

Penn State Wrestlers, Boxers, Basketballers Face Tough Foes In Away Battles With Princeton Tigers, Spartans, Mountaineers

Lawther Seeks End Of Morgantown 'Jinx'

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PITTSBURGH, January 29—"It looks like we may have to get there by dog sled tomorrow, but when and if we get there we'll come back with a win," was the comment made by Penn State basketball players as they arrived here enroute to their annual court meeting with West Virginia.

The comment was elicited by the Lion basketballers as they heard that the West Virginia was at the moment under a 20-inch blanket of snow. However, their thoughts quickly turned to the game they are going to play on Saturday night in Mountaineer Field House.

Out to avenge a loss at the hands of the Mountaineers last spring, the charges of Coach John Lawther will have to stop an all-out offensive boasted by the Mountaineers in their games to date.

JINX IS PROBLEM

Losing the last four games on their schedule has only made the 'Hillbilly' squad more anxious to keep alive the "jinx" they hold over the Penn State teams at Morgantown.

Losses to NYU, Pitt, Duquesne, and W&J in their last four starts have just about smothered any hopes Rudy Baric, star of last year's WVU team and present Mountaineer coach, had for an invitation to one of the major tournaments.

For the Lion's end of the battle, it is almost imperative that the visitors to Morgantown win in order to revive their hopes of defending their NCAA District 2 title after a 38-37 loss to Pitt.

LAWTHER WANTS WIN

Coach John Lawther hopes to send his strongest team against the Baric-coached five in order to boost the .777 average the Nittany team has turned in for nine starts in 1943.

Larry Gent and Whitey Von-Nieda, forwards; Dave Hornstein, center; and Co-captains John Egli and Herk Baltimore, guards; make up the combination that have worked the smoothest in games of late. The functioning of the two guards, who were a bit on the pan for their lackadaisical manner in the Pitt fray was especially heart-warming in the 48-24 victory over Colgate last week that stretched the Lions' home win streak to 17.

TOUGH AT HOME

West Virginia has proven very tough to beat on its home floor in recent years and the four losses they have suffered this year have all been on foreign courts.

Baric has Floyd "Scotty" Hamilton to build his team around for the first home performance the WVU team will present in 1943. The rest of the West Virginia aggregation is sophomore talent that has proved its ability as it has become accustomed to playing in Mountaineer uniforms.

Floyd Stark and Joe Walthall are the big scoring threats, with Ted Nicksick and Carney Davis playing supplementary roles.

Nicksick is Hamilton's running mate at forward, while Walthall and Davis team at the guard posts.

Walthall has averaged approximately 20 points a game for the 1942-43 season and is the man the Lions will have to stop to win.

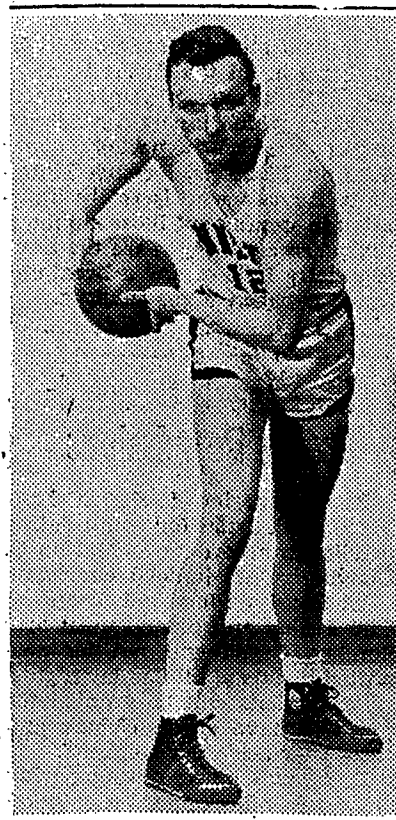
Ice Skating Tonight

Crews were out last night clearing off the drifted snow and re-flooding the ice rink at the tennis courts and with good weather this afternoon it will be possible to reopen the rink to the public.

A 15-cent admission is being charged to take care of expenses incurred in running the rink.

Public skating will be held every night, weather permitting from 7 to 9:30 p. m.

Counting On Him



JOHN EGLI

John Egli, the reformation of whose play in the Colgate game gives the Penn State basketballers hope in their battle with West Virginia this evening, is one of the starting guards chosen by Coach John Lawther to help break the "jinx" West Virginia teams seem to hold over Lion athletes at Morgantown.

From Ball Playing To Ensign Coaching—Story Of Bill Bolton

Have you ever wondered who whips the gang of ensigns on campus into the physical shape that they need to absorb the punishment ahead of them? He is Chief Petty Officer William Bolton—popularly known to his sailor buddies and to all those who saw the recent Army-Navy basketball game as Bill Bolton, former Syracuse basketball center and captain.

Bill's 165 pounds is well distributed over 6 feet 2 inches of a well-muscled body. He has dark wavy hair to match his dark eyes and greets everyone with a cheery word and a broad smile.

In his college years, spent on the campus of Syracuse, Bill played varsity basketball for three years under the tutelage of Coach Andrews, for whom he has a high regard. Two of these seasons, 1939 and 1940, saw the Orange end its season with records of 17 wins against four defeats; and 18 victories over three setbacks respectively. He remembers well playing against Penn State's Johnny Barr and Charley Prosser.

When his now 6 feet 2 inches was down around 5 feet, Bill was attending New Hartford High School, Utica, N. Y., following up his education by attending Syracuse. After graduation in 1941, he entrained for Berlin, N. Y., where he taught school and coached the basketball and baseball squads in the Berlin high school. This position kept Bolton busy for six months.

"Then, I got tired of waiting and joined the Navy," he says. After induction Bill was shifted around first to Norfolk Naval Training center for a stay of nine weeks and from there to Dartmouth where he got an eight-week training course. Now stationed at Penn State, Bill is on the personnel end of a permanent assignment—how permanent, he doesn't know.

Bill's in charge of all intersquad sports, physical training, and

Nittany Boxers Get Good Night's Rest

Special to the Daily Collegian
EAST LANSING, Michigan, Jan. 29—Undoubtedly dreaming sweet dreams of repeating their overwhelming victory last year over Michigan State, Penn State's varsity boxers went to bed early in the evening to get a good night's rest before they meet Michigan's squad in the gymnasium tomorrow night.

Members of the team had a light workout this afternoon, concentrating chiefly on roadwork, rope skipping and working out on the light canvas bag.

Only Two Experienced

Two Nittanymen, Captain Billy Richards and Jackie Grey, fought against Michigan State a year ago, the rest of the squad has since graduated.

Richards fought to a draw while Grey TKOed Matthews after 1:45 minutes of the third round.

Although Michigan State is not rated as highly this year, it is expected that they will put up a good fight against the Lions who are not as experienced this season.

Houck, Lion coach, will be depending upon the same eight men who defeated Western Maryland in the season's opener, 7-1.

Same Lineup

Starting the boxing card is 121-pounder, Jackie Grey. In the next class, 127 pounds, Glen Hawthorne will be wearing the blue and white colors. Bill Shabacker is scheduled to toss the leather in the 135 pound bout.

Next on the program will be Senior Earnie George, 145 pound contestant. Jackie Tighe, still with a ten pound handicap will box in the 155 pound production. Captain Billy Richards, moved up a weight, will square off for 165 pound class laurels. Oggie Martella, 175 pounds, and Frankie Hawrylak, unlimited class.

Second Gym Meet Scheduled Today

Second inter-class gym exhibition will be given by Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts in Rec Hall, 2:30 p. m. this afternoon.

This performance by the boys will be the second one of the current season before they tangle with the Navy squad in their first official meet at Annapolis, February 13.

Results of today's meet, coupled with another scheduled for next Saturday, will be used by Wettstone to determine the starting lineup for 1943 season.

Several members of the squad have shown exceptional ability during last week's meet. Lebow, who tied the College rope-climbing record set by Senft in 1942, will vie with Young for the best time in today's rope exhibition.

Frey and Meade, PIAA champion last season, will fight it out for top honors on the tumbling mats; while Small and Bordo looked very good on the parallel bars. Best performances on the rings were given by Bonsall, Bordo, and Lebow. Small's performance on the side horse was best.

In this afternoon's event, the underclassmen will try to gain revenge for the 29-25 defeat they suffered at the hands of the upperclassmen last Saturday.

sports supplies of his ensign charges. They are now engaged in tournaments and instruction in basketball, volley ball, and swimming. Bolton plans to inaugurate a program of sports for the sailors including softball and track in the spring.

BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BEN BAILEY

Sports Editor

Today we have with us one of those empty weekends designed especially for the scholar who is lagging in his lessons or his sleep.

With no home athletic festivals on which to squander one's AA Book, the weekend presents the perfect opportunity for one to catch up on anything that may need catching up.

Since all our major athletic aggregations are out getting in their traveling activities for the physically fit are limited to snowballing and ice skating on the tennis courts—if the weather's right—and skiing, if one has the skis.

So for sports conversation, about all we have remaining are the fortunes of the teams on the road to cull among. Probably the most important event tonight on the "away" ticket is the basketball game with West Virginia at Morgantown.

In light of the Mountaineer loss to W&J just the other evening, John Lawther's squad will enter the mountain boro favored to win tonight. But of course, we have long since learned from experience that even gravity doesn't operate as it should in that town.

The Lions need the win tonight as a step toward some of the recognition they have coming to them in Eastern intercollegiate cage circles.

Because of their four defeats, the Mountaineers are hovering nearer the also-ran class as far as District 2 NCAA dreams are concerned, but that is always the point where they become the most dangerous.

They whipped us last year in their own yard, and will try everything for a repeat. I'm inclined to tag along with Lawther and gravity though, and look for a "Morgantown Misfire."

Higgins & Campbell have moved their bonebending show to Princeton, N. J., to see the latter off to a grand opening at their own expense.

The Lion outfit has enjoyed some rather sensational success so far this season, while Princeton is still untried—and that makes them the unknown factor.

That, of course, shoves the question of "who's-gonna-win" up to the \$64 level, and I never bite on those kind. Off the record, however, I'd say any team that has the Centre County Clique on its roster is equal to any situation.

Leo Houck and his boxing stable are entraining in East Lansing, Mich., tonight, and there is another situation in which we have the unknown factor—nobody anything about Michigan State, yet.

Judging from the piece-work turned in by Grey, Richards, and Hawrylak in the Western Maryland mauling recently, I feel reasonably safe in looking for the boys to return with their features intact.

Another outfit which is taking in the scenery this weekend, is Don King's varsity skiing club. Very little is known about these fellows since there has been even less snow about the premises until this week. Subsequently, about the only practise the lads have been able to get in so far has been an occasional slide down an unused cellar door here and there.

Practise or not, however, they've managed to get to the Western Division Intercollegiate Ski Union meet near Cornell this weekend. For a line on how they fare, of course, you'll have to consult tomorrow's press.

Meet Will Be First For Lion Opponents

Nimble and toughened up after a hard week of stiff workouts, Penn State's wrestling team left State College at 11 o'clock yesterday morning for Princeton, N. J., where they will encounter the Princeton Tigers tonight in their third meet of the current campaign.

This evening's meet will be the first real test of the season for the Blue and White grapplers, according to Lion Coach Paul Campbell, who believes the first two meets this year were merely "breathers" to what his men face tonight.

Tigers' Champ

Main attraction on the Tiger's lineup is last year's 136-pound EIWA champion, Warren Taylor, who will be bitter competition to State's Sam Harry. Harry, in his first two bouts against Cornell and Lock Haven, has succeeded in scoring falls over both of his opponents.

When the Campbellmen invade Princeton's gymnasium at 6 p. m. tonight, they will be encountering the Tigers for the thirteenth time in as many years. Of the meets, Penn State can boast of nine wins and only three defeats, an enviable record which Coach Campbell hopes his charges will maintain in their performance tonight.

That this meet will be the first match of the year in which the State squad will have to do a little extra grunting and groaning is evidenced by the boast of Princeton Coach Jim Reed, who says that besides his outstanding wrestler, Taylor, he has some very fine prospects.

Princeton's First

One asset to the Nittanymen is the fact that this match will be the first competition that the Tigers have faced this year and that they have not been toughened by the experience of a few matches. However, the Lions have to put up their hardest battles, says Coach Campbell, if they don't want their team to end up on the liability side.

Only change in the lineup for Penn State tonight will be the return of Fred Reeve at the 165-pound slot in place of Chuck Hall, the Lion's blind wrestler, who threw his opponent from Lock Haven last week in 0.51 of the first period.

The rest of the lineup remains intact with Bob Lowrie starting at 121-pounds; Co-captain Charlie Ridenour at 128; Sam Harry at 136; Al Crabtree at 145; Gardner Lindzey at 155; Fred Conrad at 175; and Bob Morgan, heavy-weight.

Opponent Lineup Undisclosed

Lineup for the Princeton team is, as yet, not set, but the Tiger's Coach Reed can be expected to place capable men in the various poundages to combat the Lion's mat attack.

In their first two meets of the season Penn State has scored victories over Cornell University by a score of 30-0, and over Lock Haven State Teacher's College by a tally of 31-5.

Time Trials To Determine Starters In Millrose Relay

Individual time trials will be held this afternoon for members of the track squad trying for the two-mile relay team that Ray Conger will take with him to Madison Square Garden next Saturday.

Results of today's race and those of the past week will be used in making the selections, according to Coach Conger. Norm Gordon will also accompany the team to the Millrose Games and participate in the invitation one-half mile run.