

Cage, Mat Teams Battle Colgate Red Raiders

Puckmen Busy With Hershey Bears On New Ice Rink

Davis Squad In Comeback

Coach Art Davis' hockey squad expects to have a tough job christening its new hockey rink tomorrow afternoon, for the Lion opponents from Hershey have never been beaten by a Penn State team.

Earlier in the season, the Hershey Junior Bears came from behind in the last period to nail another 7-4 win in the record books, against the Nittany team, but hockey captain, Art Gladstone, feels that the 1944 pucksters, mostly V-12 trainees, are in good shape, and should give the visiting skaters a closer struggle tomorrow.

Colgate was originally scheduled to open Penn State's home hockey career on January 29, but athletic officials moved another practice game with the Bears into the ice program for the winter.

Coach Davis will start the same squad against the Bears as has been scrimmaging as the varsity for the past month. Roger Nelson and Tubby Crawford are slated to bolt down the forward line attack of the Lions, while Canadian-born Gene O'Donnell and Pvt. Jack Foley will start on the defense positions. Pvt. Paul Ameel will cover the nets at the goal, while Gladstone will start as player-captain, at center.

The second team is rounding into shape at fast pace, and Davis intends to make frequent substitutions in order to determine the best scoring and defensive combinations available for the squad. Paul Ranier, Jack Cummings, Roger Plail, Ew Williams, and Jacques Hutchins should all see action in tomorrow's opener, according to Davis.

Hutchins, a Navy trainee, was formerly a gun turret captain with the Pacific Fleet before entering the V-12 program in July. Last week, Hutchins scored against the Air Corps in a practice game.

Fistmen Leave Campus For West Point Meet

By Seaman Rem Robinson

Another boxing season gets punched into the sporting limelight tomorrow afternoon, when Coach Leo Houck's squad of near-all Navy-Marine battlers crawl through the ropes at West Point to slug it out with Army's once-beaten team.

As has been the case in football, track, soccer, wrestling, and hockey, the Nittany Lion mittmaster is counting on the V-12 unit to produce men to fill the first string. Only civilians on the team are in the first two weight divisions, where wiry Joe Cutrone and Frank Serago will fight at 121 and 135 respectively.

Firmly cemented in the 135-pound notch for tomorrow's fray, is Seaman Billy Cochran, product of Pittsburgh amateur boxing circles. Cochran's skill and experience may prompt Houck to move the Navy fighter into the 145-pound class, thus opening the lighter weight to several other promising candidates.

Until after tomorrow's bout, however, Houck will keep Cochran at 135, and send Pvt. Stan Miller of the Marine Corps into the 145-pound notch. From the football team comes Pvt. Chuck Klausing, who may get the 155-pound nod over Hal Howard, another Marine trainee. Houck anticipates weekly lineup changes due to the flexible military enrollment, so may wait until this afternoon to decide which mittman he will use in this class.

Claude Horton, sailor from the University of Pennsylvania intramural circles, seems like the logical holder of the 165-pound bid, but Pvt. Jack Moran is giving both he and Manny Herman a race for either the 165 or 175-pound slot. Hermann together with Mike Sweeney, will fill the gaps at 175 and at heavyweight, depending upon the way the Moran-Horton complex is solved.

Note to Athletes

Restricted use of newsprint means that the space allotted to the sporting page is limited. If your sport is not covered each week, be patient, for we haven't forgotten you. With at least five major college sports in full blast last week, we are forced to eliminate entire stories in some editions.

THE SPORTS STAFF

Mermen Seek Army Victory

It looks like the Nittany mermen are in for another tough afternoon as they meet West Point in the Cadet pool tomorrow but a couple of the Galbraithmen may come through with their first season wins.

Leigh Woehling, who took a fast second spot behind Midshipman Bob Cowell as the latter set a new Academy record at Annapolis last weekend, will probably be the choice to capture the 150-yard backstroke event.

Johnny Milan, the other Penn State second place winner against the Midshipmen, will be shooting for a first against Army's Mangan in the 200-yard breaststroke. The Nittany butterfly specialist did about 2.46 for the distance against Navy and may be able to cut that down a couple of seconds to win over Army.

Only recently able to show his wares on the board, Doc Ridings should improve his 54-point showing and snatch the fancy dive against the Cadets.

Paced by Bill Glynn, who captured both the 100 and 220 freestyle events when Army beat the Princeton swimming team last week, the Grey and Gold should star in the freestyle races.

Pete Fries will be a likely starter for the State team in the medley relay and 50-yard freestyle event. Bob Zusman, winner of two third places in the Navy pool, will swim again in the 220 and 440 distance events, but will have especially tough competition from Glynn in the 220 race.

Valentino, frosh diver who has been working out with Doc Ridings on the Nittany board during the week, has showed steady improvement and probably will make the trip.

Only One Veteran Returns From Title Winning Gym Squad

With only one veteran as a nucleus around which to build the 1944 gymnastic team, Gene Wettstone faces his sixth season as coach.

Last year his team captured the Eastern Intercollegiate title and went on to become National A. A. U. champions. After losing the entire championship squad with the exception of veteran Harold Frey, Wettstone must rebuild his team literally from scratch.

Army, Navy Strong

Looking at the schedule, Wettstone expects the strongest opposition from Army and Navy. Both schools have seasoned teams and can not be affected by the loss of members to the draft. The Annapolis squad opens the Lion schedule on February 12 in Rec Hall.

Harold Frey, second in Eastern Intercollegiate and third in National A.A.U. tumbling, looms as the star performer, according to (Continued on page six)

Lions Back Home After Wins; Untried Wrestlers In Debut

Whether Wrestling Coach Paul Campbell has succeeded in making something out of his limited material will be settled tomorrow afternoon in Rec Hall when the Nittany Lion grapplers meet Colgate in the first test of the 1944 season.

Campbell, aided by Chief Specialists Gedeon and Sherman, shaped his starting lineup with plenty of difficulty after combing an inexperienced squad for first string possibilities. Not one letterman will wear the Penn State colors when the Lions face the Red Raiders.

Bob Lowrie has had everything in the 121-pound bracket under control since practice began and will lead off against the opposition. Lowrie was Kryder Mattern's stand-in last season for State.

Ray Shibley and Bob Shadley have been making a dead heat of the race for the 128-pound slot although Shibley rated the starting nod after trials this week.

V-12 trainees have taken over the 136 and 145-pound divisions. Pat Harrington, who in earlier practice sessions was bidding for the 145-pound assignment, dropped down to assume the 136-pound duties. Lynn McIlvaine used his Clearfield High School experience to help him clinch the 145-pound spot.

Charley Dipner won the 155-pound berth in trials this week and Apprentice Seaman John Shaw will be the 165-pound representative. This classification has been the most hotly contested with Chuck Hall and Ben Ulrich pressing Shaw to the limit.

The 175 pound and heavyweight starters are V-12 trainees Dick Little and Red Moore.

Marine Pvt. Bill McKee has announced that servicemen will be admitted at a twenty-five cent admission price while the civilian rate will be fifty cents. Athletic books will, of course, admit regular students.

Boasting victories in five out of their last six games, Coach Lawther's Nittany five faces perhaps its toughest opposition of the season when it meets Colgate on the Rec Hall floor tomorrow night, then travels to West Point for a tussle with the Cadets on Wednesday.

Colgate, first team to take a win from NYU in Madison Square Garden early in the season, will floor an experienced Red Raider squad against the Lions tomorrow, but the Army tiff later in the week will challenge the best in the Blue and White club.

West Point, a late starter this season, is being called the best team in the East by sports writers, by dint of Cadet triumphs over Swarthmore, Colgate, and powerful St. Johns.

Dooley Plays Basketball

Bill Dooley, halfback on the Raider football squad, will probably start at guard position for the up-state team against the Nittany Lions. Bob Quiri, Jack Friel, and Larry Lawrence are available to team up with Dooley on the backline.

Ed Brett, Holmes Cathrall, or Bob Dewey will probably split the assignments at forward for the V-12-bolstered Colgate court team while Dick Bundel, George McKibben, or Art Pollock will get the call at center.

Jim Barron and Ed Czekaj will probably be Lawther's choices for forward spots as the Lions attempt to halt the Colgate quick offensive thrusts. Big Mac McNary will jump at center and Capt. Joe Curran will probably be flanked by Bud Long at the guard position Monty Moskowitz and Walt Funk will be the number one replacements.

With Dale Hall, 5-11 Kansan forward, notching ten field goals and a foul try for 21 points, Army knocked over St. John's Redmen, 49-36, for its third season win.

Between The Lions

With the nation-wide controversy stirred up by Penn State's 15-12 conquest of Doc Carlson's Pitt quintet before 300 yawning spectators in the Smoky City last weekend, the pros and cons of the Lawther-type of basketball are once more being argued.

The Pitt team, unable to penetrate the tight sliding zone defense of the Nittany Lions, refused to attack, waited for the Lions to come to them. On the defensive, the Blue and White team could do little but wait for an offense which didn't come until the closing minutes of the game, when the

Panthers made a fruitless rally to bring the final count to a disappointing 15-12.

The pros says that this is good basketball, that it is playing to win at any cost. Though there was little scoring, the game was a tight one in which the breaks could decide.

The cons say that this is not the conception of modern basketball. They say that the speed, integrated passwork and flashy shooting are absent. Victory, they say, should not be sacrificed to the pure fun of playing the game as well as it can be played.



Olivia de Havilland and Sonny Tufts in "Government Girl," story of wartime Washington, from the serial by Adelia Rogers St. John.

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