veterans.

Mermen to Face Carnegie Tech

"If Carnegie Tech is as good as it was last year, we'll have a real struggle on our hands."

That is the statement made by Coach Bob Galbraith at practice last night as he recalled the Tartans' meet with State last year, in which the splashers from the Smoky City almost beat the State mermen in a hotly-contested battle. The meet was not decided until the last event.

However, State's tank men should have little trouble in defeating the Tartans this Saturday afternoon when they meet at the Glennland Pool. Tech's coach is bringing only a squad of ten men. Since there are nine events altogether, the visitors' shortage of manpower should be of considerable aid to the Galbraithmen.

Tech Squad Unlike State

Unlike Penn State's team, which is dominated by several freshman stars, the Tartans' tank squad has only three freshmen on it. The other seven men are sophomores and juniors, and one lone senior.

Racing for Tech against State's topnotch backstroker, Bob Cowell, will be Ralph Eymann and C. Sarosday. Eymann is a freshman and little is known about his ability at the backhanded stroke.

The free style events will probably find the Nittany entries, Wesner and Knoll for the 220, Christie, Hirshfield, and Chovet used interchangeably for the 50 and 100-yard sprints, and Goodman and Miller in the 440.

Knoll to See Action

Knoll had been sick until Tuesday, but has been in the pool this week getting in shape for Saturday afternoon's meet. Earlier in the week, it was thought that Knoll would not see action until the Cornell contest, but Galbraith decided yesterday to let him participate.

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Hockey Team Members Clear, Flood Courts For Skating Rink

With the announcement that ice hockey will definitely not be abandoned as a varsity sport, hockey coach Art Davis stated yesterday that members of the team are so anxious to get regular practice under way that they have even gone to the extent of clearing the tennis courts and giving the rink its first flooding.

New equipment has been purchased for the team and Coach Davis said, "All team traveling will be done by train in an effort to cooperate as much as possible with defense authorities."

Plans are being made by Ray Conger and Dean Schott so that the rink, in addition to being used as a varsity hockey rink, will be open to students for a small fee, probably five or ten cents. The fee will be used for purposes of upkeep.

Cooperating with the plan, Grounds and Buildings have supplied a limited amount of labor and some pipe to be used in flooding the courts. There is a possibility that the rink will be available for use this weekend.

Houck Still Undecided on W. Maryland Fight Card

There still seems to be some doubt in the mind of Lion boxing mentor Leo Houck as to what his starting line-up will be when his charges engage the University of Western Maryland tomorrow night in Rec Hall.

One of Coach Houck's main problems is what to do in the 145 pound class where Ernie George and Jackie Tighe are battling each other's ears off in an effort to be listed on the card for tomorrow night's match.

There is a possibility that Houck will solve his problem by giving Tighe the nod for the 155 pound spot. In that event, Captain Billy

Mat Hopes High For Season's First Meet at Syracuse

Starling Lineup Lists 4 Returning Lettermen

What looks to be the first Lion mat win of the year looms just ahead for Penn State's wrestling team when it meets the University of Syracuse at Syracuse tomorrow afternoon.

Starting line-up for the match was announced last night by Coach Paul Campbell after final intra-squad bouts.

In the 121 pound slot for Penn State will be Kryder Mattern with Charlie Ridenour holding down the 128 pound division. Sam Harry and Al Crabtree will wrestle at 136 and 145 respectively. Ed Lindzey fills the 155 pound position by virtue of his win last night over teammate Charlie Dipner in a fast and rugged two period overtime bout.

Fred Reeve wrestles at 165, Conrad at 175, with Bob Morgan in the heavyweight spot.

Four men in the State line-up, Crabtree, Harry, Morgan and Ridenour are returning lettermen and should "come through" for Nittany wins.

With the exception of Norm Wierdersum, Syracuse's prospects are rather dark. The remaining members of the team suffer from lack of experience. Wierdersum, who wrestles in the 145 pound bracket, is one of the best matmen Syracuse has had in a long time and stands a good chance of winning a title.

In spite of the general inexperience of the team, Syracuse sports authorities believe that the team should do no worse than last year's record of three victories, one tie, and five defeats.

Delta Chi Beat Betas; Win IF Bowling Crown

Winning by a margin of only 24 pins, Delta Chi's bowling quintet defeated Beta Theta Pi last night to win the first half of the Interfraternity bowling tournament and the trophy that goes to the champions.

Art Christmas and Kenny White were high scorers for the Delta Chi's and the Beta's as well. Both men gained a total of 493 pins in three games. Kershner was high man for the Beta's with 490 pins.

Line-ups, individual and team totals are as follows:

| Delta Chi | |
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| See | 411 |
| Christman | 493 |
| Moore | 434 |
| L. White | 458 |
| K. White | 493 |
| Totals | 2289 |
| Beta Theta Pi | |
| Kershner | 490 |
| Chrispy | 443 |
| Sutherland | 387 |
| Stiner | 485 |
| Giles | 416 |
| Totals | 2265 |

Richards will hold down the 165 pound position.

In the first bout tomorrow night, Houck has little to think about in his choice of Jackie Grey to fill the 121 pound slot. Grey's in fine condition and should show ring-side boxing fans a good fight.

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