

Green Netmen Face Big Order Next Weekend

Lacking any semblance of early season practice but with an impressive list of acquired net talent from other schools, Coach Ray Dickinson's Nittany tennis team takes on two tough rivals over next weekend.

Friday the untried Lion squad will face the Navy Midshipmen at Annapolis then travel to Philadelphia to play Swarthmore Saturday.

Two lettermen—Walter Stenger and Herb Beckhart—return to fight for varsity spots again this spring. Stenger played first and second doubles last summer while Beckhart filled in the sixth singles slot.

Both will probably move up a couple of positions with Stenger playing in the lead-off spot and probably the number one doubles as well. Beckhart may get the nod for the second singles spot and will probably play again in one of the three doubles combinations.

Ed Meyer and Bob Rosshelm are two outstanding first year men trying to fit into Dickinson's troubled picture. Both are ranked among the first ten in the Middle Atlantic Junior Tennis ratings, Meyer shining for Frankfort High of Philadelphia and Rosshelm playing tennis for Penn Charter prep of the same city.

Ed Perry, varsity racketeer from Northwestern seems slated to start against the Middies in the one of the singles matches. Art Weiss, civilian playing his first tennis for the varsity, will probably be another choice to fill one of the six singles places.

An interesting sidelight on the prospective match with Swarthmore, which was played last year inside because of inclement weather, is the group of Chinese Midshipmen training at the Philadelphia college.

These young Chinese, receiving training by Uncle Sam to fit them for service in their own Navy, are eligible to play varsity sports. And if the basketball team is any indication, they will be out in force to defend the Swarthmore laurels on the tennis court.

According to advance information, the Annapolis crew has already had three weeks of net drill on their outdoor courts in preparation for the season. The weather, evidently a lot different from the unseasonable climate of the Nittany mountains, has allowed the Navy team a head start on a Penn State squad that has only the use of one macadam court—weather permitting.

Big Don Is Hurler

Don McNary, elongated center on the basketball team, is seeking a pitching berth on the Penn State baseball team this spring.

Booter Is Overseas

Al Daykin, one of Penn State's all-time soccer stars, is now serving Uncle Sam in the European theatre.

Wrestling Team Awards 15 Varsity Letters To 1944 Lion Matmen

Varsity awards were made to 11 wrestlers this week, and special senior awards were made to 8 of the list, according to Pvt. Bill Red Moore and Johnny Jaffurs, two footballers who copped wrestling berths this season, have already left the campus. Moore is stationed at Naval Midshipman's School at Columbia, and Jaffurs is training for an Army commission at Fort Benning, Georgia. Both men earned a varsity letter, and a gold award for their senior ranking on the squad.

Apprentice Seamen Pat Harrington, Lynn McIlvaine, and John Shaw, were the Naval trainees who received letters. Harrington also won the gold award. Pvt. John Shaw, and manager McKee were the only Marines to win a letter, and McKee also took the senior award for his service.

Letters went to civilian grapplers, Bob Lowrie, Bob Shadley, Charles Dipner, and Chuck Hall. Lowrie, Dipner and Hall took the traditional senior award in addition.

Managers who rated letters this season were: Jim Hutchinson, Jim McClowry, and Frank Johnson. All three men were recommended for assistant managerial posts next year, while Bob Lyons was labeled for the manager's position.

All men who won letters this year were urged to report to the Athletic Office in Old Main immediately, to order their varsity sweater, McKee added.

'Jinx' Stapel Anxious

Tailback Charley Stapel, Penn State's hard luck player in 1943, hopes to return to the football wars next fall.

The injury-ridden freshman, denied admission into the armed services, underwent a knee operation about a month ago and expects to be back in shape by fall.

The Avalon, Pa., youth was hurt before the season opened again in mid-season, and aggravated the injury when he attempted to play

Jackie Tighe Fights Way to Army Crown

Jackie Tighe kept the Penn State-at-war boxing machine moving this week, when he pounded out a decisive win over Jack Conway, 156-pounder from St. Louis, Mo. Tighe is fighting on the Camp Wheeler team, and Conway is a member of the Camp club.

Tighe turned in the best ring performance of the night, according to the sports editor of the Camp Wheeler newspaper. He won every round of the bout by unanimous choice of the judges. As the last round ended, Conway was wobbling, but the Scranton slugger refused to knock his opponent out.

When Tighe's bout ended, the commanding officer of his unit presented him with a boxing trophy for his sportsmanship on the Camp Wheeler team during the past several months.

George Graham & Sons Means Penn State To Penn Staters

Penn State has naturally lost a lot of its old zip and spirit, so we can't help mention something we saw last week at the bus stop on College avenue.

Cass Sisler, Marine trainee here last year and varsity halfback on the Nittany football squad in the fall, came back to town about 8 o'clock in the evening. Bounding off the stage, he headed to Graham's, not even stopping to greet men he knew.

This little incident doesn't mean much. It just made us think that, to Cass Sisler, Penn State meant Graham's—Graham's meant Penn State.

Since 1896, through three years, the father of Penn State's athletic rendezvous has been greeting every Lion footballer, wrestler, boxer, and other caliber of sport star in his little shop on Co-Op Corner. George T. Graham & Co. is a Penn State tradition. Was First A Barber

When young George Graham came to town in his horse and buggy in 1896, he opened a barber shop on the corner of College and Allen. In 1910 he saw another future, stopped shaving the men, started selling them tobacco, newspapers, and candy.

The town was small in those years, with only 700 local population, 300 students within the borough. On the campus, only three buildings still remain that were

here in those days. Today the Armory, the old Chemistry building, and the Central Extension offices are the only structures older than the business structure George Graham built with his sons.

"When I had my store on the corner," Pop Graham said, "I bought the first street light the town ever saw. Male students didn't like it, though, and within three nights it had been stoned down. I don't know why they didn't want a light burning," he grinned.

He pegged tough Christy Scholl as the best football player ever to wear a Penn State uniform. "Christy was tough and the best man on the excellent 1899 team," he said. Scholl is a resident of Williamsport now, still comes back to State College and Graham's.

One time an athlete's headquarters, Pop Graham is happy that his store is now a place for servicemen to spend idle hours. "During World War I, I was young and used to have dances for the soldiers stationed on the campus. If the men wanted a dance I would go to their officers, get them a few extra hours of liberty for a night," he remembered.

First Pinball Machine

In 1925 Graham's and all other stores on the block burned to the ground. After rebuilding, he added the first pinball machine in State College, bought the first radio the town had seen. "Crowds formed every World Series, and a man with earphones would hear the game, announce it to waiting students and townspeople."

At the turn of the century, students, professors, and coaches started Graham's on the way to its future as Nittany Tabernacle. Everyone used to ride into town, hitch their horse in front of the store, and pitch horseshoes on the sidewalk, according to Graham & Son, Bob.

Yesterday we stood by the popcorn machine, talked about Steve Hamas and Billy Soose, laughed at the story of Leo Houck registering his rooming house under Graham's address when asked where he was living.

Five minutes later a tall, grey- (Continued on page eight)

Fleming Schedules Varsity Calendars

Penn State shook off possibilities of a hectic sports future, depended on Navy and Marine trainees for four varsity squads, and released a complete schedule of coming events for the Spring and Summer seasons, Graduate Manager of Athletics Neil M. Fleming announced last night after coaches met to approve the 1944 menu. Golf opponents uncertain at this date, Fleming hopes to schedule a complete card for the Rutherford team within the next few weeks.

In addition to the scheduled intercollegiate competition, Penn State will play host to the PIAA track and tennis tournaments on May 27. These scholastic meets will be open to Pennsylvania high schools, Fleming said.

Baseball		
April 28	Navy	Away
April 29	Swarthmore	here
May 3	Lehigh	here
May 6	Villanova	here
May 13	Pittsburgh	here
May 20	Pittsburgh	away
May 24	Bucknell	here
May 26	Lehigh	away
May 27	Muhlenberg	away
June 3	Muhlenberg	here
June 9	Colgate	here
June 10	Colgate	here
July 14	Colgate	away
July 15	Colgate	away
July 22	Bloomsburg T. C.	here
July 29	Cornell	here
August 5	Cornell	away

Track		
April 22	Navy	away
April 28-29	Penn Relays	away
May 13	Pittsburgh	away
May 20	ICAAAA	away
May 27	PIAA	here
June 3	Colgate	here
June 22	Cornell	here
June 29	Colgate	away
August 12	Cornell	away

Lacrosse		
April 22	Army	here
April 29	Navy	away
May 6	Army	away
May 13	Swarthmore	away
May 20	Cornell	here
May 27	Hobart	here
June 10	Cornell	away

Tennis		
April 14	Swarthmore	away
April 15	Navy	away
April 29	Colgate	here

May 6	Cornell	away
May 13	Muhlenberg	here
May 19	Carnegie Tech.	away
May 20	Pittsburgh	away
May 27	Bucknell	here
May 27	PIAA	here
June 10	Cornell	here
June 17	Pennsylvania	away
July 29	Colgate	away

Nittany-Lion Tracksters To Make Debut at Navy

Penn State's track team will travel to Annapolis April 22 to meet Navy's cinder squad in their initial encounter of the season. The contest will be a dual fray.

Coach George Harvey will have the task of molding a team at the trials Saturday.

Good bets for the sprints will be three experienced runners led by Johnny Dibeler of Philadelphia. Other stand-outs are Bobby Jones of Mt. Carmel and Dick McCown of Philadelphia.

McCown, a Marine trainee, formerly competed at Penn Charter and is trying in the 100, 220, 440 and broad jump. Last fall he joined the football squad in mid-season and proved one of the team's ace break-away runners in late season games.

In the distance events, the mainstays will be Cecil Deutschle, Williamsport, and Phil Jones, Drexel Hill. Both boys compete in the two-mile event, and last fall ran on the cross-country team.

Out to perform in the shot-put and discus events will be Marines Edward Buch and Daniel Orlich, both formerly of Northwestern.

James Wood, who placed second in hurdles at the high school state championships last year, will be out on the track Saturday along with Paul Smith, whose bid will be seen in the relays.

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