

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Today I observe a special anniversary. When I get to the end of this piece I will have finished my 50th consecutive daily column—which may or may not be termed an achievement—depending on whether one is or is not a reader, the time of day he reads this stuff, and his over-all mood, among other things.

I was, and still am, tempted to extend the string to 75 or 80, but with reluctance have decided to holler "Uncle" at 50. For who can tell—after I reach 75 or 80, what's to keep me from going on to the 100 mark; or even continuing indefinitely? And a reader hollering "Uncle" is something to be avoided.

Furthermore, a consecutive string of any kind is a sure sign that one is slipping into a rut—and ruts, too, are something to be avoided.

For some time now I've had a feeling akin to that of the gentleman who loved to beat himself over the noggin with a tire iron because it felt so good when he stopped. It feels good to stop writing every day, too.

Skipping a day now and then not only will afford me an opportunity to rest my feet occasionally, and readers an opportunity to rest their eyes, but will make room for other staff writers having something to say to get in a word, too.

We have several writers covering sports at the present time who will help break up the monotony which at times settles about this page, and I myself look forward to opening the old blotter of a morning to read someone else's views on whatever may need viewing.

Right now the future looks black indeed for intercollegiate sports. The recent Army edict bars all those in the service who are stationed at colleges throughout the nation from helping out decimated college teams.

Penn State's current sports program will continue as is for a few months yet, but after May they will probably be forced to hang out the crepe—that is if there's anyone left to hang it out.

In a few weeks there'll be 500 Aviation Cadets shipped here for pre-pre-flight training. Judging from the rate many familiar male faces are disappearing from campus, our male population very shortly will be comprised of nearly all student-soldiers. If the Navy follows the Army in its sports edict, that'll surely put the kibosh on sports for the duration.

Cagers Leave Today For One-Night Stand Against West Point

Taking to the road again for a one-night stand, the Lion cagers will travel to West Point today where they will meet the Army five tomorrow afternoon.

Despite their not-too-good record for wins on the road this semester, the Lions should have a rather easy time against the Army team. The Cadets' record for the first nine games this season shows a single win against eight losses.

The Nittany five's opponents for this game will, like a good many of the Lions' opponents this season, be at a height disadvantage. Beside the comparatively tall State team, the Cadets have only three men of six feet or over, the tallest of who is a mere six three.

Probably the best showing the Cadets have made this season was against Pitt two weeks ago when they came within one point of beating the Panthers. They have, however, been up against a tough

Virginia Mittmen Lose Second Bout In 5 Years to Lions

Cavaliers Win Early Bouts But Fail to Hold Lead

Suffering its second defeat in five years, the University of Virginia's boxing team bowed to the Nittany mittmen 4½-3½, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

To Penn State went the honor of having defeated the Cavaliers on both occasions.

The Lions got off to a poor start, losing the first three bouts and eking out a draw in the 145-show.

Although the Houckmen have generally had poor showings in the heavy classes, they surprised every one by their winning in the top four weights.

Bland, Maier Win

Newcomers Harry Bland 175-pounds, and Ted Maier, 165-pounds, both were victorious in making their ring debuts.

Captain Billy Richards and heavyweight Frank Hawrylak also won over Virginia opponents.

Jackie Grey, first on the evening's card lost a close decision to Massie in the 129-pound bout. This was Grey's first defeat in four starts this season.

Glenn Hawthorne, 127-pound mittman, also had his winning streak broken when the Cavalier's Miragliatta won a close decision.

Cavaliers Lead, 3-0

Virginia went ahead to take a 3-0 lead when Jimmy Cassidy lost his second varsity bout by a decision to Tommy Green of the University of Virginia.

Tighe Floors Burnett

Jackie Tighe floored his opponent in the first round but Willie Burnett was able to make a comeback, holding Tighe to a draw.

It was at this time that the Penn State team began its comeback, going on to win finally 4½-3½.

Army, which has been defeated by Virginia, is next on the Lions' schedule. The Penn State boxers travel to West Point, Saturday, to meet the Cadets.

The summaries:

120-pound: Massie (V) decisioned Grey.
127-pound: Miragliatta (V) decisioned Hawthorne.
135-pound: Freen (V) decisioned Cassidy.
145-pound: Tighe (PS) and Burnett (V) fought to draw.
155-pound: Richards (PS) decisioned Null.
165-pound: Maier (PS) decisioned Niklason.
175-pound: Bland (PS) decisioned Lauriault.
Unlimited: Hawrylak (PS) decisioned Stewart.

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Last Night's Results

Vagabonds 22, Auks 10
Podunk Prep 32, Cody Manor 21
Fletcher House 20, Frazier Hall 8
Pioneers 28, Penway 14
Ingliside Club 23, Lion Club 10
Allen Co-op 15, Independent 14
Lions Den 24, Speed Boys 10
Bell AC 28, Fairmont Hall 9
Delta Tau Delta 1, Beaver House 0 (forfeit)

Tomorrow's Schedule

7:00
Phi Delta Theta No. 2 vs. Theta Kappa Epsilon No. 2
Delta Upsilon vs. Sigma Chi
Phi Kappa vs. Sigma Pi No. 2
7:30
Sigma Pi No. 1 vs. Alpha Kappa Pi
Tau Kappa Epsilon No. 1 vs. Alpha Chi Sigma
Phi Delta Theta No. 1 vs. Theta Xi No. 2

league in their early season games, and may give the Lions a bit of a run for their money.

Against the 8-1 record of the West Point team, the Lions will have to offer their record of ten wins to four losses, and wins in their last two games on the road.

Gymnasts Crush Navy Rope Power In Initial Meet, 13-5

Crushing the rope climbing power that Navy has held for years in Eastern circles, the Penn State gymnastic squad easily trounced the Midshipmen in their first match of the 1943 season by a 13 to 5 score.

Navy, said to have one of their best teams on the floor this year, did not live up to expectations as the Lions swept four of six events. The "Gobs" only "sweep" of an event came when they took the Blue and White boys on the rings, 3 to 0.

Bordo, Small Outstanding

Outstanding performances during the meet at Annapolis were given by Captain Lou Bordo and Sol Small on the parallel bars. Bordo also scored for the Lions on the horizontal bar, while Small claimed a point on the side horse but then found himself on the losing side of the score sheet in the ring event.

Chuck Lebow's time of four seconds flat was the best for the rope climbing competition. This is the same time by which Chuck established a College record in Rec Hall a few weeks ago during interclass competition. Young and Wirtschaffer were the other winners in the climbing event.

Meade Excellent on Mats

Billy Meade, sophomore sensation on the mats, squeezed a win from Navy's Bunn by performing a difficult routine during the tumbling exercises. Coach Wettstone's gymnasts will meet Illinois in Rec Hall, 8 p.m. Friday for their first home match.

The summaries are as follows:

Horizontal Bar
Bordo (PS) defeated Herlong
Lebow (PS) defeated Searles
Sorenson (PS) defeated Vaughn
Score: Penn State 3, Navy 0

Side Horse
Brand (N) defeated Sorenson
Small (PS) defeated Kolstad
Julian (N) defeated Teti
Score: Navy 2, Penn State 1

Rope Climb
Wirtschaffer (PS) defeated Davis.
Time: 4.4 sec.
Young (PS) defeated Stickles.
Time: 4.3 sec.
Lebow (PS) defeated Raferty.
Time: 4 seconds flat.
Score: Penn State 3, Navy 0

Parallel Bars
Teti (PS) defeated Cryan
Small (PS) defeated Julian
Bordo (PS) defeated Butner
Score: Penn State 3, Navy 0

Rings
Rankin (N) defeated Small
Watson (N) defeated Sorenson
Parker (N) defeated Bonsall
Score: Navy 3, Penn State 0

Tumbling
Bonsall (PS) defeated Dinwiddy
Frey (PS) defeated Sperry
Meade (PS) defeated Bunn
Score: Penn State 3, Navy 0
Final Score: Penn State 13, Navy 5

At The Movies

CATHAUM—"Silver Queen"
STATE—"Shadow of a Doubt"
NITTANY—"Who Done It?"

Ice Hockey Team Faces Drexel in Return Game

Coach Art Davis' varsity ice hockey squad hits the road for the second time this season today for their return game with Drexel Tech at the Hershey arena.

Victors by a 4-0 count last week, the Lion team has had several practice sessions this week at the tennis court ice rink.

Probable starting line to face off against Drexel tonight will include Art Gladstone at center with Fred Bernbaum and Ted Cauffman at the wing positions.

The Engineers have been practicing every morning before breakfast since they went down to defeat before the Nittany puck-chasers last Monday night in the Philadelphia arena.

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Mat Squad Loses First to Middies

Competing against a strong and undefeated Middle team on Saturday afternoon, Coach Paul Campbell's varsity wrestling squad got "sunk" by the Navy to the tune of 29 to 5. The loss was the first one the Lions have suffered thus far this season.

Ridenour Defeated

Highlight of the meet was the defeat of Co-captain Charlie Ridenour in the 121-pound class, the slot in which he wrestled and captured the EIWA championship last year. Ridenour fell victim to Navy's Malcolm MacDonald by a 13-5 decision. MacDonald, incidentally, eliminated Ridenour from the 121-pound class in last season's nationals while wrestling for Purdue.

The defeat of Ridenour at MacDonald's hands was the first he has lost in dual-meet competition since he was a sophomore and the first dual-meet loss in the 121-pound class in the three years he has spent as a member of the varsity wrestling squad.

Harry Scores Only Win

Only win of the afternoon gained by State was through the prowess of Co-captain Sam Harry in the 128-pound class. Harry threw his man, Navy's Joslin, in 8:37 with a cradle hold. The bout was the first that Harry has wrestled in that class this year.

In the heavyweight division, which brought together the Lions' Bob Morgan and Navy's 1942 EIWA heavyweight champ, Charles Swift, a crotch and half-nelson hold by Swift in 1:29 was too much for Morgan to assimilate.

The summaries follow:

121-pound: MacDonald (N) decisioned Ridenour, 13-5.
128-pound: Harry (PS) pinned Joslin with cradle hold in 8:37.
136-pound: Kirt (N) pinned Catinoso with crotch and half nelson in 2:47.
145-pound: Henson (N) decisioned Linsey, 9-1.
155-pound: Hale (N) decisioned Crabtree, 9-5.
165-pound: Creel (N) pinned Reeve with crotch and half nelson in 7:00.
175-pound: Yates (N) pinned Samler with crotch and half nelson in 5:36.

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