

Boxers Encounter West Point Squad

McAndrews Replaces Houck as Ring Coach

An inexperienced Lion boxing team will travel to West Point to meet the U. S. Military Academy mittmen tomorrow afternoon. Marty McAndrews, Eastern intercollegiate boxing champion in 1930, will manage the team in Coach Leo Houck's absence.

This will be the opening contest for the Nittany Lions while Army defeated Maryland, 4½-3½, last week in its only start. Capt. Paul Smith is the only returning letterman for State and will compete in the 135-pound division. All but one of the Army boxers are veterans.

Hal Hein, Bronx, N. Y., lad who dislocated his shoulder in the first few weeks of practice, will open the bouts in the 120-pound class. Bob Fields, Navy trainee, is Coach McAndrews' choice in the 127-pound class. Luther Keppler, civilian, is also contending for this position.

Either V-12er Joe Bondi or Freshman Alan Pottasch will receive the starting nod in the 145-pound bout, and Jack Seitchick will represent the 155-pound class.

Vaughn Stapleton will box in the 165-pound match while Nick Ranieri discharged air corps flyer, will meet Army's 175-pounder. Larry Luhrs, 180 pounds, will occupy the heavyweight post. Dina Taccalozzi, Dick Mauthe and F. D. Angeistive are also competing for this berth.

Cage Results

Standings of campus basketball leagues for this week show Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Sigma vying for first place in the Fraternity league, Grahams and Billets deadlocked for the Independents, and Barracks 37 competing with Barracks 36 for the V-12 title.

FRATERNITY LEAGUE

Phi Delta Theta leads league A which has completed its games. Phi Kappa Sigma and Theta Chi will play it out for the winner of league B.

League A

| Team | W | L |
|------------------|---|---|
| Phi Delta Theta | 7 | 0 |
| Beta Sigma Rho | 6 | 1 |
| Sigma Chi | 4 | 3 |
| Alpha Chi Sigma | 3 | 4 |
| Phi Sigma Kappa | 3 | 4 |
| Delta Chi | 2 | 5 |
| Phi Sigma Delta | 2 | 5 |
| Lambda Chi Alpha | 1 | 6 |

League B

| Team | W | L |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Phi Kappa Sigma | 5 | 0 |
| Theta Chi | 4 | 1 |
| Pi Kappa Phi | 3 | 2 |
| Sigma Phi Epsilon | 3 | 2 |
| Triangle | 3 | 2 |
| Phi Kappa Psi | 1 | 4 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 1 | 4 |

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

In this week's games in the Independent cage league Grahams defeated Nittany Co-op, Billets won over Penn Haven, and Spears defeated the Penn State Club. The standings follow:

| Team | W | L |
|------------------|---|---|
| Grahams | 3 | 0 |
| Billets | 3 | 0 |
| Spears | 3 | 1 |
| Penn Haven | 2 | 1 |
| Nittany Co-op | 1 | 2 |
| Sanbourne Cagers | 1 | 2 |
| Penn State Club | 0 | 3 |
| X-G-I | 0 | 3 |

V-12 LEAGUE

Defeating Barracks 9, Barracks 37 moved to first place deadlocked with 36 in the V-12 league. The standings follow:

| Team | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| Barracks 37 | 3 | 0 |
| Barracks 36 | 3 | 0 |
| Barracks 9 | 3 | 1 |
| Barracks 13 | 1 | 2 |
| Barracks 24 | 1 | 2 |
| Barracks 26 | 0 | 3 |
| Barracks 20 | 0 | 3 |



LEO HOUCK

Houck Goes To Iceland

Boxing Coach Leo Houck has been granted an indefinite leave of absence to join the army special service unit. The veteran Lion mentor will be replaced by Marty McAndrews, a member of the football coaching staff.

Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, said that the leave of absence was granted so that Houck can report for duty in Iceland and Greenland as a civilian consultant for an army "coaching clinic" in that theater of operations.

Houck will make the trip with four other nationally-known athletic figures. They are Harry J. Rockefeller, athletic director of Rutgers University; Red Rolfe, basketball and baseball coach at Yale; Charles Berry, American League umpire from Easton; and Ew Zanfreni, athletic trainer at Dartmouth.

Coach Houck has had charge of Lion ringmen for the past 23 years. During that time they have captured numerous sectional and national glove crowns.

McAndrews has been handling the Penn State mittmen for the past two weeks. He is a graduate of the College and a member of the football coaching staff for the last nine years.

Boxing is not a new experience for Coach McAndrews. He won the 175-pound title in 1930 when Houck copped his fourth team championship in seven years.

The new coach was the first of three brothers to box on Leo Houck's teams at Penn State. Johnny later winning the 135-pound championship and Francis also giving a good account of himself in the ring against intercollegiate competition. Johnny and Francis now hold commissions in the army and navy, respectively.

Lion Wrestlers To Face Cornell

Penn State Defeats Bison Malmen, 17-11

After defeating Bucknell, 17-11, in the opening match, Coach Paul Campbell will take his wrestling squad to Ithaca, N. Y., tomorrow to grapple with Cornell's veteran outfit in the first meet away from home.

The Big Red have beaten Penn and Lehigh in their only two matches of the season. The squad is composed largely of Navy V-12 trainees. Walter O'Connell is the mentor of the Cornell wrestlers.

Coach Campbell said today that he would probably use the same lineup which started the first match. There is a possibility that Wisner may replace Beegle, who was pinned in the Bucknell meet.

The only Penn Stater who won by a fall in the Bison match was Hal Greene, who threw his man in 1:18 by a crotch and chancery. Other Lions who were victorious are George Schautz, Bob Crease, Glenn Smith, and Chuck Hall.

Nittany grapplers who will also make the trip to Ithaca are Hal Frey and Don Miltenberger. The latter dropped a 6-2 decision to Meyers of Bucknell in his first encounter despite the fact that he outweighed his opponent by 40 pounds.

The match was the first wrestling meet between the Lions and the Bisons. This season is Bucknell's first try at the sport.

Wellstone Dubs Greene Foremost Rope Climber

Steve Greene, crippled youth, is rated one of the greatest rope climbers ever to compete in college ranks by Coach Gene Wellstone, who has produced five National champions in a row at the College.

Greene, who set a new AAU mark of four seconds in the 20-foot climb last year, is still active in the sport even though gymnastics has been dropped for the duration, and the polio victim plans to enter the Nationals this spring at Jersey City.

Only climber ever to do better than Greene in title competition was Lieut. Charles Lebow, now in New Guinea, who set a new Eastern intercollegiate mark of 3.8 seconds in the 1943 championships. Lebow, who like Greene is a Philadelphian, won the National competition in 4.2 seconds.

Penn State's Nittany Lions have been unbeaten on their home gridiron 39 of 58 seasons.

Mt. Nittany Five Meets Unbeaten Army Quintet

Penn State's varsity cage quintet will face its toughest test of the season when it battles the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Wednesday evening.

Coach John Lawther feels confident that the Lions will give the Cadets "a run for their money" after seeing his squad trim the hottest team in the East, West Virginia, 53-27, at Rec Hall on Wednesday.

Army currently is undefeated in three games. Coach Ed Kelleher has not lost a contest at the Academy in two seasons. Last year the Cadets took 15 straight games to finish as one of the top outfits in the country.

The Nittany Lions will go to West Point hoping to avenge last season's 49-38 defeat. Coach Lawther said that he probably will start the same team which opened against West Virginia this week.

In that case, he will have Dick Light and Les Szepesi at the forward slots, big Slim Currie on center, and Irv Batnick and Bill Nugent in the back line. There is a chance that either Doc Willison or Stretch Bozinski may break into the starting lineup.

Lions Beat W. Va., 53-27

West Virginia's tournament-bound Mountaineers were disrailed Wednesday night when an inspired Penn State team played its best game of the season to triumph, 53-27, at Rec Hall.

Coach John Brickel's hoopsters failed to break the jinx which has hung over the Mountaineers for the past nine years. During that time West Virginia has beaten the Lions only once on their home court.

Husky Irv Batnick paced the "red hot" Mt. Nittany cagers in their win over the Morgantown machine with 16 points, his highest total for the season. Close behind him were Stretch Bozinski and Slim Currie with 12 and 10 markers respectively.

Pitt Downs State, 58-41

A sensational fourth period rally which netted 19 points gave Dr. Carlson's Pitt Panthers a 58-41 victory over a tired, but fighting Penn State team at the Pitt Stadium last Saturday.

After holding the undefeated Panthers for three quarters, the Lions fell apart in the last stanza. Their offense shrunk from artillery bombardment to mere rifle fire as they counted only six points in the home stretch. The

three-quarter score was 39-35.

Navy Trainee Dick Light had 15 points to lead the Nittanians.

Lions Trip Tech, 57-22

The Nittany Lions jumped to an early lead to defeat Carnegie Tech's Skibos, 57-22, in Pittsburgh on January 12.

Penn State presented an airtight defense which puzzled the Tech cagers throughout the contest. Coach Maxie Hannum's scoring star, Mike Theodore, was held to one field goal.

Football Outlook Bright; 12 Return Next Season

For the first time since the war began Coach Bob Higgins is able to look ahead and plan for the next football season.

A check of the squad at the end of the 1944 season, during which the Lions won six and lost three, disclosed that as many as twelve players may be available for campaigning in 1945.

Two of the twelve are ex-servicemen who returned to the campus with medical discharges, one is Wingback Larry Cooney of Pittsburgh who does not reach his 18th birthday until November next year. The others either have been rejected or claim limited service classifications.

Backs returning to keep Cooney company will be Elwood Petchel, brilliant Easton tailback, Al Belas of Kingston, Dino Taccalozzi of Sayre, Nick Ranieri of Philadelphia, and Edwin Voll of Emsworth. Linemen include Bob McCoy of Lock Haven, John Simon of Brownsville, Jim Matthews of Grindstone, Marino Marchi of Glassmere, Howard Caskey and Fred France of Pittsburgh.

Penn State's all-time football record now stands at 284 wins, 164 losses, 29 ties.

Richard Crooks Tickets Go on Sale January 22



As a new year "dividend," the Artists Course will present Richard Crooks in Schwab Auditorium May 12.

Holders of season tickets for the current course will be offered tickets to that performance for \$1.00, including tax.

IMPORTANT: To acquire a ticket at that price, holders of season tickets must bring or send their Sanroma tickets, with \$1, to the A. A. ticket window, Old Main, on Monday, January 22. You need not appear in person with your ticket.

If, however, your ticket is not presented on that date, you will automatically relinquish your right to that seat and it will be placed on open sale.

Single seats for the Crooks number, available to those who are not season patrons, will go on sale at the A. A. office Tuesday, January 23, at \$3. These will include stage seats and unclaimed auditorium seats.

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