

Lion Wrestlers Injury Ridden

Mat Coach Schedules First Eliminations

Eliminations in the various weight divisions will be held on the mats tomorrow afternoon, Wrestling Coach Paul Campbell announced today.

Beset, as the mentor terms it, "by one of the worst seasons in the way of material and hard luck I have ever encountered," there are still a few men, such as '42 champ Sam Harry, and 145-pound runnerup last year, Hal Greene, on which the team's nucleus will be built.

The casualties to the team mounted the past week, with Joe McGee, and Murray Dixon dropping out because of injuries, and Al Bellas, ex-footballer and promising light heavyweight, passing his exam for the navy. Dixon, however, who is out with a bad shoulder, is expected to rejoin the team this week, while McGee's status is uncertain.

Coach Campbell's chief worries are in the 121-pound and heavyweight classes. As of today, Dave Faloon is the only 121-pound candidate, while Fred France is the only heavyweight, although Chuck Drazenovich, Lion quarterback on the football team, worked out a few days last week. However, he has accepted a bid to the East-West game at San Francisco New Years Day, so it is doubtful whether he'll be able to wrestle.

Candidates in the other divisions who will compete for starting berths are:

128-pound—Joe Steel, Walt Kraybill, Dick Gray.

136-pound—Eugene Klein, Sam Harry.

145-pound—Navy trainee Hal Greene.

155-pound—Murray Dixon, Navy trainee Ernest Classer.

165-pound—Burdall Taylor, Norman Wynn.

175-pound—Wallace Chambers, Lawrence Marcella, Navy trainee Alfred Allenby.

Ex-Major Jim Conte Cited For Heroism; Back At State

Major Angelo J. Conte, better known as Jim to everyone, was one of the young majors of this war—being only 29. Major Conte, who is from Pittsburgh, and served in the infantry of the U. S. Army for six years, is the holder of the Bronze Star Medal with the cluster, the Purple Heart with the cluster, and the Legion of Merit.

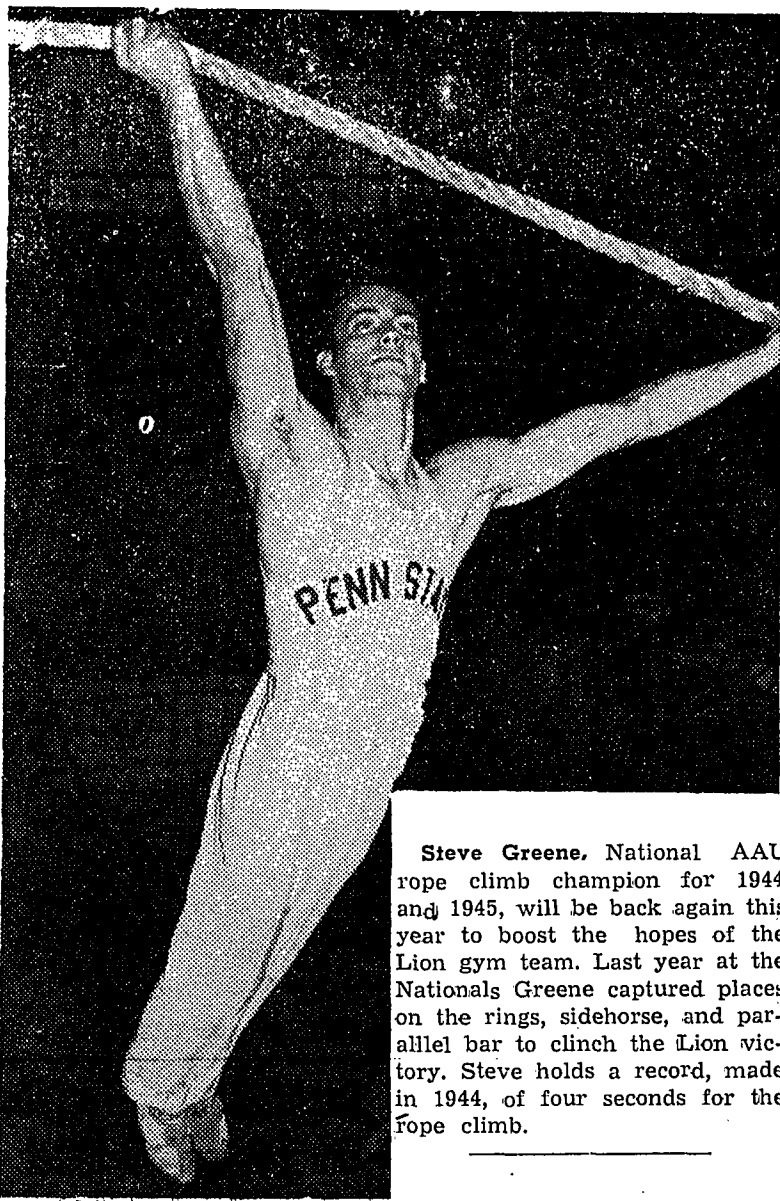
Jim is a Penn State graduate of the class of '39 who played end on the football team and majored in Physical Education.

Major Conte served with the 1st, 8th and 84th divisions and was in the ETO for one year with the 84th. He is mighty proud of the 84th and what they did over there, though he feels that he didn't do anything much.

Jim was a captain somewhere in Germany when he made his famous ride. Instead of ordering a soldier to bring in much needed supplies over a dangerous road under German fire, he said he'd do it. He took a jeep and a trailer over a two mile road and returned in two and one-half hours with food, ammunition, and medical supplies.

He received the Bronze Star Medal for his heroism and was promoted to major and made executive officer of his battalion. Lt. Col. Charles P. Urban, Jim's commanding officer, said it took plain audacity and courage because Conte could have sent any soldier to do it, but he wasn't that kind of a man.

Jim returned to the United States exactly one year after he left for the ETO and was discharged in October. He is now



Steve Greene, National AAU rope climb champion for 1944 and 1945, will be back again this year to boost the hopes of the Lion gym team. Last year at the Nationals Greene captured places on the rings, sidehorse, and parallel bar to clinch the Lion victory. Steve holds a record, made in 1944, of four seconds for the rope climb.

State Picks All-Star Team

The gridiron opponents that turned Penn State from a potential bowl bidder into a three time loser were acclaimed by members of the Nittany Lion squad when they picked an all-opponent team. Navy, first of the three teams to trample the Lions placed three men on the mythical eleven. Michigan State earned two places in the line-up by virtue of its 33 to 0 victory.

Although Temple and Colgate both bowed to State, each placed two players on the team. Pitt and Syracuse were awarded one spot each.

The all-star selection is: Leon Bramlett, Navy, and Joe Lee, Temple, ends; Walt Vezmar, Michigan State, and Paul Redfield, Colgate, tackles; Francis Mattioli, Pitt, and John Tsarnas, Syracuse, guards; and Rich Scott, Navy, center.

Backs are Phil Slosburg, Temple; Russ Reader, Michigan State; Glen Treichler, Colgate; and Pete Williams, Navy.

back at Penn State with his wife, and is finishing his master's degree this semester and assisting in the School of Physical Education.

Mittmen Begin Ring Practice

Sharpened by more than a week's training, several of Penn State's boxing enthusiasts started on the second lap in their quest for varsity berths when they paired off yesterday afternoon to spar in two minute rounds.

With another week of training before the Christmas vacation, the team will have a final ten day training tuneup before its opening meet with the University of Virginia on January 12. Coach Houck says that as sessions are speeded up and rounds lengthened, the boys will automatically eliminate themselves until only the varsity remains.

Workouts are being conducted every weekday, including Saturday, with particular stress laid on punching the heavy and light bags. In charge of boxing paraphernalia are three first managers—Art Goldberg, Fred Everts, and Navy trainee Vern Condon.

Assistant managers are: Ralph Angus, Bernie Ashner, Jim Brewer, Felix Daley, Charlie Mebus, Rube Mogul, Alfred Rosen, Bill Schreyer, and George Vadasz.

State Cagers Lose To Muhlenberg, 55-36

Muhlenberg quintet trounced the Nittany Lions 55-36 on Wednesday evening. State put-up two zones, but after the first three minutes of play they were never ahead of the fast-stepping Allentown five.

Harry Donovan's 21 points for Muhlenberg highlighted the game as he flashed down the Rec Hall court and swished the oop for scores. His brother Ed played a brilliant game under the backboards and setup plays for his team-mates. Irv Batnick steadied the State five and continued as the Lion's highscorer getting 13, six under the hoops and one from the foul marker while Walt Hatkervich got five points.

The Mules started dropping in shots when Joe Podany entered the game for Red Baldwin. He put a set shot in as soon as he got his hands on the ball, and a few plays later he dropped his second. Irv Batnick kept State in the game with his left-handed shots as the Lions trailed four and six points behind with the halftime score standing at 18-22, Muhlenberg, on foul shots and six from the boards.

After the Mule quintet broke the 3-2 zone of State Coach Lawther sent in replacements who went into the 2-3 defense to try and stop the fast breaking opponents by going out and meeting them as they came down court. Three men stayed in the back under the hoop to guard the forwards. Throughout the game Muhlenberg used the man-to-man defense and kept the State Five from getting shots from under the basket.

Opening the second half with the men who ended the first half, the Nittany Lions failed to keep up with the fast pace set by Allentown quintet. Five field goals by Harry Donovan in this half carried the Mules ahead to the 19-point victory.

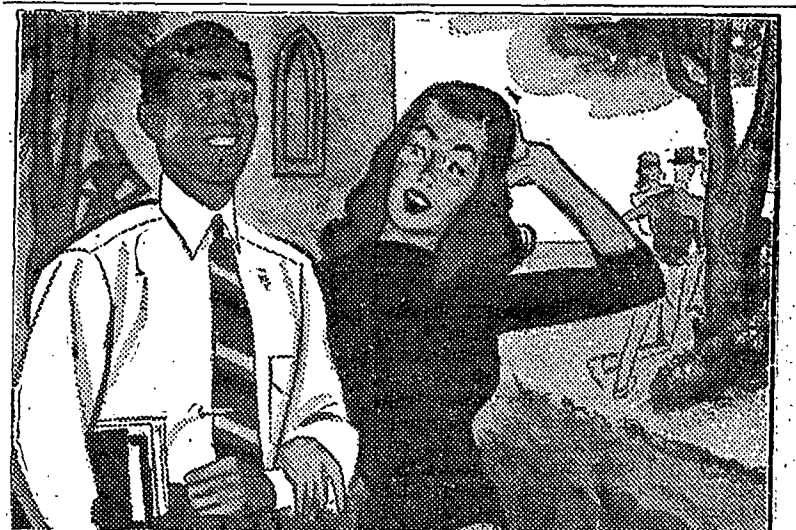
With five minutes left in the game Coach Lawther sent in his starting five to try and bridge the gap in the score. Currie played out in the center with Hathervich and Dietrick on either side as the team switched back

	G	F	T
Penn State			
Rusinko, f	1	0	2
Dietrick, f	2	1	5
Nugent, f	0	0	0
Waldorf, f	0	0	0
Funk, f	0	0	0
Currie, c	1	1	3
Russell, c	0	0	0
Batnick, g	6	1	13
Hatkervich, g	3	5	11
Light, g	0	0	0
Simon, g	1	0	2
Total	14	8	31
Muhlenberg			
Baldwin, f	2	0	4
H. Donovan, f	8	5	21
Combs, f	0	0	0
Waelchli, f	2	1	5
E. Donovan, c	2	1	5
Hale, c	0	0	0
Doran, g	1	0	2
Martini, g	3	1	7
Podany, g	3	0	6
Rubbert, g	2	1	5
Total	23	9	55

Halftime score: Muhlenberg 22, Penn State 18.

into the 3-2 zone. Rusinko and Batnick kept under the basket, covering the high-scoring forwards as they droppen in the corners and broke to the circle. But still the powerful Muhlenberg quintet kept the State team from overcoming the lead. The game ended as Muhlenberg added a two-pointer to their score.

Tomorrow night the Penn State basketball team travels to Pittsburgh to play Carnegie Tsch.



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