

Lion Cagers Trample Susquehanna, 68-33

Coach John Lawther's Nittany quintet opened its season Wednesday evening with an easy win over a weak Susquehanna team, 68-33. It was State's game all the way as the "so-called" starting five played only five minutes of the first and third quarters. Amos Stagg Jr.'s aggregation wasn't able to stop the nineteen men State used. The Lions will face their first test Saturday when it meets West Virginia at Morgantown.

Bernie Swienchi started the game going when on the tap-off Susquehanna took the ball and gave off a fast pass to Swienchi who dropped it in. Irv Batnick, captain for the Lion team, paced him by shooting one in with his left hand on the next break down court. The first quarter became a zone-to-zone game. The Lion squad dropped into a 2-3 zone while Susquehanna used the 3-2 zone. Neither team was able to break through the opposite defense. Dick Light put State ahead with a set shot. The first five left the game leading by four points. Light got five and Batnick four in the first five minutes of play while Susquehanna scored five.

The second five started off fast when Dietrick and Hatkevich each sunk one. Jerry Moore scored for Susquehanna on a pivot play from Joe Taylor. The State second five used a man-to-man, going out to meet the forwards as they came down court. The half ended with State out in front 29-12.

The first five men started the second half and played for only a short time scoring nine points against Susquehanna. Jim Waldorf came in with the new five and showed promise of developing into a good ball player. He dropped in shots from all over the boards.

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Gridders Accept Bids To Post-Season Tilts

The East-West game to be played in San Francisco New Year's Day will feature two members of the Penn State football squad, Bronco Kasonovitch, center, and Chuck Draznovich.

The invitations were extended to the gridders yesterday by Andy Kerr, an East coach and veteran Colgate mentor. They were chosen on the basis of a suggestion made for two good backers-up when Kerr called the College yesterday.

With this recent invitation Penn State has been given the honor of having players in both the East-West and North-South games as Sam Tamburo, end, had accepted a bid to play in the North-South game at Montgomery, Alabama, December 29.

Joe Tepsic, tailback, was also asked to play in the North-South game but has indicated that he will not accept. He does not wish to receive an injury which might handicap him in basketball or football at the College.

The Box Score

Penn State	f	g	p
Light, f	3	11	7
Denniston, f	0	1	1
Currie, c	1	1	3
Batnick, g	5	1	11
Nugent, g	0	0	0
Zagoudis, f	1	0	2
Waldorf, f	5	0	10
Russel, f	2	1	5
Reuch, f	0	1	1
Sheeche, f	1	0	2
Dietrich, c	2	0	4
Masticola, c	1	0	2
Hatkevich, g	3	3	9
Rusinko, g	3	1	7
Ulsh, g	2	0	4
Totals	29	10	68
Other substitutes: Funn, f; Pflirman, g; MacMillan, g; Cullison, g.			
Susquehanna	f	g	p
Gross, f	1	0	2
Moore, f	2	1	5
Taylor, c	0	1	1
Culp, g	0	2	2
Swienchi, g	7	4	18
Gray, f	1	0	2
Beckwith, c	1	0	2
Totals	12	9	33
Other substitutes: Secrist, f; Lady, g; Fellows, g.			

Lion Gymnasts Schedule Meets

Intercollegiate competition will be resumed by Penn State's gymnasts this season when they face West Point and Annapolis in dual meets, and also enter a team in the Eastern championship tournament.

Gene Wettstone, Lion coach, will build his team around a half-dozen men who led the Lions to a surprising team victory in the National AIAU championships last May. While the sport had been dropped from the calendar because of the war, Wettstone sought and obtained permission to enter the Nationals.

Steve Greene, crippled Philadelphia youth, who copped the National rope climbing championship with a record of four seconds for the 20-foot climb, will be available again this year. Forming the team's nucleus with him will be Harold Frey, defending Eastern Intercollegiate all-around champ, Warren Neiger, who finished in third place behind Frey, and Walter Glover.

Stan Wirtschafter, Nationals and Eastern Intercollegiate rope climbing champ as a member of the undefeated '43 Lion team, will support Greene in that event. Navy trainee Ed Hobart will be the third man on the ropes.

Other individual performers will be Ray Lee, a member of the '42 team, on the flying rings, and Navy trainee Tim Petroff and Jim Dawson, tumbling.

Preliminaries and light practice sessions are being held daily in Recreation Hall. Coach Wettstone announced that it will not be until after the Christmas vacation that tryouts are held for key places on the team.

Former Lion Boxer's Return Brightens Ring Hopes

A welcome addition to Coach Leo Houck's boxing team this season is Jim Cassidy, 128-pound veteran for the Lion mittmen while an undergraduate in '42.

Cassidy, according to Coach Houck, gave good accounts of himself in his few fights and also in the Intercollegiate. "What I chiefly liked about the boy," the mentor said, "was his fancy footwork, which resembled so much the late James J. Corbett's."

Towards the end of his freshman year, Cassidy entered the Enlisted Reserve Corps. After routine basic training program at various camps, he went overseas with the 35th Infantry Division in March, '43.

Cassidy received four battle stars for taking part in the major battles of Northern and Central France, Normandy and Germany. At Nancy, near Metz, during the battle of the Bulge at Bastogne.

Finally, after three years in the army including 18 months overseas, he returned to the States in August and received his honorable discharge on October 22. He immediately reentered the College.

Cassidy, who resides in western Pennsylvania, reported to Coach Houck Monday and has begun serious training for a berth on the varsity team. He is now a third semester student majoring in pre-law.

Houck Begins Boxing Drills

Approximately 40 men showed up at Monday's initial boxing session and were immediately given training instructions by Coach Houck.

The first 10 or 15 days, or the "get in shape" period, consists of pulling weights about 10 minutes; shadow boxing, stomach exercises, skipping rope, and hitting the fast and heavy bags each for three 2-minute rounds.

After rounding into shape during the trial period, the pace is stepped up and the boys go 3-minute rounds. In probably another week, Coach Houck stated that he will hold two and three round matches between candidates in the various weight divisions.

Students interested in boxing, whether or not they have boxed before, are asked to report to Coach Houck in Recreation Hall any weekday after 4 u. m. The Lion mentor suggests, however, that those interested should also sign up for Intramural boxing, where the candidate can gain valuable experience and also the feeling of competition.

There are still positions open for the assistant managership. Any students interested are requested to sign up in the Athletic Office, Old Main, and then report to Rec Hall.

Intramural's Lack Entries

Lacking enough entries, the deadline date for signing up in either the Intramural boxing, wrestling or basketball tournaments has been set back until December 17, Eugene C. Bischoff, Intramural's director, announced today.

This means that the tournaments would not be run off until after the Christmas vacation, unless the entries start pouring in today and interest livens up.

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