

Lion Quintet Faces Temple

Sporting a .500 percentage with three wins and three losses, Penn State's cage squad squares off against one of the east's top teams when it meets Temple University's Owls on the Recreation Hall court, 8 p.m. tomorrow.

In tackling the Owls, the Lions will meet their toughest test of the current season, as the Philadelphia aggregation has a veteran squad which has already defeated Muhlenberg by a decisive margin, whereas the Lions were conquered twice by the Mules.

The Lions will have a double purpose in winning tomorrow's game. Last year's tilt on the home court was a thrilling, record-breaking game which went five extra periods before the Owls were victorious, 63-60. In trying to avenge that defeat, the Lions were stopped on the Owls court in their last game of the season.

Chief foes that the Lions will have to watch most are Ed Lerner, a sharp-shooting left-handed freshman who recently acquired a starting berth, Jimmy Joyce, Temple safety man, Dave Fox, and Jack Hewson, pivot man. The Owls are a fast-breaking team, employing a switch-man-to-man type defense.

Coach John Lawther announced the same five that started against Muhlenberg would tap-off against the taller Owls. The Lion mentor said that he may even revert to man-to-man in order to stop the favored quintet.

Probable starting lineups for both teams are:

Penn State	Pjs.	Temple
Light	.....f	Budd
Simon	.....f	Fox
Currie	.....c	Hewson
Hatkevich	.....g	Rullo
Nugent	.....g	Lerner

Candidates

... for track manager, and those interested in trying out, should report to Dick Lose in the varsity locker room at 3 p.m. any afternoon beginning tomorrow.

'Man Of The Year'



Nick Thiel, lacrosse coach, has been voted the outstanding coach of the season by the executive committee of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Though his team won only one game last spring, Thiel's efforts won the acclaim of fellow-coaches. Penn State was one of the few colleges in the East to continue the sport throughout the war period. The past season marked Thiel's 11th year as lacrosse coach at the College. He was an all-America selection during his undergraduate years at Syracuse University.

All Students

... interested in trying out for assistant lacrosse manager should first sign up at Student Union, announced James Chaikin, head manager. He also said that students who are not in their first semester are preferred.

Know Your Coaches

'Sliding Zone Defense' Pays Lawther Dividends

By JERRY TRUMPER

The East's number one exponent of the "sliding zone defense," Penn State's basketball coach John (Jawn) Lawther, is in his tenth year as head mentor of the court five. He came to State in 1936 from Westminster College, and in nine seasons Nittany quintets have won 117 games and dropped only 56. This year the record shows 3 wins and 3 losses against tough opposition.

His teams at Westminster won 166 of 201 starts, which before the current season, brings his all-time college basketball record as a court coach to 283 wins and 91 losses. Checking on this total it adds up to three wins in every four games that his courtmen have started.

"The important thing is to win, isn't it? Every coach I know tries to win 'em all."

This is Lawther's reply to the criticism that is thrown upon him by fans who don't see the reason for his system of play on the hardwood courts.

The tight defense of Lawther's basketball quintet is necessary to put his "sliding zone" into its best form. It requires precision in carrying out the intricate maneuvers and zone assignments that the team does throughout a game. Coach Lawther demands perfection in this system of play.



JOHN LAWATHER

Nightly he works and drills his squad on defense as he does on offensive plays. He is a disciplinarian and likes the huge Recreation hall cleared of all spectators when he carries on practice sessions. It is up to his manager and the assistants to keep this wish enforced.

Mules Repeat Against State

Playing with the absence of two key men and the inability of Irv Batnick to play for extended periods of time, Penn State received its third loss of the current court campaign Saturday night, when the Muhlenberg Mules repeated their December victory over the Lawthermen. The final score was 47-38.

Even without the services of Dietterich who has left the squad and Rusinko who was not available for duty, the Lions gave a good account of themselves and threw an early scare into the Muhlenberg squad by stepping out to a 14-12 first quarter lead.

Led by Wally Hatkevich and Milt Simon, the men of Nittany continued playing sound basketball and were only four points behind the highly regarded Mules at halftime, 22-18.

During the second half, the speedy passing attack of the Al² lentown team began taking its toll and slowly they stretched their lead. State's cause was further retarded in the last half by loss of Hatkevich and Simon on personals. Loss of this double scoring punch was a blow from which State did not recover. Hatkevich led the visiting scorers with 13 points and Simon was second high with six.

Wrestlers Score 21-13 Victory Over Teachers

Lions Cop 5 Matches In Informal Meet As Dixon, Harry, Steele Pin Foes

Showing more form than expected, Penn State's mat team conquered a strong Lock Haven Teachers College squad 21-13, Saturday afternoon in an informal meet on the Recreation Hall floor.

In vanquishing the Teachers, the Lions copped five of the eight matches, including three falls and two decisions. The Teachers' three wins came via two falls and a decision.

Brightest star in the Lion win was Murray Dixon, former Du-Bois High School wrestler, who threw his opponent in the shortest time of 2:04, although Joe Steel, member of the '40 Lion mat team, was close behind, pinning his opponent in 2:35. Captain Sam Harry, however, former Eastern Intercollegiate champ, literally toyed with his opponent, pinning him twice in the second period, the last after the elapsed time of 5:07.

Navy trainee Jack Greene, Intercollegiate runner-up for the 145-pound crown last year, hooked up with Captain Solomon of the Teachers in the closest match of the day. Greene emerged the victor after three periods with a 11-7 decision.

The battle which brought roars from the crowd was the final one

between the two heavyweights, France of the Lions, and Mullins, two-time Pennsylvania state champ, of the Teachers. The Lock Haven representative pinned France twice in the second period, the final one after 5:20.

The Lions travel to Annapolis Friday where they will formally open their season against the Eastern Intercollegiate's defending champion Saturday afternoon. The all-conquering Middies blanked the Lions in last year's dual meet, 36-0.

SUMMARIES

121-pound—Knepp (LH) pinned Faloon (PS) in .40 of the third period.

128-pound—Harry (PS) pinned McCoy (LH) in 2:07 of second period.

136-pound—Steele (PS) pinned Peituck (LH) in 2:35 of first period.

145-pound—Greene (PS) decisioned Solomon (LH) 11-7.

155-pound—Dixon (PS) pinned Borelli (LH) in 2:03 of first period.

165-pound—Chambers (PS) decisioned Eyer (LH), 3-0.

175-pound—Caldwell (LH) decisioned McKeeby, 8-4.

Unlimited—Mullins (LH) pinned France (PS) in 2:20 of second period.

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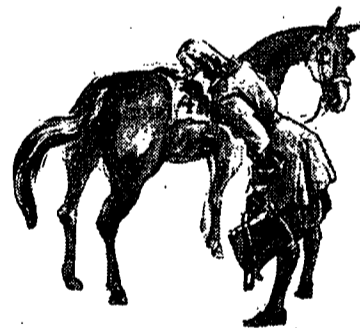
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