

Between The Lions

BY STEPHEN SINICHAK

The start of the gymnastic season is still a month and a half away, but Penn State's hermits are already working out daily on the mats, rings, ropes and bars in preparation for another schedule against competent opponents.

More important than the opposition is the shadow of an impressive record the Lions have garnered in the past seven seasons since Gene Wettstone, from the Corn State, took over the coaching reins. There are not many teams in collegiate circles today which can claim 10 intercollegiate and 10 national champions in seven seasons, and the Lions are aware that the spotlight will be on them as the season progresses.

Roman Pico was the first Lion gymnast under Wettstone's tutelage to come through with a national crown. He took the rope climbing event in 1940 and repeated the performance the following year. Lou Bordo, a sophomore in '41, claimed the eastern intercollegiate parallel bar event and then took the title again in 1943.

1942 A BIG YEAR

Back in 1942 a chunky fellow named Hal Zimmerman bounced into the limelight when he beat out favored Temple's Szygula for the tumbling crown in the Easterns. Szygula, called the "human cartwheel," gained revenge when he edged out the Lion ace by a fraction of a point in the NCAA tournament. Besides the tumbling title, Zimmerman made a clean sweep of the parallel bar event in the eastern NCAA and NAU play-offs.

Two "Charlies"—Warrington and Sentf—made 1942 a year to remember as Warrington grabbed the Eastern sidehorse crown and Sentf captured the National rope title. It was in this year also that the Lions took the Eastern intercollegiate championship.

STILL GOING STRONG

The Blue and White continued its winning ways in '43 by winning three events in the Easterns. Charles Lebow set a new world's record for the 20-foot rope climb from a sitting position by covering the distance in 3.8 seconds. Freddie Young also made a 3.8 second hoist but one of the three officials clocked Lebow's blonde teammate in 4 seconds flat and the time was declared unofficial.

Lebow also claimed the horizontal bar title that same day, and then captured the rope event in the NCAA's. As mentioned above, Bordo took the parallel bar event in the Easterns, but gave way to Sol Small in the NCAA play-off.

As a result of these stellar performers the Nittany squad took the Eastern team title for the second straight year and also claimed the National crown.

ANOTHER THREE WINNERS

Steve Greene, in the 1944 Easterns took the side horse event while Johnny Valentino claimed the tumbling title and Hal Frey the all-around crown. In the nationals, Green snatched the rope climbing event in 4 seconds flat to erase Lebow's 4.2 record of the previous season.

Frey switched to tumbling competition in the NCAA's when Valentino entered the service following the Easterns, and took the title easily. Bill Winterssten topped all competitors in the Indian club event.

Gymnastics was shelved during 1945 but Steve Greene took in the Nationals, when colleges were allowed to enter one event, and emerged the rope climbing champion to give Penn State the crown in that event for the sixth straight season. The Lions also took the NAU team title in '45.

A RECORD TO DUPLICATE

The 1947 version of the gymnastic squad has quite a record to uphold, but with capable veterans like Bonsall, '46 NAU ring champ, Sorensen, Warrington, Petroff, Wortschaffer, Neiger and Mead and a host of other seasoned acrobats carrying the Blue and White colors, the Wettstone men will be a team to beat.

Beta Theta Pi Five Takes Lead After Whipping Tau Phi Deltas

Walton's 15 Tallies Clinch Beta Victory

An onrushing Beta Theta Pi court squad leaped into the lead in intercollegiate No. 6 as it lambasted an inferior Tau Phi Delta team 39-14. Former Harrisburg John Harris High star Johnny Walton poured 15 points through the net to lead his brothers to their fourth win.

In this same bracket, Phi Kappa Tau fell before Sigma Nu 17-11 in a shoddily performed game. Bidding along with the Betas for the lead prior to this encounter, the Phi Taus failed to produce the fine form which had marked their previous three wins.

Dunking the Hoopsters 29-24, the independent Blazes scored their third straight win and tied Dorm 11 for the top rung of bracket three. Ireland of the Blazes was again high man for his outfit with nine pointers.

BETA SIGNS WIN
Beta Sigma Rho put the clamps on Delta Upsilon "B's" bid for a crown as it submerged the heretofore unsinkable DU's, 23-13. Don Miller, besides his usual fine form, headed the scoring column for the victors.

Games scheduled for tonight have been postponed until Sunday afternoon, January 12. Those slated for Friday, January 3 will be played Thursday, January 15.

A rejuvenated Acacia quintet set back Pi Lambda Phi 19-14 to even its record at the 500 mark. Acacia, who'd been whitewashed 14-0 in its first game by Beta Theta Pi, and was crushed 18-6 by Phi Kappa Tau in its second, has displayed in its last two contests plenty of zip and ability.

Dick Mathieu paced his Dorm 11 mates to an 18-14 decision over Dorm 4 to maintain its flawless record in tournament competition.

FIRST WIN
Delta Chi chalked up its first win as it edged Alpha Tau Omega in a close tussle 16-15. For three quarters the score se-sawed back and forth between these two evenly matched fives.

Toward the end of the final stanza, the Delta Chi forward line, paced by Dave See and Pudge Tompkins, found more accurate range and the Delta Chi gained their initial win.

A latent Delta Sigma Phi team caught fire as its twice beaten aggregation humbled Phi Kappa 36-5. Bob Musselman was the big offensive gun for the Pink Elephants in this victory.

Forfeit wins were posted by the undefeated Maccabees over Marilyn Hall, by Lower Underfoot over the Poolecats, and by Lutheran Students over Dormitory 14.

ZETAS DOWNED
Alpha Chi Rho, with Wilson Brown consistently hitting the mark, put the skids on Zeta Beta Tau, outscoring them 18-14. By virtue of this triumph, Alpha Chi Rho pulled into a tie for the lead in league five, along with Sigma Phi Sigma.

In other independent play, Beaver House copped its first decision as it took the measure of Penn State Club 14-9, and Atherton Hall boys trounced Murphy's 20-5.

Stan Seigel and Herm Wein paced Phi Sigma Delta to a 17-8 victory over Alpha Zeta. Berletics outplayed an aging Seven Old men outfit 16-7, with speed being the margin of victory. Penn Haven toppled Dorm 7, 18-14 in another contest.

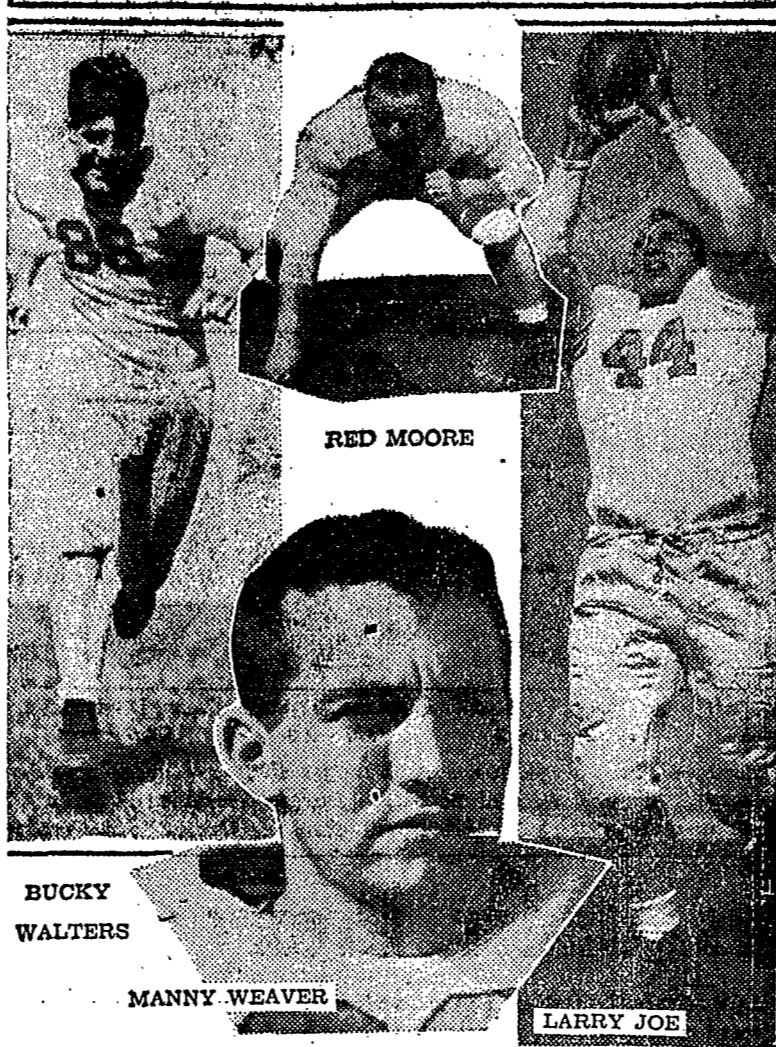
After last evening's play, just seven night's of basketball remain prior to the termination of the normal playing period. Following the determination of the winners in each of the eight fraternity and four independent league classifications, the play-offs will commence to crown the champions in the two leagues.

Pitt, Temple Next

The next varsity basketball game will see Penn State face the Pitt Panthers Saturday, January 4, on the Pittsburgh court. Then, on Wednesday night, January 8, two days after the Christmas recess, the Nittany Lions take on the Temple Owls at Rec Hall.

Houck Urges Mittmen To Train During Recess

They'll Play in "Bowl" Games



FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, Penn State will be represented in the nation's two top post-season games—the North-South attraction at Montgomery, Ala., and the East-West fixture at San Francisco, Calif. Bucky Walters, Derry, and Larry Joe, Derry Township, will play at Montgomery, while Manny Weaver, Harrisburg, and Red Moore, Rochester, will go to the coast. Weaver and Joe are backs, Moore's a tackle, and Walters blaxsan end position.

Ziesenheim Tops Mauk in Unlimited; DiNunzio, James Wage Close Battle

Fast Action in Bouts As I M Crowns Champ

By TED RUBIN
197-pound Bob Ziesenheim of Delta Upsilon was crowned champion in the heavyweight division, as the intramural fraternity boxing came to a roaring close in Rec Hall last night.

Fighting his opponent Frankie Mauk of Tau Kappa Epsilon with strong lefts and powerhouse rights, the local stud Ziesenheim made a clean sweep of each of the three rounds before a large turnout.

Waging a cautious fight from the beginning, Ziesenheim lurches repeatedly from his semi-crouch position to pound Mauk furiously about the head and chest.

Rounds two and three were also Eric Bob's, with his trunk-like arms emerging like pistons into the aggressor Mauk's face.

STRONG FINISH
Lou DiNunzio of Alpha Phi Delta earned the nod from judges Chick Werner, Oggie Martella, and referee Danny DeMarino in a crowd pleasing 135-pound match with the classy Dick James of Phi Kappa Sigma.

The taller James appeared to have the edge as the two hooked and lapped through rounds one and two. But a terrific third-round right uppercut to the jaw staggered James and the speedy and fight-forcing DiNunzio waded in to take advantage of his blows and win the title.

The crowd boomed when Sigma Nu's Johnny Potokian gained the 175-pound crown over George Earnshaw of Delta Upsilon.

It was a close fight all the way with the wily Earnshaw stalking his opponent in the first rounds and fighting nicely. Round two was very evenly contested with both boys successful in landing solid blows.

But the third round was Potokian's by a large margin as he fired hurries of punches into the taller Earnshaw and carried away the decision.

In the evening's first bout, gamma Georgia Schwartz of Delta Upsilon registered a close win over Bill Knauft of Sigma Pi at 121 pounds.

Referee Danny DeMarino stepped the 165-pound bout between Ed Hanford of Pi Kappa Alpha and Fritz Lennox in the third round and in Lennox's favor, as his punishing blows had effectively hit their mark and had hurt the taller Hanford.

It was a keen bout all the way, with the bull-like Lennox launching furious rights through rounds two and three.

Goldie Soster, representing Alpha Phi Delta and Snoeshot, was awarded the laurels in the 145-pound category, deciding the tancy Jackie Ward of Delta Upsilon.

Demonstrating sound ring knowledge, Soster waged a smart bout to topple Ward.

Paul Gebert of Sigma Nu, with his lefts working to perfection, out-fought a game Kappa Delta Rho's McCreevy to cop the crown at 128 pounds.

The 155 scrap between Whitley Vorf Neida of Sigma Pi and Archie Miller of Delta Upsilon was postponed until a later day when both boys showed up with physical incapacities.

IM Basketball Standings

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE No. 1		LEAGUE No. 4	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Berk's Independents	3	Beta Sigma Rho	0
Lutheran Students	3	Delta Upsilon "B"	3
Atherton Hall Boys	2	Alpha Tau Omega	2
Murphy's	2	Delta Sigma Phi	2
Dorm 14	1	Delta Chi	1
Lower Windcrest	1	Phi Kappa	0
Polecats	0		

LEAGUE No. 2		LEAGUE No. 5	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Comets	3	Alpha Chi Rho	3
Yahoos	2	Sigma Phi Sigma	3
Dorm 5	2	Phi Sigma Delta	3
Ramblers	1	Triangle	2
Ralleys	1	Zeta Beta Tau	1
Nittany Co-op	0	Alpha Zeta	0
Eagles	0		

LEAGUE No. 3		LEAGUE No. 6	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Dorm 11	3	Beta Theta Pi	4
Blazes	3	Phi Kappa Tau	3
Marauders	1	Sigma Nu	3
Beaver House	1	Acacia	2
Hoopsters	1	Pi Lambda Phi	0
Dorm 4	0	Tau Phi Delta	0
Penn State Club	0		

LEAGUE No. 4		LEAGUE No. 7	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Maccabees	3	Phi Epsilon Pi	3
Stags	2	Phi Delta Theta "B"	2
Penn Haven	2	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2
Berletics	1	Sigma Chi	1
Seven Old Men	1	Delta Theta Sigma	1
Dorm 7	0	Phi Gamma Delta	0
Marilyn Hall	0		

FRATERNITY LEAGUE No. 1		LEAGUE No. 8	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Phi Delta Theta "A"	4	Lamba Chi Alpha	2
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3	Sigma Pi	2
Kappa Sigma	2	Pi Kappa Phi	1
Alpha Phi Delta	2	Tau Kappa Epsilon	1
Chi Phi	1	Delta Tau Delta	0
Delta Upsilon "A"	0		

LEAGUE No. 2		LEAGUE No. 3	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Theta Chi	4	Phi Kappa Pi	4
Kappa Delta Rho	3	Pi Kappa Alpha	3
Alpha Chi Sigma	3	Phi Sigma Kappa	2
Sigma Phi Alpha	2	Phi Kappa Sigma	2
Alpha Gamma Rho	0	Alpha Sigma Phi	1
Theta Xi "B"	0	Theta Xi "A"	0

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Sigma Phi Epsilon

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Alpha Kappa Pi

Sports Shorts

Timmy Petroff, Lion soccer player during the past season, has moved to the mats to perform as a tumbler for Gene Wettstone's gymnastic squad.

Red Moore, Nittany grid captain for the '46 season, will grapple with Charlie Speidel's men after returning from the East-West game.

Glenn Davis was awarded the Heisman Memorial Trophy for 1946. This marks the second time in the history of the trophy that a team has placed two men for the selection. Doc Blanchard, the other West Pointer, received the award in '45. Kelly and Frank of Yale were selected in '38 and '37.

Gerry Karver will carry Penn State colors over the mile route in the 1947 indoor championships.

Barney Bwell, former Penn State sprint star, will compete indoors again this winter.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS from
Phi Delta Theta

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