

Schoolboy Athletes To Perform

Lions To Meet Bucknell In Honor Of 62 Years On Diamond

PIAA Tourneys Start Today

Pennsylvania's youth—500 strong—swarm down onto the campus this morning, as the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association opens their 1944 tourneys in golf, tennis and track. Nearly 500 additional fans, coaches, and trainers are expected to accompany the State's athletic corps.

Golf competition will get underway at 10 o'clock this morning, with 25 high school golfers teeing off on their 54 holes of match play. Championship playoffs will continue this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Tomorrow morning the finalists will swing down the fairway at 9 o'clock to decide winners in the individual match competition.

Harvey Orth, Lewistown, who last year won the title on the 69-par course with a total of 222 strokes is not returning this year to defend his crown.

Tennis, traditionally the smallest field, will bring 15 netmen from eleven high schools out onto the varsity courts today at 10 and 2 o'clock today, while championships will be played tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Paced by Pittsburgh schools in Class A track competition, 300 crack runners and field men will fight for the Pennsylvania tourney crowns against favored Upper Darby and Altoona entries. While these 300 men battle for Class A glory, another 150 athletes will be fighting for Class B laurels on the cinderpaths.

Only holdovers among individual champs are Neil Pratt, Erie Strong Vincent miler, and Jack Senor, Connellsville half-miler. All other events are wide open in the 1944 competition.

Preliminaries will begin on New Beaver Field tracks at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning for the tracksters, and finalists will meet for the diadems at 2 o'clock that afternoon.

State College High School, defending champ team from District 6, will enter four men in the track tourney.

Beaver House Wins 4 Straight Games

Beaver House defeated Nittany Co-op 8-6 Monday to take undisputed possession of first place in the Independent Softball League. Mattils lost 6-5 to the Pioneer House this week to drop out of a two-way tie for first place with the Beaver House.

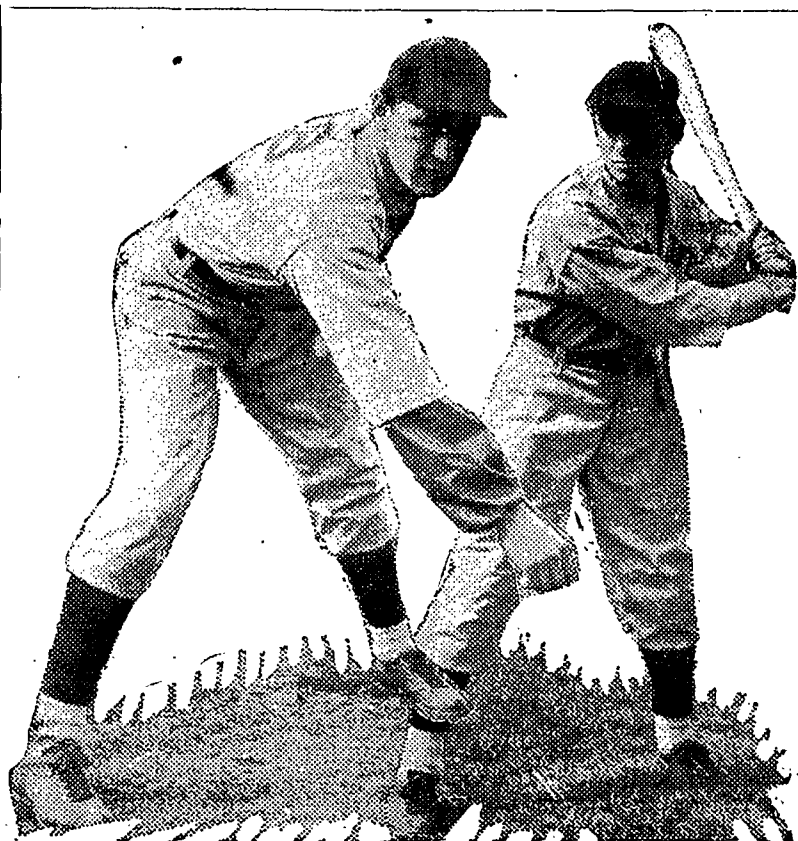
In other league games Penn Haven beat the Lutherans 10-5 and the Penn State Club downed Fletchers 6-4.

Games slated for today follow: Allen Co-op vs. Penn State Club, Nittany Co-op vs. Penn Haven, Fletchers vs. Pioneer House, Mattils vs. Lutherans, and Beaver House bye.

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Hold That Court!

Tennis court chackers will be in the booth across from Rec Hall every afternoon, including Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. All persons wishing to use the courts must reserve their playing time through this checker.



BIG MIKE Wardrop will oppose the Bucknell Bisons on the mound Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, as the Nittany Lion team honor exactly 62 years of intercollegiate competition. In 1882, the Penn State nine opened their career against the same school that comes to Mount Nittany next week. Hurler Wardrop is undefeated this season, with wins over Swarthmore and Pitt. In above picture, Dale Bower, right, star batter on the Lion nine, is trying to keep his .400 average intact.

Stenger-Meyer Tennis Pair Seeks Win Continuation

Blanking the opposition in their last two starts, Coach Ray Dickison's tennis team has high hopes of continuing the string against the Bucknell netmen on the varsity courts tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. After a one-year lapse tennis has been restored as an active sport on the Bison's intercollegiate athletic program.

One of the stars of this year's team is Frank Haas, Harrisburg, who, along with Ed Meyer and Eob Rossheim of the Nittany squad, earned a high ranking among the Middle Atlantic amateur scholastic players of last season.

Bill Hoeveler, whom Blue and White fans will remember as high scorer for the Bisons as they broke the Rec Hall streak of the Lion basketball team last winter, will probably play in the number two singles spot for the visitors.

Charle Ogg of Briarcliff Manor, N. Y. is another player for the Thundering Herd. Haas and Ogg are freshmen, while Hoeveler is a marine private in the Navy V-12 Unit at Bucknell.

On The Win Trail

After early season losses to Swarthmore and Cornell, the Lion netmen picked up a win against Colgate, then blanked Muhlenburg and Pitt in their last two outings.

Two members of the squad have personal victory strings to defend. Walt Stenger is unbeaten in five straight matches, and Ed Meyer boasts four in a row.

The line-up for tomorrow's tussle with the Bucknellians will probably remain unchanged from the starting six against Pitt. Stenger and Meyer will play one and two respectively, and Bob Tuttle will take on the number three singles player of the Herd. Ed Perry, Bob Rossheim and Herb Beckherd will play the remaining singles matches unless late eliminations during the practice sessions alter the prediction.

Coach Dickison has been shifting the doubles combinations of late, seeking the three best possible combinations. Indications are

ASTP Ping-Pong Ace Wins All-College Title

Pvt. Larry Rothstein, ASTP trainee, defeated Dick Booser in four straight games to win the All-College Table Tennis Tournament in 401 Old Main, Monday.

The victor beat Booser, a graduate student, 21-13, 21-18, 21-18, and 21-18 to take the championship. Pvt. Rothstein, one of New York City's top ranking table tennis players, faced Louis Pagliaro, national titleholder, a number of times before entering the service.

Pvt. Rothstein defeated Pvt. Len Lovitz and Booser overcame Robert Gruver in the semi-finals to enter the final round.

Awards will be made to the finalists by the Penn State Club, sponsor of the tournament, at the ISC dance June 10. Pvt. Rothstein will receive a gold key and the runner-up a silver key.

The women's championship was decided recently also. Irene Wiesenfeld took three games from Bernice Fineberg to win the crown. Miss Wiesenfeld will be given a gold key at the dance also.

Former Soccer Manager Dies Aboard LST Craft

A. C. Unger, former soccer manager on the Nittany Lion boating team, has been killed in action aboard an LST in the Pacific area, it was announced this week by the Navy Department.

Unger entered the Navy in 1943, and served overseas for two months prior to his death. He was rated as a petty officer.

While at Penn State, he was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity.

that Stenger and Meyer will team up in the first doubles slot, while Tuttle and Perry, and Rossheim and Beckherd combine in the second and third combination matches.

Marks Over Half Century Of Collegiate Competition

Big Mike Wardrop will hurl Penn State's anniversary game here Tuesday afternoon, as the Lions mark their 62nd year of intercollegiate competition by meeting Bucknell, the nine which succumbed to the first Nittany baseball squad in 1882.

Since the inaugural date over a half century ago, the Bisons and Lions have tangled 42 times, Penn State topping the win record with 28 triumphs. Early records show that the Nittany batters were playing organized ball in 1875, but the Bucknell tilt seven years later was the first inter-college game.

It was eleven years later, however, before Penn State played a predominate college schedule. In 1912 Walter Manning was named first coach, and served for two years before he was succeeded by Dick Harley.

Hugo Bezdek, one-time manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates took over the Nittany team at the start of the '20's, and was relieved of his duties in 1931 when assistant coach Joe Bedenk stepped into the bossing job.

Bedenk had played football and baseball under the tutelage of Bezdek, attaining all-American rating on the gridiron in 1923. Upon graduation he coached both sports at Rice Institute, Texas, and the University of Florida before coming back to State College in 1929.

Triple Winner?

Wardrop will be striving for his own record in the Memorial Day tilt on New Beaver Field next week, attempting to stretch his win streak to three. An early season victory was chalked up over Swarthmore, and the latest nod was edged over Pittsburgh in Pitt Stadium last week.

Engineering Obstacle

Bedenk will use Joe Golembeske in his pitching role against

Lehigh tomorrow to start the weekend hostilities. Golembeske whipped the Engineers in the first home game of the year early this month, as he shut out his opponents, 3-0.

Pvt. Wee Willie Proctor is slated for mound duty Saturday in Allentown. Proctor beat Pitt 16-6 in the free-scoring, error-marked contest several weeks ago, and lost the season's opener to Navy, 5-3.

Ed Holler, marking time by the hour as he awaits immediate call to active duty from the Navy, will be behind the plate for all three contests during the next three days.

The remainder of the squad will remain the same, according to Bedenk, providing no last minute shuffles are encountered from V-12 headquarters.

SPA Goes into Lead In IF Softball Circuit

Sigma Phi Alpha has taken the lead in the Interfraternity Softball League with three wins and one loss, Martin Sadock, league chairman, announced today.

Four teams are tied for second place with two victories and one defeat. They are Beta Sigma Rho, Sigma Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Phi Sigma Delta.

All the contests scheduled for this week were postponed because of the weather.

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