

Army Lacrosse Till Proving Grounds For Rule Changes

Test Game After Varsity Stick Opener

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In addition to the regularly scheduled lacrosse opener with West Point on New Beaver Field tomorrow, the Penn State stickmen and the Cadets will face off in the first of a series of experiment games to determine changes in intercollegiate lacrosse rules. The varsity game starts at 2 p.m.

Coach Nick Thiel has agreed to try out a new set of regulations proposed at the last meeting of the Lacrosse Coaches Association, of which he is president.

The revisions were suggested by Capt. F. Morris Touchtone, Army coach, and will be used in the 40-minute practice session tomorrow and again when the Lions face the Cadets at West Point next month.

7-Man Teams

Instead of the usual 10 men, the Touchtone system calls for seven men on each team—two attacks, two mid-fielders, two defensemen and the goalie.

The length of the playing field has been cut from 80 yards to 50 yards in an admitted attempt to speed up the game and provide greater spectator interest through higher score totals on each side.

Paralleling recent basketball legislation, the novel regulations provide for bringing the ball from behind the goal after each tally instead of the ordinary face-off in midfield, and initiates a time limit of five seconds allowed to hold the ball without moving.

The practice game will be played in 10-minute quarters instead regulation time of 15 minutes.

Opposition Tough

Expecting tough opposition from an Army squad that has floored all comers in its early season matches, Coach Thiel will field a team including three veterans.

Dale Hamilton will anchor the midfielders, flanked probably by Don Bretherick and Echelman. Mike Millikin, letterman from last season, will team up with George Bishop and either Bill Batkin or Bill Anderson according to nominations of the Nittany-mentor announced yesterday. (Continued on page seven)

Gerry Karver Gives Up Hopes For Mile Run In Penn Relays

Ill fortune is still dogging the steps of Gerry Karver, Penn State's prewar distance runner.

The Boyertown, Pa., youth, a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, had hoped to enter the special mile event at the Penn Relays next week-end but lack of training facilities at Florence, S. C., has forced him to give up the idea.

"I had my heart set on competing in the special mile," Karver said in a letter to George Harvey, Lion track coach, "but now my hopes are shattered and I guess I'll have to wait until after the war to compete again."

Karver, who was touted as a coming miler when the war took him out of college competition, recalled in his letter that "bad luck has been on my trail ever since my induction into the service, which, by the way, was only three days before the 1943 Penn Relays."

Before his transfer to South Carolina, Karver was stationed at the University of Chicago where he was able to run every day. He filed his entry for the 1,000-yard specialty at the K. of C. Games March 11, but was recalled to his base less than 24 hours before the meet.

Trackmen Meet Navy; Draft Slashes Nine

Test for Cinderemen In Away Opener

One would think that with the advent of the cheerful spring weather, even a track coach and his unpredictable starting team might pack up their troubles and, with a hopeful smile, set the compass for Annapolis to take on a Navy cinder squad against which Villanova scored but 13 points.

Dusky predictions are evident since Penn State will have to forfeit all three places in the pole vault event. Trials, which have been going on throughout the week, have not produced dependable material for the post.

Best bets will be in the quarter-mile, half-mile, hurdles, shot and discus, the 220 and broad jump.

Veteran Bobby Jones was pointed out by Harvey as a mainstay in the 220, quarter-mile and relay. The 100, 220 and broad jump will be Richard McCown's positions to compete in against Navy. McCown will also run a leg in the relay.

Veteran Dibeler Runs

John Dibeler, who placed second in the 600 when he participated at the IC4A last year, is slated as top man for the quarter-mile run, also promising his best with the mile relay.

Hurdles and broad jump department will be handled by Frank Rainear. Two former Northwestern boys, Marines Edward Buch and Daniel Orlich, will work with Lang at the shot, discus, and javelin.

James Wood, who came in second at the state championships in high school, will run both hurdles. The half mile and relay spot will be held by Long.

COLLEGIAN SPORTS

Soon Gym Coach Gene Wettstone takes his Nittany aerialists to Philadelphia for the National championships.

Handicapped in the Eastern competition by a cast on his ankle, diminutive Hal Frey will at long last shed the cast in his bid for National glory.

Preparing for gym-meets, under ordinary conditions, isn't easy. But with the weight of a cast to hamper him, Frey is even harder pressed to keep his body precisioned. As the national championships loom closer, Hal swings into practice with the determination of a ball club in a September pennant-drive.

After Frey upset Navy's Al Julian for all-around honors, Coach Chet Phillips of Annapolis observed that Frey's unusually strong dismounts had been the dominant factor in his winning. Yet Frey, allowing his foot to strengthen, had not practiced dismounts for five weeks prior to the title meet. Even in the Eastern championships he wore a cast.

"When I was a kid, about eight or nine years old, I first began swinging on the pipes in my father's barn. I somersaulted in the hay loft," Frey answered, when asked how he had acquired his dexterity.

Between last summer's classes and this, Hal served a hitch in the Seabees. He was stationed at Camp Perry, Va. Two months later, he received an honorable discharge when he was almost blinded in his left eye because of an infection. In practice Frey wears glasses, but he doffs them for a meet.

Coach Wettstone maintained that more than one year's practice was necessary to develop the poise of a champion. Frey blasted Wettstone's theory sky high. He had (Continued on page seven)

Draft worries have been over for Lion athletic teams during the past year, but this week they popped up again as three varsity baseball prospects were ordered to their home towns for pre-induction physical examinations.

Mike Wardrop, Ed Holler, and Joe Golembeske, all varsity letter winners in former seasons, came under new draft regulations which cancel deferments for 140 students at this College who are majoring in scientific courses. All three men were notified to report for physicals.

While draft rulings were causing concernment, Coach Joe Bedenk's already military candidates for the Lion nine were drilling every day this week for the opener at Annapolis next Friday. Bedenk is hoping to have a full strength team in action for the opener.

2 Former Boxers Join Ranks of More Than 100 Penn State Dead

Two former Penn State boxers have been killed, and a third wounded, since the outbreak of the present war, according to the casualty list announced today by the Penn State Alumni Association.

Lt. Roy M. Hanna Jr., who served with the paratroopers in the Sicilian, Salerno, and Italian campaigns, was wounded in the latter campaign and when last heard from, expected to return to action soon. Hanna, formerly of Lock Haven and Altoona, won the Eastern intercollegiate 135-pound crown in 1939.

Ken Byrd of Upper Darby, also a ring protegee of Coach Leo Houck, was killed last December while serving with the ferry command of the Army Air Force. One of the first deaths reported to the Alumni Association also was the result of a plane crash. The victim, a former boxer, was Flight Officer Dick Flenniken, of Uniontown.

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Bedenk has been paring the squad of candidates down to a possible starting lineup, with either Foster or Urion leading off and pivoting the left field post. Dale Bower, civilian player who was recently discharged from the Army, will bat second and tend to the right field gardens.

Carle at Third

Minnesota's Gerry Carle, Marine transfer from Northwestern, will be at third base and in the number three batting position. Earl Bruhn, another Marine from the North Star state, will be in the cleanup position and play center field.

Pvt. Whitey Kurowski, Pvt. Al Richards, and shortstopper Johnny Schlesiger will bat in that order. Kurowski is slated for duty at second base, and former footballer Richards will see action at first base. Catcher Ed Holler will possibly be Bedenk's starting nod behind the plate, and Big Mike Wardrop will probably hurl the Lion opener.

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