

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BEN BAILEY, Sports Editor

Is the "Old College Try" on the decline?

The question, arising out of speculation over the recent "misfortunes" of John Lawther's basketball team, has stirred up quite a bit of discussion among local sports fans. At the present time it seems to be the most popular diagnosis advanced to explain the "lean period" into which the court crew appears to have slipped.

Several eyebrows were hoisted when the team bowed to N.Y.U. in Madison Square Garden several weeks ago. When it staggered away from its tussle with Carnegie Tech last Friday with a lucky two-point win margin, a number of questioning voices climbed up with the eyebrows.

And when it finally succumbed by a one-point margin to Pitt the following night, the local crop of "I told you so's" appeared on the streets. What could possibly be amiss with a good team which, at least at the beginning of the campaign, seemed destined to outshine last year's championship squad.

Discounting the draft alibi, since all of the squad is still wearing civvies, one finally comes to the conclusion that somebody on the team just doesn't have his heart in the pastime any more.

To return to the two defeats and the near miss, eyewitnesses agree that the damage in each instance resulted from a breakdown in the rear defensive line. And, on each occasion, someone else on the team had to play the role of a full-time fireman.

Some fans have even jumped the gun, with and without malice aforethought, and charged that the co-captains are not yet applying their shoulders to the wheel.

Nevertheless, it can be said that both Johnny Egli and Herk Baltimore started off the season with some of the poorest performances of their careers. Slumps happen to the

best of athletes at some time or other during their careers, however, and so there was no cause for any undue alarm.

Both players have displayed a tendency to snap out of the doldrums on occasion, but to date their overall performances have been below their true capabilities.

Maybe it is a case of "Senioritis," as some call it. If that is true, then the "Old College Try" is no longer there. Fortunately, such afflictions are usually of short duration.

Both Egli and Baltimore were varsity mainstays last season, and both are capable of brilliant performances. But one can't bask in the light of past performances until he is formally retired from the game.

Dave Hornstein, the other member of the rear line, also got off to a very wobbly start in the early games. Although he has improved in subsequent games, his play is still subpar, judging from his showing last year. The two points he contributed in the Pitt game are certainly not indicative of Hornstein's ability.

All in all, though, any wailing and whining at this stage of the season would be premature. Things are not as bad as they've been painted—yet.

Two defeats are not unusual, and should not necessarily prevent them from going on to another outstanding season. Last year's District 2 champions, you must remember, lost two games.

Lawther's present team is still a headliner. But if each member were to buckle down and really produce from here on in, think of how much better and smoother it could function.

The stuff is there, but the "Old College Try" appears to have slipped a little. I still believe Egli and Baltimore have their best games ahead of them. Remember the revival the Republicans staged last November?

# Cagers Hold Hard Question: To Be Or Not To Be Practice Session Boxing With Lock Haven

Intensive practice continued in Rec Hall last night as Coach John Lawther put his twice-defeated Lion quintet through a long scrimmage to prepare them for this Saturday's tussle with the Colgate Red Raiders in Rec Hall.

Whitey VonNieda, dependable junior forward and high scorer for the Nittanymen, was absent from last night's session because of illness. However, he will be available for the Colgate tilt unless something unexpected turns up.

In last night's practice tilt, Lawther shifted his first five around several times. Jimmy Lawther, Sid Cohan, Bob Beck, and Perk Stabley, all had a crack at the guard spots on the defense as well as the three starting back line men, Co-captains Johnnie Egli and Herk Baltimore, and Center Dave Hornstein.

Jack Biery, substituting for VonNieda, and Larry Gent filled out first five.

Much of the time in the evening's scrimmage was spent in perfecting the Lawther sliding zone. Lawther used six offensive men against the five varsity members, playing on the defense.

To be or not to be—a boxing match with Lock Haven Teachers College—that is the question.

As far as Leo Houck and his fine array of skull bashers are concerned the matches will be held as scheduled in Rec Hall, 7 p. m. Saturday.

Word comes from Lock Haven that the Teachers may have to forfeit as many as four matches. They may decide to throw in the towel and call the whole thing off.

Randall Clees, junior boxer, underwent an appendectomy a few days ago and will be lost for the remainder of the season.

As a 127-pounder, Clees has amassed an enviable record for Lock Haven.

Coach Max Bossert said that he will be forced to forfeit the 155-pound match since he lacks material.

Worth Randall, known more af-

fectionately to teammates as "Rat" Randall, has been accepted by the Navy Physical Education Department, and will report immediately upon receiving his diploma this week.

He goes to Pittsburgh but plans to return to box against Jackie Grey in the 121-pound tilt.

If the Navy permits Randall to return, Lion boxing enthusiasts will see in action one of the greatest athletes in the history of Lock Haven State Teachers College, according to College officials.

He stands only five feet, four inches above canvas level.

Unless Bossert finds a suitable heavyweight to throw into the roped ring against Hawrylak, he may forfeit in this division also.

Paul Renne, 178-pounder from Pittsburgh, may fight for the Havenites.

The remainder of the lineup includes George Barnes, 135 pounds; Earl Burris, 145 pounds; Red Sanzatto, 165 pounds, and Leo Rafferty, 175 pounds.

## Track Members To Compete In Inter-Squad Race

Track fans will have an opportunity to see what kind of a team will enter the invitation two-mile relay run in the Millrose Games scheduled for early February in Madison Square Gardens when intersquad relays are run off on the New Beaver Field track, 3:45 p. m. Saturday.

Following results of time trials last Saturday by the 12 runners fighting for starting positions on the relay team, Ray Conger, varsity track coach, is dividing his runners into three teams for this Saturday's trial run.

Squad one will include Dibeler, Foreman, Carleton, and Mitchell Williams; team two members are Beach, Jones, Karver, and Rufus Williams; third squad mates are Harris, Kochel, Rudnick, and St. Clair.

According to Coach Conger, the trial meet should be of interest to Lion fans, for all three squads are closely matched.

At the time trials last week, Cliff St. Clair's 1:26 was the best time for the 660-yard run. He was closely followed by Harris, Jones and Mitch Williams who turned in a 1:28. Jack Foreman was a step behind the pack with a 1:29. Rest of the track squad turned in times ranging up to 1:31.

Norm Gordon, last year's track captain, is getting into shape for participation in the invitation one-half mile dash in the Millrose Classic.

Fordham took the top position in the two-mile relay run last year. The Lions did not enter a team the past season. Seton Hall, first-placer in the National A. A. U. meet with a world's record in 1942, is a favorite to cop this year's run in the Big City Gardens.

## Delta Chi Defeats SPE Bowlers; Clinch First Place in I-F League

Led by Ken White, the Delta Chi bowlers kept up their league-leading pace Tuesday night in the Fraternity Bowling League as they defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon 8-0.

White was the high man of the evening with a total of 559 and a high single game of 210. The Delta Chi team also had the high game total with 2550.

In the second game of the evening Delta Upsilon and Alpha Gamma Rho played to a 4-4 tie. Burge was high for the DU's with a 423 total. York led the AGR's with a total of 481.

Delta Tau Delta failed to show up for its game with Beta Theta Pi and the game was awarded to the Betas on an 8-0 forfeit.

In the evening's final game Tau Kappa Epsilon bowled over Beta Sigma Rho 8-0. Gates was top man for the Tekes with Cohn leading the losers.

Delta Chi, by winning over the SPE's, is now firmly in the league lead with only a few games remaining.

DU-4			
Fairchild	132	136	124-392
Kowatch	138	136	133-407
Pruzman	103		103
Kohler	117	161	143-421
Burge	142	123	158-423
Olewine		212	140-352
Totals	632	769	698-2099
AGR-4			
Hasley	155	150	148-453
Woods	116		122-238
Kinney	128	144	125-307
York	175	155	151-481
Pringer	159	138	132-429
Turrey		102	102
Totals	733	689	678-2100

AX-8			
See	154	226	164-544
Christman	190	144	131-465
Moore	150	153	124-427
L. White	179	177	199-555
K. White	184	165	210-559
Totals	857	865	828-2550

SPE-0			
Baiesl	182	169	132-483
Jenks	107	128	180-415
Agnew	155	159	152-466
Wintersteen	114	120	152-386
Reeder	135	175	180-490
Totals	693	751	796-2140

Beta Sigma Rho-0			
Klement	163	133	130-426
Hodin	135	152	95-382
V. Wein	76		76
Cohn	155	145	163-463
Warshall	111	115	139-365
M. Wein		127	127
Wilf			80-80
Totals	640	672	607-2100

TKE-8			
Stemler	140	114	130-384
Kimes	112	135	153-400
Gates	172	177	137-482
Stevenson	153	143	119-415
Gray	119	165	143-427
Totals	696	734	682-2100

BOA-8			
Kerchner	93	94	140-327
Christy	125	122	135-382
Sutherland	149	131	159-439
Stiner	139	145	190-474
Giles	136	114	155-405
Totals	642	606	779-2100

ATA-0			
Forfeit			

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## Meteorology

(Continued from Page One) just one requirement is set aside and until the missing data is sent, will not be considered.

Students in the Enlisted Reserve Corps will have to include a transfer which may be obtained by writing to the Personnel Procurement Section, Weather Directorate Headquarters, Army Air Forces, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. In requesting a transfer in grade to Meteorological School, ERC men should give their Army serial number and rank.

Physical examinations for ERC men will not be necessary, McCall added, since the ERC physical is the same as the one given for Meteorology Program.

Mr. McCall remained on campus last night and will give additional information on the programs to students this morning between 9 and 11 p. m. All those interested may contact FAWS, Robert E. Galbraith, 243 Sparks, to find out the room in which Mr. McCall will speak.

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## POOL PATTERN

Look for freshman backstroker Bob Cowell to break the new Eastern Swimming Association record he set last week. Bob, who beat the mark made by George Kojak of Rutgers by .7 second, has already done 1:39.8 in practice which is .9 second better than the new mark he set last Saturday.

The final score in the Carnegie Tech meet in no way indicated the great superiority of the Lion splashers over Coach Risedorph's tankmen. After the Lions captured the first three events handily, Coach Galbraith put in his second-string men in order to give them all a chance to perform. The substitutions enabled the Tartan squad to roll up many points.

After the meet was over, we rushed over to interview the Tartan Coach Risedorph. From the big smile with which he greeted us, one would have thought that the Tech team had just won a great triumph. Commenting on his visit to State, Risedorph said, "We really enjoy our trips up to State College. Even though we lose every year, we're always glad to come back." Though Warner, among those who didn't dodge in breaststroker from last year's variety, was acting captain for the Tech meet, the State squad is still without an official captain. Johnny Miller, former captain, has gone to the Air Corps and the team has not yet held elections.

Saturday's contest was a few minutes late in getting under way due to trouble with the starter's gun. Though there were two high-ranking ROTC officers present, the starter had to resort to a weak, indefinite whistle, until the end of the meet, when one of the managers finally got the gun working. It seemed that no one could get the firing pin set, when suddenly one of the alert managers hit upon the idea of knocking the pistol against the pool wall. . . . William S. Hoffman, College registrar, was one of the judges for the fancy art event. Standing on a high wooden platform to the left of the diving board, the registrar was mildly splashed several times as the divers hit the water unevenly. However, he was not the only individual to be sprayed by the mer-men. Several fans, judges, and local sports scribes were also

time.

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