

Gym, Court Squads Face Navy, Colgate Here

Gymnasts Open 2-Meet Season

Veterans Frey, Greene Form State's Nucleus

Gene Wettstone's Lion gymnasts open their season against undefeated Navy as the first of the twin bill sports event at Recreation Hall, 7 p.m. tomorrow. The Navy team has suffered only one dual meet loss in three years.

The State gymnasts had no formal season last year and did not enter the Eastern Intercollegiate, but annexed the National AAU championship in their only meet of the season. Eight men will form the veteran squad which will compete in tomorrow's meet.

Chet Phillips, Navy coach and former Temple University star, will have strong contenders on the ropes, flying rings, and horizontal bar.

Frey in Three Events

Acting Captain Hal Frey will be seen in the last home appearance of his college career competing in three of the six events of the evening. Hal won the Eastern Intercollegiate all-around gymnast crown in 1944 and held the National AAU tumbling championships in 1944.

Veteran Steve Greene, another title holder on the squad, having captured the 1944 Eastern Intercollegiate side horse championship is the present National AAU rope climbing champion. For the Navy meet he will participate on the side horse, ropes, and parallel bars.

Running mate to Frey is Warren Neiger who took third place in the Eastern Intercollegiate all-around meet in 1944 and will compete against Navy in three events.

Making his home debut on the horizontal bars, rings, side horse, and parallel bars will be Walter Glover who shows promise of becoming a champion gymnast.

Ex-Lion Climbs Ropes

Stanley Wirtshafter who was a member of the 1943 State championship team before going into the service is back on the squad and will be a strong contender in the rope climbing event. State's third rope climber, who will give Navy plenty of trouble, is Ed Hart.

Along with Charlie Fries and Hal Frey, NROTC Tim Petroff give the Lions a strong trio for the tumbling events. Petroff was fourth in the 1945 National AAU tumbling championship in which Frey placed second.

The gymnasts test another strong team when they travel to West Point February 16 and meet the Cadets. They then remain idle until March 9, when they will be entered in the Intercollegiate.

Rifle Club

... will not be able to reorganize this semester. The club will start next semester if the College is able at that time to back minor sports. ROTC men can still join the ROTC Rifle Team.

Know Your Coaches

Ex-State Champ Trains Wrestling Team

By DICK SARGE

"Paul has an odd combination of abilities and talents and inclinations" . . . so ran a sketch of wrestling coach, Paul Campbell, in the 1929 Penn State Collegian.

In this 1929 pen portrait, Campbell, then a student at Penn State, was pictured as an ever-hustling individual. The situation today shows that he has retained these characteristics, for tutoring the Lion mat squad is not his only task. Campbell carries on a full-time law practice in Bellefonte and returns to his coaching duties at the College only after his law office closes at 4 p. m.

As an undergraduate here, Paul Campbell was noted for his ability on the mats but he took part in many other activities. He was a member of Varsity Debate team, Skull and Bones, Delta Sigma Rho (pre-legal honorary), Delta Chi, and was vice president of P. S. C. A.

Coach Campbell graduated from the College in 1930 with an A. B. and was salutatorian of his class. He received his Masters in 1931 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1934.

Wrestling in the 155 pound class, Campbell was on the varsity mat squad for two years. In



PAUL CAMPBELL

1929, he took second place honors in the Intercollegiate and the next season became Eastern Intercollegiate champ.

The lawyer-coach lives on S. Gill street in State College with his wife, Ora, and three children,

Robert, Nancy, and Richard. Admitting that his duties as coach limit the time he has with his family, Campbell voices the hope that next year will find the regular coach, Charley Speidel, back at his post.

Campbell took the position in 1942 when Speidel went to the Navy, and has piled up an enviable record with his State mat teams. In matches with civilian schools, the Nittany wrestlers have been practically unbeaten in the four seasons he has been here. Army, Navy and Lehigh have been thorns in the Lions' side, however.

Looking forward to the coming Eastern Intercollegiate, in what may be Campbell's last season as coach, he says, "I expect Captain Sam Harry to walk off with first place and believe that Dixon, Green, Gray, and Steele have an excellent chance to place high."

Boxers Meet Coast Guard

A second 145-pound bout will take the place of the heavyweight bout when Lion boxers square off against the Eastern Intercollegiate champ, U. S. Coast Guard Academy, at New London, Conn. tomorrow.

This news came early this week from Coast Guard officials after Coach Houck had asked for two battlers in either of the middle divisions.

Team hopes received a second setback within two weeks when Stan Lachowski, promising welterweight, reported to Coach Leo Houck that he had decided to transfer to another school. The earlier jolt came last week with the loss of veteran light heavyweight, Nick Ranieri.

Coach Houck was undecided as to who would replace Lachowski as welterweight. Veteran Joe Bondi, regular 145-pounder last year, was slated to start with Stan and he should be one of the welters. Captain Paul Smith, regular lightweight, will probably move up a weight and fight the other 145-pound bout.

Either "Buzz" Fahringer, with one win, or veteran Jack Seit-chik, with a draw, will be the 155-pound representative. Other starters will be Ray Polansky, 120; John Benglian, 127; Jim Cassidy, 135; Bill Christmas, 165; and John Slusarczyk, 175.

Navy Fouls Beat State

Lions Attempt Win Over Raiders On Home Court

Navy's undefeated basketball quintet turned back the Penn State five via the foul line in a closely contested 34-33 victory on the Academy floor on Wednesday afternoon.

Jack Carrol, the Middies high scoring forward scored on a free toss in the closing minutes of the game to give Navy the one point margin of victory. This marks the second time in the last three games that the Lawthermen have lost on free throws. The previous game was a 46-45 loss to Army in which a foul toss in the final 30 seconds spelled defeat.

State forged ahead midway in the first half on a field goal by Milt Sison. Navy came back with two field goals to regain the lead and go on to win, keeping their undefeated record intact and becoming the only major undefeated college team in the east.

Wally Hatkevich garnered five field goals and eight fouls for high scoring honors of the game. Navy's Jack Carrol was second high with thirteen points. Four of these points came by way of field goals and nine by the foul route. Four of these fouls coming in the last two minutes were enough to gain the victory for the Middies.

Colgate's Red Raiders invade the local court on Saturday night for the season's second encounter with the Lawthermen. In a previous tilt the Colgate squad emerged victorious on the long end of a 67-51 count.

The Box Score

Navy	G	F	P
Nelson, f	2	1	5
Carroll, f	2	9	13
Waldrop, c	4	0	8
Duden, g	1	1	3
Barrow, g	0	0	0
Shugart, g	2	1	5
Totals	11	12	34
Penn State	G	F	P
Nugent, f	0	0	0
Simon, f	3	0	6
Light, f	1	0	2
Currie, c	1	1	3
Funk, c	0	0	0
Rusinko, g	2	0	4
Hatkevich, g	5	8	18
Totals	12	9	33
Halftime score: Navy, 20; Penn State 14.			

Lion Wrestlers Compete In EIWA Championships

Nittany Lion wrestlers will grapple against their strongest competition of the season when they compete for Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling honors at Bethlehem today and tomorrow. Lehigh University, for the third consecutive year, is host to nine teams which will participate in the 1946 championships.

In last year's championships the State team placed fifth, preceded by Navy, Army, Coast Guard Academy, and Lehigh respectively, with Lion captain, Glenn Smith, who was crowned Eastern Intercollegiate champion in the 155-pound division.

Sam Harry, State's captain and former champion, stands an excellent chance of regaining his 128-pound title from Gershkoff of the Coast Guard Academy, who Harry has defeated this year in collegiate competition.

Oscar Green of Navy, defending champion, will be the toughest test for Joe Steel to overcome in the 136-pound class.

Depending on Hal Green's injury, suffered in the Cornell match, Coach Paul Campbell may start Norm Wynn who has had

some experience. Jim Miller, Cornell's captain, who outpointed Green last week, is the strongest contender in the 145-pound division.

Runner-up in last year's meet, Art Fletcher of Navy, will be out to gain top honors in the 155-pound class. State will pit Grant Dixon against him.

Wally Chambers will receive rough competition in the 165-pound class as Ted Niewenhaus of Lehigh the 1945 155-pound champion, has moved up to the heavier class this season and will be after the title.

Army's Jerry Land is entered in the 175-pound division and may prove the man to beat Don McKeeby.

Newcomer Dick Gray will seek the 121-pound title, while Fred France is entered in the unlimited class.

To Chuck McFarland, former Lion baseball star, belongs the distinction of being the first student formally admitted to Penn State under the new priority system.

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