

Virginia Tops Nittany Boxers

Although they forfeited the heavyweight bout, Coach Leo Houck's boxers gave good accounts of themselves and showed promise of better fights as they dropped their opening test to Virginia's Cavaliers, 4½-3½, at Charlottesville Saturday.

Of the seven bouts, only one failed to go the full three rounds. That was the light heavy match between State's Ranieri, and Navy trainee Tysinger of Virginia. The veteran Ranieri cut his opponent's eye in the second round and the bout was stopped.

Closest match of the day was between Seitchik, last year's veteran, and the Cavaliers' Semler. After three rounds of bruising battle, the bout was called a draw.

The Lions' best showing was in the bantamweight class where Navy trainee Bill Cramer, winless last season, scored an impressive opening win over Navy trainee Straceski, his heavier Cavalier opponent.

State's other score was rung up by hard-hitting Stan Lachowski, who will probably be one of the top candidates to capture welterweight honors at the Intercollegiate. The ex-marine, pitted against the captain and Cavalier veteran, Chuck Pomato, entirely outclassed his opponent, dropping him for a count of nine in the second round, before copping the decision.

Ray Polansky, the Lion featherweight, looked very good, according to Coach Houck, although losing the decision, and should improve as the season goes on.

Boxing Summaries

- 121—Cramer (PS) decisioned Straceski (V).
- 127—Cross (V) decisioned Polansky (PS).
- 135—Worthington (V) decisioned Smith (PS).
- 145—Lachowski (PS) decisioned Pomato (V).
- 155—Seitchik (PS) drew with Semler (V).
- 165—Gaskall (V) decisioned Slusarczyk (PS).
- 175—Ranieri (PS) decisioned Tysinger (V).—Tysinger withdrew in second round because of cut eye.
- Unlimited—Penn State forfeited to Virginia.

Former All-American Joins NROTC Staff

Lieutenant Chet Gladchuck, line coach of the Kings Point football eleven last year, was transferred from the Merchant Marine Academy this week, for further assignment under the Navy ROTC physical training program at the College.

Gladchuck, former All-American, center on the Boston College football team was a member of the New York Giants pro-team before being assigned to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy in July of 1945. He sparked his team in the Boston College-Tennessee Sugar Bowl classic in his undergraduate days.

High Scorer



WALT HATKEVICH

Panther Surge Beats Passers

A fourth quarter scoring spree, which netted 21 points, for the University of Pittsburgh's basketball squad, spelled a 45-38 defeat for the Lion quintet, on Saturday night.

State jumped to an early lead in the first quarter which they held until midway in the fourth quarter.

Failing to hold the early six point advantage, the State passers led the Pitt squad by a slim two point margin, at halftime. Score 18-16.

Coming back in the third quarter the Lions countered for 13 points while the Panthers were able to gain but 8. Score 31-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Pitt took command of the ball game in the fourth quarter by tallying three times as many points as the State five, which was able to garner seven points. Final score Penn State 38—Pitt 45.

Tomorrow night the Lawthermen play host to the West Virginia quintet who defeated the Lions 42-41 in an earlier engagement, characterized by over-time periods.

16 Teams Vie For Lead In Independent League

The intra-mural Independent league swung into full stride last week with games played on the Recreation Hall floor Monday and Friday nights. Sixteen teams have entered the competition and were split into two divisions. Play will be around-robin within each division and a playoff will decide the ultimate champion.

Scheduled for this Friday at 8:30 p. m. are Comets vs Herr's on court one, Informal Five vs Taggart's on court two, and Oxford Club vs Nittany Co-op on court three. Friday at 9:15 p. m., A. R. O. vs Penn State Club on court one, Avengers vs Beaver House on court two, and Ramblers vs. Penn Haven will meet on court three.

Know Your Coaches

Experience And Hard Work Is Creed Of Gym Mentor

By LUCY SEIFING

What's the good of doing a number of gym exercises haphazardly when concentration on one or two results in perfection? That's gym coach Eugene Wettstone's theory.

Wettstone, who came from the University of Iowa in 1938 to take the position of full-time mentor here, had an outstanding record while at college. He was the Big Ten all-round gymnast champion in 1935 and 1937 and also won the individual titles on the horizontal bar and side horse in those years.

"Work the boys hard and the better they'll be." The fellow who practices not only during the season but continuously will be the one who wins, proving that experience is a very determining factor. That's the reason why the 1943 gym team came through an undefeated and untied season and placed first in the Eastern Intercollegiate and in the National A. A. U. These gymnasts had experience which took three or four years to get, Coach Wettstone states.

Training the boys is hard work because it is "purely individual." Each man has a different technique and has to be dealt with differently. A thing that has to be weighed carefully is the boys' weight because the body weight has to be in relation to his strength, said Coach Wettstone.

"The greatest response comes from winning. Losing doesn't build confidence or character." That is the coach's answer to the all important question on every-



GENE WETTSTONE

one's mind. To prove that his technique is a paying one, look at the records. Since 1941, the team's first official season, the gym team has won 14 meets, lost 4, and tied 2. In 1942 and 1943 the team placed first in the Eastern Intercollegiate; in 1943, first in the National A.A.U.; and in 1942 and 1944, second in the National A.A.U. This is a record which any coach can be proud of.

Matmen Lose 25-13 To Navy

The Nittany Lion wrestling team turned in a surprise performance at Annapolis Saturday, against the heavily favored Navy matmen. State held the Middies on even terms through the first half of the program and then the favorites placed enough victories to go ahead and win, 25-13.

A default in the 155-pound class by Grant Dixon of State, because of an ankle injury, gave the Midshipmen three points to put them ahead. This might have given the Lions the match if the injured Dixon could have gone on to win.

The team captain, Sam Harry took up where he left off before going into the service taking the 128-pound class by pinning his Navy opponent. This is an indication that Harry is on his way to regain his Eastern Intercollegiate championship that he held on leaving the College.

In the surprise pinning of the match Don McKeeby, who lost his bout against Lock Haven last week, pinned his opponent in the 175-pound class. Hal Green in the 145-pound class won a decision bout.

Dave Faloon lost in the opener of the day on points in the flyweight 121-pound class. In the 136-pound class Joe Steele was pinned, by a fall late in the bout.

Both Wally Chambers, 165-pound class, and Freddie France, heavy weight, lost by falls in their respective matches.

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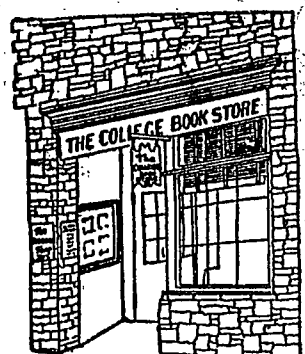
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