

# Cagers Face Bucknell, Susquehanna In Rec Hall; Lose To Muhlenberg

## Curran, Funk to Start Against Bison Quintet

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When the Nittany Lions face the Bucknell Bisons five on the Rec Hall court tomorrow night, it will mark the first home game on the Penn State wartime Winter sports card.

The second will be against Susquehanna this Wednesday.

Coach Lawther's charges officially opened the cage season last Saturday when they lost a 40-34 decision to a tough Muhlenberg team on the Rockne Hall floor.

In an effort to put the squad back on the winning side of the ledger, the Lion mentor will change his starting line-up for tomorrow's tilt with the Lewisburg quintet.

Joe Curran will replace Bud Long, who teamed up with Monty Moskowitz on the backline against the stubborn Mules Saturday. Barring a bad cold which may bench him for part of the fray, Moskowitz will start at the other guard spot.

### McNary Stays At Center

Don McNary, tall courtman from George Washington University, will see action at the pivot position.

Walt Funk, sophomore from Phoenixville who played some freshman ball for the Lawther juniors last season until sidelined with an injury, will probably be in one of the forward slots at the opening whistle and, either Ed Czekaj or Ray Brune, both starting forwards in the Muhlenberg tilt, will get the call at the other frontline spot.

Irv Batnick, unless unable to play because of scholastic difficulties, will be shooting against the Bisons from the center or guard position. Vic Danilov, freshman from Farrell will probably see action as will Buck Barron, former Westminster hoopster.

### Ten Colleges Represented

Boasting a formidable array of borrowed basketballers and a set of identical twins, the starting five for Bucknell played for five different colleges last winter. It is interesting to note that if Ray Brune faces off against the Bisons instead of Ed Czekaj at the forward spot for the Lions, there will be ten cagers on the floor, all of whom played for different collegiate squads last year.

The only holdover for the Ludwig team is Frank Burns, six-foot three-inch forward who will share the frontline with Francis Day, late of Manhattan's top aggregation.

Centering the lease-lend Bison club will probably be Paul Goodwin, 6-5 Navy trainee from Pitt. Bill Hoeveler, big hoopster who swished the cords for Temple last season, however, may get the nod.

George Lefkandinos, previously of Panzer, who along with Frank Burns accompanied the Bucknell football team to the scene of their 14-0 defeat this past season, will hold down one of the guard spots. Vic Mastriani, Siena college import, will start at the other backline slot, according to Bucknell advises.

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## Eighth Season-



WHEN he leads his squad of 22 Nittany pucksters to the Hershey arena to meet the Hershey Junior Bears in the season's opener Wednesday, Hockey Mentor Art Davis will begin his fifth coaching year. The team will be guests of the Bears for that night's tussle with the Pittsburgh Hornets.

## Leo Houck Starts New Boxing Class

The solid thud of leather against flesh resounded through Rec Hall this week, as Leo Houck and Co. started work on the 1944 replica of a Nittany Lion boxing squad.

Instead of limiting practice sessions to mere squad workouts, Houck will give daily boxing lessons for the balance of the season to all interested civilians and V-12 trainees. Instructions will begin Monday afternoon between 3 and 6 o'clock, according to the fistie professor.

From this group of candidates, Houck will name his starting squad early in January, when he tapers the team down for the winter fireworks against Virginia, Army, the U. S. Coast Guard, Wisconsin, and the intercollegiate here in State College on March 11.

Houck has been working with several promising candidates, including veterans of the All-Service boxing tourney held early in the summer. From this round-robin tourney comes Mike Sweeney, tough Marine trainee who copped the 165-pound diadem.

Seaman Billy Cochran seems like a varsity starter to date, according to Houck. Cochran was slated to compete in the summer tournament, but won the crown by forfeiture.

Chuck Klausung, varsity footballer, is working out in the welterweight division, while teammate Cass Sisler of the Marine Corps is slugging hard for a nod in the heavyweight slot. The remaining gridders working with the potential squad is Pvt. Zefferino, another Marine trainee.

With the publicized recognition of being the first man to box Houck in 16 years, Seaman Claude Horton of the Navy is working in daily practice under the tutelage of his first sparring partner—the Lion mentor himself. Horton was a former intramural mittman at Penn before being called to duty in the V-12 program.

### Wrestlers—Try for Team

Any men, civilian or Navy or Marine, interested in trying out for the varsity wrestling squad, should report to the Rec Hall floor any weekday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., according to Chiefs Gedeon and Sherman, co-coaches of the mat team.

## Borrowed Mule Kicks Lions to Tune of 40-34

Fresh from its 50-47 upset triumph over CCNY in their opener in Madison Square Garden the week previous, Muhlenberg's quintet nearly went stale as they found themselves on the short end of a 34-31 tally with eight minutes left to play against the State five.

But, the Lawther defense weakened, four field goals and a foul shot leaked through, and the Blue and White court squad dropped its initial hoop game.

Due mainly to Monty Moskowitz's eagle eye from mid-court, the Penn State forces stayed in the ball game until the final stanza. Moskowitz pocketed seven field goals and two foul tries to lead both teams in scoring. Bill Munson, former West Liberty State Teachers' center was high for the Mules with 15 counters.

Muhlenberg took the lead at the start of the contest and led 5-4 at the end of the first quarter. The Allentown crew added to their score in the second and third periods, leading at the termination of the third stanza, 26-22. Moskowitz then sank several field tries in succession to give the State forces their short-lived lead. The last eight minutes were all Munson and Baietti.

As an appetizer for the cage fans, a preliminary game between Muhlenberg's Jay-vee team of V-12 trainees was played with a Navy V-5 team from the Moravian air cadets, with several former Penn players in the line-up.

### Score by periods:

Penn State	4	7	11	12	34
Muhlenberg	5	13	8	14	40
<b>Penn State</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>T</b>		
Czekaj, f	0	1	1		
Brune, f	0	0	0		
McNary, c	2	1	5		
Long, g	2	2	6		
Moskowitz, g	7	2	16		
Curran, g	2	2	6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>				
<b>Muhlenberg</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>T</b>		
Miller, f	1	3	5		
Meyerdiercks, f	0	2	2		
Munson, c	7	1	15		
Baietti, g	3	5	11		
Capehart, g	1	1	3		
Doumont, c	2	0	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>				

## COLLEGIAN SPORTS

R. L. "Izzy" Richter, EIBA heavyweight champ of five years back and now a corporal in the Army stationed at Bermuda, sent an SOS to Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey for tips on how to teach the game to his soldier-students.

Dick McCown, Penn State scabbard and a former Penn Charter sprint star, entered the Pitt game for one play this fall and scored a touchdown.

When Penn State defeated Pitt in the gridiron this fall, it marked only the second time in 43 games that the Lions have defeated their Panther rivals thrice in a row.

Neil Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, is Penn State's No. 1 football fan. The 1943 season marked the 32nd time since 1910 that he has witnessed every game on the schedule.

Cass Sisler, nephew of baseball's famed George Sisler, was Penn State's most effective ball-carrier during the 1943 football season. He averaged better than four yards every time he carried the ball for the Lions.

## Second Team-



## John Jaffurs Enters Ranks Of All-Time Lion Grid Greats

The Associated Press All-American ratings published late this week listing Penn State's Johnny Jaffurs on the second team place the hard working Wilkesburg gridders among the four top guards in the nation and assured him a permanent spot as one of the all-time Nittany football greats.

Selection of Georgia Tech's John Steber and Navy's George Brown as guards on the mythical varsity have automatically cancelled the 18 by 24 wall space hopeful Penn State fans had reserved on that portion of Rec Hall which displays the likenesses of All-Americans.

Even so, the Jeep's second team appointment throws him in with fast company. Pairing off with Jaffurs at the other guard post is Pat Filley, Notre Dame's highly touted performer. If this imaginary eleven entered actual combat, Jaffurs would be opening holes for such distinguished backs as Angelo Bertilli, Notre Dame quarterback, and Tony Butkovich, Purdue.

Other members of AP's second best team include ends J. F. Monahan Jr., Dartmouth and Bob Hall, Colorado; tackles Frank Merritt, Army and George Connor, Holy Cross; center William Grey, So. California; backs Ed Prokop, Georgia Tech and Al Dark, Southwestern.

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## Skaters Open Winter Card

### Hockey Team To Meet Hershey Junior Bears

After three weeks indoor practice in the Armory, Coach Art Davis' hockey team will hit the ice for the first time this season when they skate into a practice game with the Hershey Junior Bears in the spacious Hershey Arena Wednesday afternoon.

With only two varsity men returning from last season's squad, Davis received a big share of the Navy-Marine trainees on his long list of candidates, including the athlete-sensation of the Marine Corps, Pvt. Tubby Crawford. Since arriving here in July with the V-1 detachment, Crawford has dug his spurs into three varsity sports for a letter, and is ready to take his share of hockey honors this winter as a first string offense skater.

Also back with the Marine Corps is Pvt. Art Gladstone, captain for the 1944 squad. Gladstone is tentatively lined for duty in the pivot position at center, the spot which he has held for the past two years. Ed Williams is the sole survivor from last year's war-scalped team, with the exception of Gladstone.

With practice sessions still continuing at fast pace for the opener next week, Davis was unable to name his starting lineup last night; However, he listed 22 possible pucksters who may see action in the initial fray, of what looks to be an exciting season.

Pending business arrangements being completed this weekend, Davis promises that there is a likely possibility that Mount Nittany may see its first home hockey tilt in history sometime in January. Construction estimates are being received for side boards on a regulation outdoor rink.

Under present plans, the arena would be built in the tennis courts near Rec Hall, and would be flooded to permit icing, if the temperature falls low enough on the game day. If a suitable program could be perfected, both Colgate and Cornell would meet the Lions on home territory, as well as in their respective New York State arenas.

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