

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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John Lawther's sliding zone, which for a while earlier in the season operated more like a "slipping" zone, appears to be functioning according to plan once more.

Although the Colgate clash last Saturday never reached the difficult stage—the Red Raiders were so obviously out-classed that the game took on the tang of a Kiwanis convention—the Lion five did put on a good demonstration of teamwork.

This fact was attested in the scoring column as well as on the floor as no less than five Lions took turns loading the basket to share scoring honors.

Forward Larry Gent led the bucket brigade with a total of nine points, while co-captains Herk Baltimore and John Egli deflated their critics by each contributing eight markers, among other things.

Whitey VonNieda, whose performance was dulled by a touch of La Grippe, also turned in a total of eight pointers. And sub forward Jack Biery joined the circle with seven points.

Baltimore, in discrediting the "senioritis diagnosis" which was advanced last week to explain his absence from the scoring paddock, turned in one of his best performances of the season. Egli's work sheet displayed a similar quality.

Saturday night the Lawthermen will match their talent with West Virginia at Morgantown in a scrap which even a sportswriter wouldn't be so brash as to venture to call the turn.

By their records both teams share the undisputed right to inhabit the same pew. Both teams have lost to N.Y.U. and to Pitt. The Mountaineers did falter last week, however, when they succumbed to Duquesne, but that's a W. Virginia characteristic—up or down, they play both ends.

Moreover, Duquesne is supposedly big time competition. Opponents are coming to realize that the Mountaineers & Morgantown are about as air-tight as Hague & Jersey City. Remember that unexpected "hayride" our gridders took in the W. Virginia Wilds one afternoon last Fall?

Although W. Virginia has loaned its coach to the N. Carolina Pre-Flights, it still has on its roster one Scotty Hamilton, whom many local fans will recall as the field general who has been braintrusting the Mountaineers since he was a freshman.

The game should be a scrap all the way and the team that wins is going to have to be at its best Saturday night.

Incidentally, the University of Pittsburgh now has a professor on its faculty payroll named Clark D. Shaughnessy, whose main line of business is football.

When not in the classroom, this man Shaughnessy will be looking after the Pitt football stock, the job formerly handled by Charley Bowser, now of the U.S.N.

Twenty-nine years a coach, Shaughnessy is best known as the man who taught the "T"

Nittany Boxers Go To Michigan For Second Meet

Nittany Lions will do quite a bit of roaming this weekend in search of conquest.

Leo Houck's varsity boxers will board a sleeper Thursday night for East Lansing, Michigan, to encounter the Michigan State mitt-men.

Making the trip will be at least six of the eight men who fought in the season opener against Western Maryland.

Two Classes Unsettled

Positions remaining unsettled are the 135 and the 175 pound divisions.

"Fred" Houck is still praying that he can find an aggressive 135-pounder within the next few days.

Lacking aggressiveness, but by far the best bet in the 135-pound weight, is contender Shabacker, who won his bout against Western Maryland's 135-pound gladiator.

More aggressive is "Bouncing Boy" Cassidy. Houck's chief worry, if he were to start Cassidy, is that Cassidy would be just as likely to bounce into an opponent's gloved fist as he would be to conk his challenger's chin.

Aggressive Forester

In the 135-pound division, Houck does have an aggressive man in Walt Goodrich, a junior in the Forestry school.

Goodrich, in his daily ring workouts, has tried to throw everything but the ring posts at his sparring partners.

His seconds are afraid that he would try to throw these if they weren't fastened down. In a street fight, Goodrich's powerful right would cause considerable damage.

Left Wide Open

In the ring, against someone who knows even the fundamentals of boxing, his round housers leave him wide open.

Houck may have enough time to develop Goodrich before the Inter-collegiate.

At 175, Orient Martella is being pushed by Imist Blanding who has been working his heart out and who has been quick to see the right way and follow it.

Whether he will be strong enough to oust Oggie still remains a big question.

Other Berths Decided

In the other weights, no competition has appeared to oust the present incumbents, the Messrs. Grey, Hawthorne, George, Tighe, Richards, and Hawrylak.

Joey Cutrone, 120-pound intramuralist, has been working out lately.

His showings against the more experienced and aggressive Jackie Grey have been chiefly in the role of portable punching bag for "Killer" Grey.

Straightens Punches

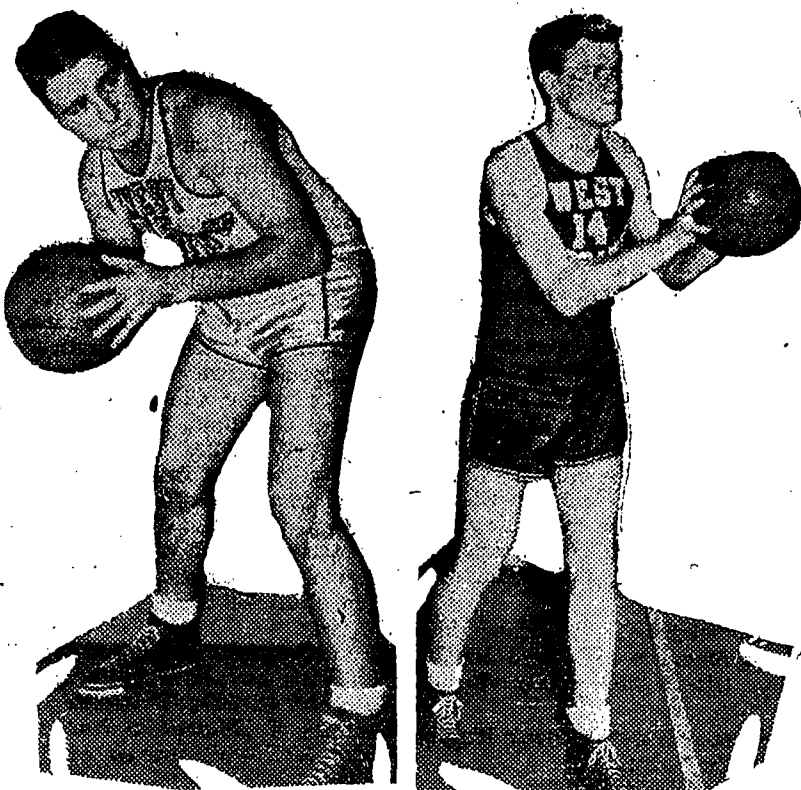
With the gradual development of a straight punch, it appears as though Frankie Hawrylak's heavy-weight berth is assured.

Penn State defeated the Michigan team 6½-½ last year. What effect the draft has had on their present team is not known.

to Stanford and Western Maryland.

Although this is not the time of day or year to talk football, the Pitt addition is something to think about for the future. Penn Staters will undoubtedly hear of this man Shaughnessy again.

Mountaineer Spark-Plugs



CAPT. SCOTTY HAMILTON
Forward

FLOYD STARK, Center

Captain Floyd Hamilton and Floyd Stark will only add to the "jinx" element that Penn State's basketball team will run into when they invade Mountaineer Field House for their annual battle with West Virginia. The WVU team was one of the two teams able to take the measure of the Lions last season—the game was at Morgantown and the Lawthermen will be seeking revenge for that loss.

Lion Cagers in 'Jinxed' Territory When They Invade West Virginia

Mountaineer Field and the West Virginia University gym proved the nemesis of Penn State teams in 1942, but Coach John Lawther's charges vow that 1943 is going to prove different.

Last year the Lions traveled to West Virginia with an unblemished record and everybody was dumbfounded when the Mountaineers not only licked the Penn State quintet but scored an almost unbelievable total of 58 points against Lawther's sliding zone defense.

Penn State got even for that defeat when they got the WVU cagers to Rec Hall last spring and added them to their consecutive win streak that now totals 17.

Larry Gent and Whitey VonNieda will be the starting forwards for the Lions, while Co-captains Herk Baltimore and John Egli will assist Dave "Tiny" Hornstein, center, in the back line.

The Nittany team emphasized the importance of the West Virginia tilt in practice last night even though Coach John Lawther was not present for the workout. Nick Thiel put the cagers through their paces while Lawther took care of the other end of the contest by scouting West Virginia in their game last night with W & J. West Virginia's team is pretty much a matter of the "king and his court," with Captain Scotty Hamilton the only veteran back from the team that won national acclaim as winner of the National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden. The rest of the Mountaineers are sophomores up from a strong freshman team.

Hockeymen Will Meet Franklin & Marshall

Coach Art Davis' ice hockey team will face their first test of the season when they meet the stickmen of Franklin and Marshall next Tuesday night at the Hershey Arena.

Confirmation of the earlier attempts by F & M to schedule a game with Penn State was received by Coach Davis yesterday afternoon. Fear that the large arena in Hershey, closed since the gas ban went into effect, would not be reopened was held by Davis until he received yesterday's letter.

A professional hockey game scheduled for the same evening in the Arena has been moved to Cleveland, where the arena can be reached by bus.

Temple Swimming Date Is Changed

Another shake-up in the already juggled swimming program was announced yesterday, when the meet with the Temple Owls, originally scheduled for March 6, was moved back on the calendar to February 24.

Word was also received from Westminster Coach Joe Ferris that his Titan tankmen will be able to swim against the Galbraithmen on the afternoon of February 6, instead of in the evening. Previously, Westminster asked that the meet be held in the evening as they planned to make the trip by train and bus.

In a letter to Coach Galbraith yesterday, Ferris stated that Westminster now has arranged for the team's transportation by automobile and will save enough time by that change to swim against the State mermen in the afternoon.

Preparing for the tilt, most of the Lion swimmers are busy practicing daily. The meet is still over a week away and the squad should be in much better form for the Westminster duel than they were against Carnegie Tech.

Latest reports state that the Titan splashing squad turned out this year by Coach Ferris is tops and will cause State trouble.

Second Relay Trials Scheduled for Today

Second time-trials for tryouts of the two-mile relay squad will be held on the New Beaver Field outdoor board track, 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Selection of a team to participate in the Millrose Games February 6 will be based on the performances by the runners in the three scheduled trial runs, according to Coach Conger.

The first trial run was held last Saturday. The third will be set for Saturday afternoon.

Best time in the first trial race was garnered by squad two composed of Karver, Beach, Jones, and Rufus Williams.

Individual time honors went to Karver, St. Clair, Beach, and Rudnick.

The two-mile relay squad will run on invitation from the Millrose committee, which also asked for graduate student Norm Gordon to take part in the one-half mile jaunt.

Scene of the classic will be the Madison Square Garden in New York City.

State Wrestlers Meet Princeton on Saturday

Penn State's twice-victorious wrestling team will face its first real test of the season next Saturday when they meet the Princeton grapplers at Princeton, N. J.

Beaten last year by State, 24-8, this year's edition of the Princeton team, although inexperienced, looks like one of the best in the east.

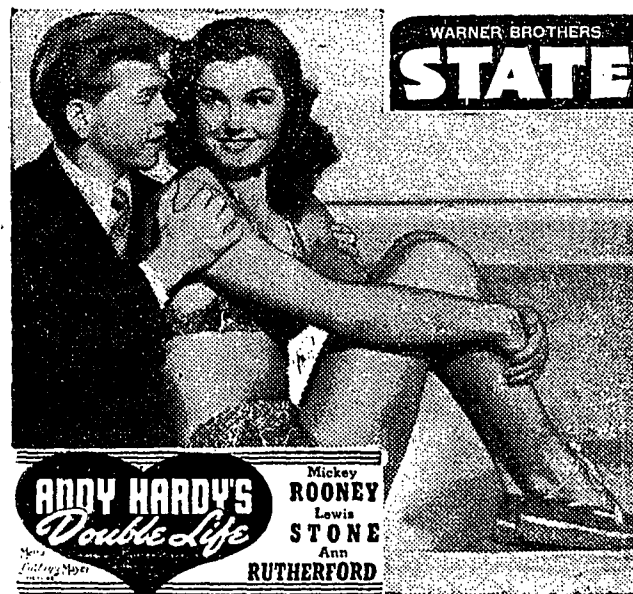
At 136 pounds, Warren E. Taylor, last year's EIWA champ at 136 pounds, looms as Princeton's most outstanding wrestler.

Other crack grapplers for the Orange and Black of Princeton are Hamilton Carothers at 155 pounds and Ralph James at 165 pounds.

Penn State's representatives will be chosen in final competitions this afternoon.

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