

Between the Lions

By TED RUBIN

At 6:30 a.m. on April 18, the Penn State tennis team rolled out of bed and, following breakfast, piled into two cars and began the 212-mile trek to Washington, D. C. Arriving at noon, the squad located its Georgetown University objective, lunched and, after a very short rest, took to the courts and dropped an 8-1 decision in its opening meet of the season.

This event brought up the old criticism of "Why is the College so saving that a Blue and White sport team must leave town and, following a lengthy trip, participate that same afternoon in an athletic contest?"

Subsequent investigation has not proved the accused stinginess of those guarding the purse strings, but in lieu, an explanation with which few members of this institution are familiar.

The Regulations for Undergraduate Students, as drawn up by the Senate Committee on Rules, specify allowances of classroom absences for each sport team. No squad, except baseball, is granted more than 36 hours absence with official leave in one semester. Sports carrying over into two terms receive an allowance of not more than seventy hours, which parallels the maximum allotment to other student organizations such as Glee Club and Debate.

LIMITATIONS ON ABSENCE

In arranging trips, the athletic directors must apportion each journey so as not to surpass the stated limit. Baseball and basketball, along with indoor and outdoor track (considered as one sport), draw down the highest amount—60 hours; football, boxing, and wrestling earn 45 hours, and lacrosse, soccer, tennis and all other sports rate 36 hours.

Specifying a morning as including four hours, and an afternoon as three, planning stratagem has to be arranged for each sports' season to keep within bounds.

All of this is to explain why the tennis team had tired and unsteady legs when it faced the Hoyas at Washington; the Senate rules, and not a tight finance administration being the reason for it all.

Penn State's regulations in this respect are considered quite liberal when compared to other colleges. But those avid basketball fans who annually follow crack Western quintets on a two-week Eastern swing will be very much astounded by the term liberal, for if our policy is considered liberal, Utah, Oklahoma, Oregon and others are philanthropic.

INADEQUATE FACILITIES

To a now thriving and potentially larger student enrollment, the athletic facilities available to all Staters are pitifully inadequate. Sixteen tennis courts (four of which are for the varsity) serve the 7000 or so students of the College. In comparison, I might cite Cornell with its 75 quadrangles, or Ohio State with its clump of 60, supplemented by a half dozen or more varsity courts.

The golf scene is equally as scanty. Genial Dean Schott of the Physical Education School has compiled these statistics: in order for every student to tour the course once, it would require approximately six weeks!

We would like a second eighteen, ala Ohio State, Dartmouth and others, but at an average cost of \$5000 per hole and the premium on State College real estate being what it is, all we can do is complain.

Intramural facilities are also woefully defective; however, with all of the deficiencies, Messrs. Bischoff and Sykes in the IM office have performed commendably.

FIELD HOUSE

A field house, the dream of our alumni, would provide much needed additional shower and locker room facilities plus an immense, enclosed dirt expanse which all sports teams could use when Jupiter Pluvius is at odds with us, or when it's January in June.

West Point's gargantuan enclosure supplies an indoor, full-size football field; this can be converted for inside drills in tennis, baseball, lacrosse, soccer and other sports.

Some day Penn State will have 75 tennis courts; 2 or 3 golf courses; varsity, jayvee, freshman and intramural football fields; several baseball diamonds, and a field house. However, in reference to the field house, the sports page joins the edit page . . . for first, we too would prefer to see a Student Union.

In Wednesday's Game

Lacrossemen Swamp Sampson College, 8-2; Clash With Drexel On New Beaver Field

Swamp Sampson 8-2

Heavy rain and mud failed to bog down Coach Nick Thiel's Lion lacrossemen's attack as they drowned Sampson College 8-2 at Sampson, N. Y., Wednesday afternoon.

This was the stickmen's third win of the season against the same number of defeats.

The Nittany stick-wielders pounded the New Yorkers' net for three goals in the first five minutes of play as Ernie Baer shot the ball past the Sampson goalie at 21 seconds of the opening quarter to start the scoring.

Midfielder Baer was high scorer for the Lions, collecting three goals for Penn State and assisting in two of the other tallies made by his teammates.

Jack Nehoda, playing in place of regular goalie "Wild Bill" Hollenbach, took care of the net duties throughout the game, and kept the Sampson stickmen from scoring more than two goals by his fast-thinking and ball-saves on the mud-soaked field.

After the first period the game slowed up because of the down-pour of rain and most of the action centered around midfield, with both teams battling to keep possession of the ball. The lineup:

Position	Penn State	Sampson
Goal	Nehoda	Wilson
Defense	Kissell	Greco
Defense	Tenhula	Stempel
Defense	Johnson	Grygo
Midfield	Nestor	Hirtz
Center	Locotos	Harrington
Midfield	Baer	Peck
Attack	Lorenz	Delahunt
Attack	Thomas	Easton
Attack	Kerwin	Hill

Score by quarters:

Sampson	1	0	1	0-2
Penn State	3	1	2	2-8

Time of quarters: 12 minutes.

Scoring: Sampson — Delahunt (10.48); Easton (31.35). Penn State — Baer (0.16, 5.22, 29.05) Locotos (1.21, 27.26); Thomas (4.45, 37.30); Iannetta (44.05).



COACH NICK THIEL

Courtmen Host to Colgate Netters

Still seeking its first win, the Blue and White tennis team will encounter Colgate on the varsity courts at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow.

By comparative scores, the Red Raiders will rule as favorites since they deluged Georgetown University 9-0, while the Nittany Lions lost to the Hoyas by an 8-1 count.

Another comparison shows both Colgate and State the victims of a strong Davidson sextet, 7-2 and 9-0 respectively.

Against the invaders, Coach Sherman Fogg will field his regular line-up with Captain Walt Stenger meeting the Red Raider number one player and Bob Tuttle, Dick Greenawalt, Dick Clarkson, Herb Beckhard and Frank Pessolano, completing the bill.

Either Ray Fink, Dave Miller, or Dan Moses may break into the line-up either in the number six slot or in doubles competition.

Clash With Drexel

Boostered by the return of first-stringers "Wild Bill" Hollenbach and John Pfirman to the goalie and defense positions respectively, the Penn State lacrosse team meets Drexel Tech on New Beaver Field at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Out of action in the Sampson tussle because of academic burdens, Hollenbach and Pfirman will be the only two of the six Lion regulars able to rejoin the squad for tomorrow's game. Tom Smith, Cliff Sullivan, Jack Finley, and Harry Fisher are still sidelined with injuries.

COACH OUTSTANDING

Despite its clouded record of five losses and one tie, the Drexel ten boasts a great former stickman in Coach Marshall Austin. A graduate of Drexel, mentor Austin earned a berth on the All-Scholastic lacrosse team while a student at St. Paul's Prep in Baltimore. Later, in 1942, while a student at Drexel, Austin was named to the collegiate All-American team.

Hoping for a repeat performance of their last encounter with the Drexel aggregation in 1942, in which the Nittany stick-wielders garnered a 6-2 victory, Nick Thiel's stalwarts will be gunning for their fourth victory in seven starts.

WESLEY FOUNDATION SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9:30 A.M.—
Rev. Franklin W. Montgomery
- 10:30 A.M.—
Rev. Bruce E. Gideon
Special Mother's Day Service
- 6:30 P.M.—
Wesley Foundation Meeting
Speaker to be announced.

'Rope Climb Sensational,' Says Wettstone

"It was sensational. He went up so fast he surprised everyone," said Lion coach Gene Wettstone about the record-breaking 3.4 second rope climb made by Garvin Smith in the NAAU's at Dallas, Tex. last weekend.

Smith's arms functioned independently of his legs, the Lion coach remarked, and "this threw out the theories of all coaches in the East in stressing the help obtained from a kick."

The new champion, who hails from Venice, California, is no extraordinary athlete, weighing only 140 pounds and possessing but ordinary shoulders and arm muscles, according to the Lion coach.

Penn State's standout, captain Ray Sorensen, won the free calisthenics event and placed fifth in the all-around competition to make the tentative Olympic gymnastic squad.

The Lion performer was the only collegiate gymnast to place

in the first eight spots and be named to the tentative squad.

Cumiskey of the Swiss Gymnastic Society of New Jersey, took first place in all-around competition, but was hard pressed at the end of the first day by Sorensen.

However, the stellar Lion gymnast broke on the parallel bars, high bar and ring events to place fifth in final scoring.

The pre-Olympic team, of which Sorensen is now a member, will compete against a Czechoslovakian squad in New York this June 13.

Final selections for the Olympic

team will not be made until after the NAAU's next year, said Coach Wettstone.

Steve Greene, Lion side horse specialist, placed second after breaking during his act. Greene also took third place in the flying rings event.

Postponement

Intramural softball games scheduled for Sunday, May 11, have been postponed until Sunday, May 18, it was announced by the intramural office yesterday.

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