

Bedenk, Thiel, Harvey Call Sports Candidates

Only three varsity sports, baseball, lacrosse, and track, will be continued during the spring semester at the College. Golf and tennis have been discontinued for the duration.

Seventy-five candidates have reported to Baseball Mentor Joe Bedenk who is conducting practice in Rec Hall daily. Three veterans have returned and are again seeking berths on the varsity. Art Bohard, who was victorious in every encounter as a freshman, is trying for the pitcher's position and Letterman Ivan Kline is practicing behind the plate again. Glen Smith, 1944 right fielder and wrestling champion, reported to Bedenk and is drilling daily. The Lion coach reports eight pitchers and six catchers vying for the first team.

Nick Thiel will again coach the lacrosse squad. All civilian men and Navy V-12 students interested in the varsity team should report to 221 Rec Hall at 4 p. m. any week day. Previous experience is not required, according to Coach Thiel, and practices will be held every evening.

Candidates for the track team are asked to report to Rec Hall any afternoon. Civilians or servicemen with experience are particularly urged to come out, said Coach George Harvey. Tracksters will open the season April 27 and 28 when they will enter the Penn Relays at Philadelphia.

Managerial posts for these three sports are open to all undergraduate men students. Candidates are asked to report to the respective coaches at the time set for team practices.

Veterans Favor College Athletics

Ex-servicemen now attending the Pennsylvania State College under the GI Bill of Rights favor continuance of college sports, but are strongly opposed to inter-sectional competition because of the resulting burden on transportation facilities.

"Keep college sports going" was the typical reply of one EX-GI, who added "the only restriction I would impose would be on travel, which already is overburdened . . . and which, if I had my way, would be reserved almost exclusively for boys in the service."

In reply to a questionnaire distributed to nearly 100 students with prior service, only a half dozen voiced any serious objection to wartime competition. The vast majority favored sports, asserting the boys overseas also felt the same way about athletic teams.

Almost to a man, the ex-service men said efforts should be made to restrict schedules so that travel would be reduced to a minimum. They frowned on inter-sectional contests, and suggested that all competition be restricted to institutions within the same state or neighboring states.

Jack Hulme Joins Service

John W. "Jack" Hulme, veteran College trainer, became the second Penn State staff member to volunteer for overseas duty with the athletic branch of the Army's Special Services Division. Hulme, like Boxing Coach Leo Houck, will join a group of civilian sports experts for one of the series of coaching clinics now being established for overseas servicemen. Houck has already conducted similar classes at Army bases in Greenland and has been moved to Iceland.

Athletic trainer at Penn State since 1936, Hulme previously served in a similar capacity at Westminster College, and boasts more than a quarter of a century experience in this field. Since the advent of the war, he has also conducted first aid classes for military and civilian students.

The Nittany Lion trainer, a native of New Castle, served overseas in World War I, and saw action at Argonne, Verdun, and other battle fronts. His front line duty extended over a period of 18 months.

Others in the group of which Hulme will be a member are Dr. J. H. Nichols, director of athletics at Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., administrator, Oscar M. "Ossie" Solem, Syracuse University football coach, A. D. Dickinson, also a trainer, of Iowa State Teachers College, and Arthur R. Hutchins, of the Southern Football Officials Association, Lake Wales, Fla.

Lions Book Michigan On 1945 Grid Schedule

Penn State lost to only two of the seven 1944 opponents already booked for return engagements on the gridiron next fall. Only new opponent listed on the 1945 card is Michigan State.

The Nittany Lions compiled a record of six wins and three losses last year and of the victims Muhlenberg, Bucknell, Colgate, Syracuse, and Temple will be back again next fall. So will Navy and Pitt, conquerors of the Lions in 1944.

West Virginia and Maryland will be missing from this year's card, which calls for eight games, four at home and four away. The Michigan State date launches a series planned since before the war.

Penn State and Michigan State have played twice before, the

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Lion Tales

With the Eastern intercollegiate boxing tournaments slated for New London, Conn., tomorrow, Heavyweight Larry Luhrs will be the only undefeated Lion mittman competing. Capt. Paul Smith, an ex-serviceman, looms as a good bet for the 136-pound title, having been beaten once in six trips to the ring.

Baseball, track, and lacrosse are the only sports retained on the Lion's 1945 spring calendar. Coach Joe Bedenk, veteran coach and former all-American grid star, will be in command of baseball again. Bedenk says that 45 of his former players during the past five years are now in the armed services.

Diminutive Hal Frey, who took third place in the Eastern intercollegiate wrestling matches at Lehigh, won the 1944 Eastern intercollegiate all-around gymnastic title last year. Frey turned grappler only after the gym team was abandoned for the duration.

Steve Hamas, State five-letterman, has been promoted to a major after teaching Eighth Air Forces Fighters in the European theatre how to box. Hamas, a professional boxer, has now returned to the United States.

Don Miltenberger, Lion varsity footballer and heavyweight wrestler, is awaiting his call for the Army and has not returned to school this semester. Johnny Chuckran, 1944 backfield star, was reclassified and inducted into the Army a month after he had been rejected. Negley Norton, another member of the 1944 all-freshman eleven, is stationed with Chuckran at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey has originated an indoor version of volley ball in which soccer techniques are employed. . . . Leo Houck, former boxing mentor, reports that he is conducting classes in recreation in Iceland. The coach writes if his mission were ended now he would feel as though he had done something for the servicemen just by visiting those who are in Army hospitals.

Barracks 12 Wins Crown

Barracks 12, representing ASTP Company B, downed Barracks 5 of Company A, 47-27, to win the Interbarracks basketball league championship. Pvt. W. Seymour was high scorer for the victors, tallying 12 field goals while Pvt. R. Becker set the scoring pace for Company A with 10 points.

Batnick Tops Lion Cage Scorers; Bozinski Rates All-College Team

Closing the season by bowing to a powerful Temple five, the Lion basketball team won 10 of 17 games played. Top scorer was Guard Irv Batnick of Brooklyn, N.Y., who rolled up 10 points in the final game to bring his total for the year to 113 points.

Sylvester Bozinski, runner-up with 105 markers, won a place as guard on the second team in the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania collegiate basketball selections. Bozinski is a freshman from Nanticoke and was one one of the ten former high school captains playing on Coach John Lawther's varsity. Batnick and Navy Trainee Dick Light were given honorable mention in the selections made by the Pennsylvania sports writers.

Only Temple defeated the Nittany team twice, the first time battling on into five overtime periods before downing State, 63-60. Meeting the Owls in Philadelphia, Lawther's men dropped the tilt, 39-28. State broke even with Pittsburgh when they swamped the Panthers 53-36. During the season the locals defeated Carnegie Tech and Colgate twice, lost singles to Army, Navy and Muhlenberg, split with West Virginia, and won four other starts.

The first six scorers for the season follow:

Player	G	F	T
Irvin Batnick	40	33	113
Sylvester Bozinski	49	7	105
Dick Light	37	9	83
Hal Willison	32	17	81
Les Szepesi	27	22	76
Bill Nugent	29	6	64

Smith Captures Mat Title Greene, Frey Take Honors

Capt. Glenn Smith copped the 155-pound championship in the 1945 Eastern intercollegiate wrestling tournament at Lehigh University to be the first Penn State to win this crown since 1930. Coach Paul Campbell was the last successful lion grappler to annex this title when he was an undergraduate student at the College.

Smith began the season as a 165-pounder, but soon brought his weight down to 155 pounds and competed in several dual meets as a 155-pounder before taking the intercollegiate title. Navy and Ted Niewenhaus of

He decided John Fletcher of Lehigh in tournament bouts.

Navy trainee Hal Greene took second place in the 136-pound division and Hal Frey placed third in the 145-pound championship bouts.

The Lion matmen won their final matches from Lehigh, 19-11, when Wisard won by a fall and Bob Crease, Greene, Smith and Chuck Hall took decisions. This was Hall's last match for State because he was graduated at the end of the semester. Don Miltenberger, heavyweight, dropped a 4-2 decision in an overtime match.

Boxers Enter Intercollegiates

The Nittany Lion mittmen will enter the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association's 22nd annual tournament at New London, Conn., today and tomorrow. Despite their failure to win a dual meet in seven starts for the first time since 1919, Coach Marty McAndrew's squad has been named the darkhorse of the meet.

Capt. Paul Smith, 135-pounder and only man with varsity experience before this season, an undefeated Heavyweight Larry Luhrs are favored to outpunch their Coast Guard Academy, Army, and Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute opponents. Of the four teams vying for titles, Coast Guard is undefeated, downing Army twice and State once. Little is

known about the R. I. P. mittmen who are competing for the first time.

Jim MacAleer, a newcomer, will replace Navy Trainee Bob Fields who was transferred and will seek the 128-pound title. Other Lions participating will be Navy Trainee Bob Cramer, bantamweight; Navy Trainee Eddie Davies, middleweight; Navy Trainee Joe Bondi, welterweight; Jack Seitchek or Alan Pottasch, 155-pound class; and Vaughn Stapleton, light-heavyweight.

McAndrew's men lost to Wisconsin Saturday, 5½-2½; for the second time this season when Smith and Luhrs won and Davies drew. They held Maryland to a 4-4 tie the previous week.

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