

COLLEGIAN SPORTS

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After wringing every possible bit of information out of coaches, players, and Rec Hall loafers, Sports Editor Bailey turns over the sports column to his staff writers with the parting quip: "The experience will be great, boys, go to it."

We'd like to "go to it" and try to give you a little different slant on the boxing team. A side that doesn't appear in usual boxing stories, which limit themselves to such statements as "Tighe KO's opponent in first round," or "Houck takes revised team to meet Cavaliers in Charlottesville."

In other words, not so much about what the team did but who they are, and what they are like.

Take the recent trip made to Virginia. "Father" Houck was busy rounding up his charges in Washington's Union station. To all appearances, the members of the boxing squad were the only men in civilian clothes.

A Washington dowager passing by stopped long enough to size up the squad and then said, "Humphhh! These boys look healthy enough... why aren't they in uniform?"

Coach Houck stopped chasing his lost chicks, gave the woman a cold look, and replied, "You look pretty healthy, lady—why aren't you in the WAAC's?"

That's the sort of thing that seldom gets into a regular sports story.

When the team goes away on trips, little Jackie Grey always stocks up on penny postage stamps, dropping cards to friends in State College from towns and historical sites visited.

On the return trip, Grey is usually well-stocked with hotel towels, stationery and soap.

Frankie Hawrylak, 200-pound heavyweight, is official court jester, making otherwise tiresome and dreary road trips funny.

Houck, who had been wondering why his heavyweight continued to put on weight instead of losing it, discovered the answer when the team went into an East Lansing, Michigan, hotel for its Sunday meal.

Each was given a dollar and told to buy whatever he wanted to eat.

Hawrylak promptly asked the waitress to bring him a dollar's worth of corned beef sandwiches and a quart of buttermilk. The harder Hawrylak is worked in the gym the more he wants eats.

Captain Billy Richards is by far the least sociable of the boxers when they travel. Armed with a stack of magazines, Richards buffers his nose from the moment they board a train until they get off the train.

More sociable are Jackie Tighe, Oddie Martella, and Leo Houck. From the moment they board a train until the time it arrives at its destination they are to be found playing cards, usually the never-ending Black Jack.

In addition to being an expert boxer and Black Jack player, Tighe has earned quite a reputation as a handball player. He is the present title holder in Scranton.

Gymnasts to Play Host to Illinois Acrobatic Squad

Lions Hope for Second Win of 1943 Season

Striving for their second victory of the current season, Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts are preparing for their meet with Illinois University at Rec Hall, 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

After easily downing Navy last week by a 13 to 5 count, the Lions are expecting to repeat this performance and successfully defend their Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Championship.

Illinois is not a very strong team this year, and their power in the rope climbing event is practically nil. The Lions, on the other hand, are strong in all events, having performed exceptionally well on the ropes during the Navy meet.

Lineups for the Blue and White squad will include the same acrobats who competed in the meet with the Midshipmen, with the exception of John Teti who will be shifted into the number two position for the parallel bar trick.

All-around athlete for Illinois is Arnold Trummer. Trummer will perform on the parallel and horizontal bars, side horse, and mats. He may be the only Illinois gymnast who will enter four events, because of the lack of material on the part of the Illinois squad.

Sam Rifkin will sport the Fighting Illini colors on the parallel and horizontal bars as well as on the side horse.

On the rings, parallel and horizontal bars will be Albert Coakley, while Bobby Greene will work on the side horse and mats for Illinois.

Other entrants for the visitors will include Gus Erickman and Henry Montoye on the rings, and Joe Ricigliano, the only entry so far on the ropes.

Chuck Lebow, Lion rope climber who set a four-second College record several weeks ago, will be gunning for a better mark during Friday's meet. Lebow also made a four flat against Navy, thereby adding to the decisive defeat of the Midshipmen on the ropes for the first time in several years' competition.

Captain Lou Bordo and Sol Small worked exceptionally well on the p-bars, while Meade's work on the mats also added to the Lions' initial victory.

Campbell to Pick Team For Meet with Cornell; Eliminations Tonight

Eliminations to determine what members of the mat team will make the trip to Cornell this weekend will be held in Rec Hall at 5:15 tonight, according to Coach Paul Campbell.

The eliminations will wind up this week's practice sessions in preparation for the meet with the Big Red Saturday evening. The Lions leave for Ithaca at noon tomorrow.

Members of the squad to make the trip for the Blue and White's sixth bout of the current wrestling campaign will probably be Kryder Mattern or Bob Lowrie at 121; Co-captain Charlie Ridenour at 128; Co-captain Sam Harry at 136; Allan Crabtree at 145; Gardner Lindzey or Charlie Dipner at 155; Fred Reeve at 165; Oden Samler at 175; and Bob Morgan in the heavyweight spot.

Ridenour, Harry, and Crabtree will be returning to the same spots they occupied during the season prior to the Navy meet. In the matches with the Middies, Ridenour and Harry wrestled in their 1942 spots, the 121 and 136 divisions respectively, and Crabtree moved up one bracket to the 145 spot.

Lion Swimmers Face Busy Weekend in Empire State; Leave Tomorrow Morning

Coach Bob Galbraith and his charges begin weekend hostilities in Ithaca tomorrow afternoon against a very strong squad of Cornell swimmers, and the following evening wind up their affairs in the Empire State with an undefeated Syracuse team.

The Big Red of Cornell will be a high obstacle for the Nittany chlorine-cutters to hurdle, but with Lion power-plus in the backstroke, 220 freestyle, and diving events, they should be far from easy prey for the New Yorkers.

Sensational Bobby Cowell proved even more sensational last night during trials, when he backstroked to a new unofficial Eastern Intercollegiate record in 1:37.9, slashing nearly three seconds from the record he set in the Carnegie Tech meet.

Another Lion merman, Don Knoll, splashed through the 220-yard freestyle races in the surprising time of 2:25, assuring himself of a position on the tank team leaving here tomorrow morning for the two-day tour of New York.

The time trials in Glenside last night were not final, so there may be several unexpected changes in one or two events. Bill Christy appeared to be the Lion entry in the 50-yard freestyle, however, and Rocky Young, sparkling freshman diver, seems to have annexed a place in the busy weekend.

In a communique from the Cornell publicity department, the Big Red is said to have "the best team it has had for several years," which is proved by the fact that they sank both Rochester and Columbia with comparative ease.

Their 300-yard medley team is undefeated, and Dick Alexander, 175-pound breast-stroke artist, together with Jack Rogers, varsity footballer in the 50-yard freestyle event, will provide the spearhead of the Cornell attack.

Jack Eppler, senior diver from the upstate aqua aggregation, is one of four lettermen who will meet the Lion team tomorrow. Other veterans will be seen in the various sprints.

Lion Boxers Train Guns on West Point

Well satisfied with their 4½-3½ win over the Cavaliers from the University of Virginia, the Nittany mittmen have their heavy and light guns trained on the Army's West Point Cadets Saturday.

For the second time in two weeks the boxers will be traveling away from State to meet their opposition.

If communiqes arriving from West Point are correct, Leo Houck's men will have a material advantage as well as an advantage in the field of experience.

Since the Army has adopted a three-year speed-up course, as well as increased the curricula, its boxing team has been hampered.

Another indication of the probable outcome of the West Point-Penn State battle is the fact that the Cadets lost their skirmish with the University of Virginia. In turn, the Lions upset Virginia.

Jackie Tighe, ring-wise 145 pounder, is still having trouble with an old nose injury that insists on cropping up. It is not serious enough to keep him out of action, however.

Although the boxing mentor has not said anything about the probable starting line-up it is likely that the successful octet of Grey, Hawthorne, Cassidy, Tighe, Richards, Maier, Bland, and Hawrylak will attempt to stretch the winning record to five.

LATE SPORTS BULLETIN.
West Point, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The Penn State basketball team defeated Army this afternoon by a score of 37-28.

Trackmen To Tackle Cornell In First Meet Of '43 Season

Twenty-one members of Ray Conger's track and field team will travel to Ithaca, N. Y., Saturday to engage the Cornell squad in their first dual meet of the 1943 season.

With over half of the Lion squad composed of freshmen, Coach Conger will present a young and not too experienced group. However, the expected outstanding performances by varsity members should equalize the competition.

Jerry Karver, outstanding Blue and White miler, is favored to beat the Big Red's best in Kelsey. Curt Stone, exceptionally good in the two-mile trick during practice sessions, should have little trouble in breaking the tape ahead of Cornell's Johnny Kendal.

Cagers Compete In IM Series

In an evening of fast playing and lopsided scores, the Independents took over the Intramural Basketball League in Rec Hall last night.

Starting the evening's fun, the Auks took over the boys from the Penn State Club to the tune of 31-8. Simpson led the Auks in the scoring column with 10 counters.

The Grubersville JV's rubbed out the Lion Clubbers by a 30-18 count. DiSalvo hit the hoops for 12 points for the boys from Grubersville town while Beattie scored 8 points for the losing Lions.

In the only fraternity game of the evening, Delta Tau Delta, led by McCloskey, defeated Tau Phi Delta, 25-12. The Vagabonds ran wild in their game with Frazier Hall by scoring 26 points while allowing their opponents only 6. Cassidy scored 12 markers for the Vags.

The Lion Den pigskin luggers proved that they were pretty good in basketball too when they nosed out the BRB Club, 28-18. Walters had 14 points to his credit for the Lions.

Other scores were: Podunk Prep 19, Speedboys 8. Fairmont Hall 1, Independents 0 (forfeit). Ingleside Club 21, Pioneers 7. Bell A.C. 25, Atherton Hall Waiters 5.

The league standings of the Independent division of the Intramural Basketball League are:

League I			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Vagabonds	3	0	1.000
Fletcher Hall	2	1	.666
Auks	2	2	.500
Frazier Hall	1	2	.333
Penn State Club	0	3	.000
League II			
Podunk Prep	3	0	1.000
Lions Den	3	1	.750
Speedboys	1	2	.333
BRB Club	1	2	.333
Cody Manor	0	3	.000
League III			
Grubersville JV's	3	0	1.000
Ingleside Club	3	0	1.000
Lion Club	1	2	.333
Pioneers	1	3	.250
Penway	0	3	.000
League IV			
Allen Co-op	3	0	1.000
Bell A. C.	3	1	.750
Fairmont Hall	2	1	.666
Atherton Hall Waiters	0	3	.000
Independents	0	3	.000

Should Marty Schiff get a break in the 75-yard dash, the Lion runner may be able to edge out a win over the speedy and favored Ithacan, Shaw.

Warfield, Big Red captain, is favored in the 75-yard hurdles. Kalivoda will provide the main Lion opposition in the hurdle events.

Norm Gordon, Penn State graduate student and former Lion track star, will run for the Shanahan C. C. of Philadelphia in the one-half mile event of the New York A. C. meet scheduled at Madison Square Garden Saturday. Gordon had recently participated in the Millrose "880" and placed fourth. Last week in the Lapham 100-yard dash he kept up with pace-setter and also the winner, Sickinger, until the final lap when he was forced behind the group and finished in the fourth position.

The quarter-mile event will feature Cliff St. Clair, Penn State's fastest in this run, and opponent Bobby Adair.

Three members of the winning Millrose two-mile relay squad, Karver, St. Clair and Mitch Williams, will pit their speed against the Cornellians in the one-half mile trick. Watson Smith is expected to make the best showing for the Reds.

Other better-than-average Blue and White runners include Booth and Stouffer in the high jump; Stemler in the pole vault; Hoggard in the broad jump; and Saul Hanin in the shot put event.

The meet is scheduled to take place at Cornell's Barton Hall. (Continued on Page Four)

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