

Treat for Fans as...

Eastern Lions Battle Western Lions In Intra-squad Grid Fray Tomorrow

Nittany Lion gridmen will stage an East-West intra-squad contest on Beaver field at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mentor Bob Higgins has divided the huge football squad into two "teams," one representing eastern Pennsylvania and the other hailing from the western part of the state. In releasing the team lists, the Hig indicated that several adjustments were made to divide players evenly in certain positions where one end of the state boasted more representatives. "But for the most part, the state is well divided," he said.

Named as captains for tomorrow's encounter are Joe Colone, of the East team, and Larry Joe, of the West.

Members of the East eleven follow:

Ends—Bob Hicks, Dennie Hoggard, Dan Kline, Mervin Metz; tackles—John Finley, Don Murray, Alvin Herman, Tom Reese, Charles Vinscovich; guards—Paul Kelly, Tom Smith, Gene Shaffer; centers—Charles Beatty, Howard McCoy.

Quarterbacks—Walter Falmer, Jack Murray, Jack Miller; left halfbacks—Elwood Petchel, John Chuckran, Bob Harter, Russel Leib; right halfbacks—Wally Triplett, Harold Elicker; fullbacks—Joe Colone, Albert Bellas.

Following is the West team: Ends—Sam Tamburo, Dalton Rumberger, Lloyd Amprim, Jack Storer; tackles—Negley Norton, Norman Erikson, David Platt, Bob Titus, Norman Restaine; guards

—Joe Drazenovich, John Simon, Fred Felbaum, John Matthews, centers—Ray Hedderick, Ken Bunn, Frank Mathias.

Quarterbacks—Cnuck Drazenovich, Charles Murray, John Frassinelli; left halfbacks—Larry Joe, Bill Luther, Bill Brown; right halfbacks—Larry Cooney, Bill Scherer; fullbacks—Francis Rogel, Clarence Gorinski, Lee Henry.

Werner, Gordon Direct Track and Field Clinic

Nearly 100 Pennsylvania high school coaches and athletes are expected to attend the track and field clinic at the College today and tomorrow, under the direction of track coaches Chick Werner and Norm Gordon.

An informal discussion, led by Werner, will take place in Old Main tonight, with the forthcoming Olympics being the central topic.

Training films will be shown in tomorrow morning's session, including 12 reels on track and field events, narrated by sportscaster Bill Slater.

Tomorrow afternoon, Lion athletes, supplemented by alumni Barney Ewell and Curt Stone, will demonstrate proper form and techniques in the various events. Nittany time trials, for the approaching Penn Relays, will complete the program.

Bedenk Names Gehrett To Twirl Inaugural Today

Captain Bob Gehrett, bespectacled right hander, will be on the mound today when the 1948 version of Coach Joe Bedenk's baseball team is unveiled against Dickinson College on the New Beaver field diamond. The game is scheduled for 4 o'clock.

Gehrett, whose last season record was five victories and two defeats, will be striving to keep intact a three-game winning streak carried over from last year.

The big question in the minds of players, coaches and fans on the eve of the opening battle is, how good is this year's Lion nine?

"The actual ability of the squad is still a mystery to me," Bedenk said yesterday. "I have the starting lineup set, with the possible exceptions of third and second base. However, the ability of these

Ace Batter



DON STARK

SOPH QUESTION MARKS

Biggest reason for the air of anticipation is the fact that four of the starting nine men are sophomores, playing their first year for the Blue and White.

Three of the rookies, Dick Wertz at first base, Gene Solomon or Ray Smeltz at second, and Tom Hogan or Red Mayer at third, will hold down infield spots. The other newcomer is Al Tkac in right field. The team as a whole seems to be

Today's probable starting lineup:

- 31 Smeltz or 21 Solomon 2b
- 20 Heckman ss
- 22 Stark lf
- 30 Patskian cf
- 33 Gehrett p
- 25 Wertz 1b
- 71 Tkac rf
- 26 Hogan or 32 Mayer 3b
- 23 Holler c

well set in the pitching and catching departments, but appears weak on hitting power, and the infield remains a puzzle.

VETERANS HELP

Veterans returning to bolster the squad are hard-hitting Don Stark, last season's leading batter in left field, John Patskian, who will be batting in the cleanup notch in center, Hal Hackman, second only to Stark last season in hitting, at short, and Ed Holler, a weak hitter but an excellent receiver, behind the plate.

Stands have been erected along both the first and third base lines to accommodate the fans who plan to attend this afternoon's opening game. The field is in excellent condition, and barring rain will be dry and fast.

Bedenk indicated that Jim Mas-

ticola, another right hander, would start against Western Maryland in tomorrow's game at New Beaver Field.

PiKA's Rip Alpha Chi Rho In IM Volleyball Circuit

Pi Kapa Alpha won easily over Alpha Chi Rho by scores of 15-3 and 15-5 while Phi Kappa Sigma-A was having a similarly easy time with Alpha Gamma Rho, defeating them 15-2 and 15-5 Wednesday night in the IM volleyball tourney.

Sigma Chi-A strapped Delta Sigma Phi 15-3 in the first game but was hard pressed to stop the Delta Sig's determined bid 16-14 in the second tiff. Theta Chi-A won over Beta Sigma Rho-A 15-6 and 15-6.

Kappa Sigma over Alpha Chi Sigma-A 16-14 and 15-6, Phi Sigma Delta-A over Phi Delta Theta-A 15-3 and 15-4, Pi Kappa Phi A over Phi Epsilon Pi-A 15-9 and 15-9, Sigma Phi Sigma over KDR-A 15-8 and 15-9, and Phi Kappa Tau-A over Alpha Phi Delta by forfeit.

Soccer Trophy

A 22-year-old trophy has been retired from competition by the Intercollegiate Soccer Football Association of America, and formally presented to Penn State. E. Paul Patton, secretary-treasurer, of Philadelphia, said the Lion booters had been crowned champions four times, co-champions five times, since the original award in 1926.

Slate Gym PIAA's For Recreation Hall

Only two individual champions will be missing when Lower Merion High School seeks its fifth straight team title at the 1948 renewal of the annual PIAA gymnastic championships in Recreation Hall Saturday afternoon. The meet will begin at 1 p.m.

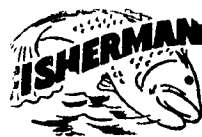
Pacing the championship Ardmore team, which needs only one more victory to equal the total previously achieved by Pottsville, will be Gene Zeiner, winner of the horizontal bar last year for the second time and winner, for the first time, in the parallel bars competition. Larry Jamieson, side horse champion in 1947, will seek his second straight title.

Also entered, and a top-heavy choice to win his third straight title, is Leo Minotti, of Ellwood City, who equaled the existing record of 4.0 seconds for the 18-foot rope climb for the second time last year. The missing champs, both of them 1947 winners, are George Wile, of Pottsville, in the flying rings, and Rudy Valentino, of Lancaster, in tumbling.

Pottsville and Ellwood City will, as usual, furnish the championship Lower Merion team with its main competition.

PIAA Finals

Penn State's sport facilities once again will be turned over to Pennsylvania's schoolboy athletes for the annual P.I.A.A. track and field championships, Saturday, May 22. Golf and tennis championships are booked for the same day.



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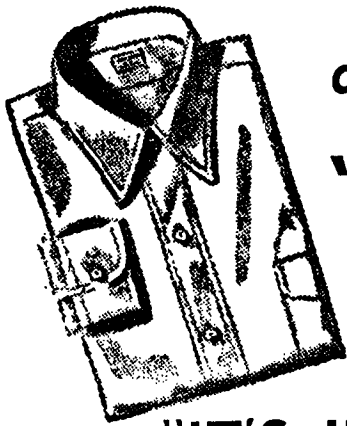
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56 Nittany Lion Athletes Receive Varsity Numerals

Varsity letter awards, accredited to 56 Nittany Lion athletes and head managers of five varsity sports, have been announced by graduate manager of athletics H. R. Gilbert. Boxing letter winners will not be announced until the annual boxing banquet next week.

Concurrent with the naming of the letter winners was the election of managers for the 1948-49 winter sports season.

Clayton Hill, Jr., was elected head manager of next season's basketball squad. Associate managers will be Robert Vatz and Carl Goldenberg. First assistant managers named were Stewart Dunlap, John Jones and David Karp, while serving as first alternate will be Joseph Fitzgerald, and as second alternate, Louis Gilbert.

VARSITY LETTERS

Varsity letter winners were Irwin Batnick, Jack Biery, John Kulp, Carl Nordblom, Willard Parkhill, Terry Ruhlman, Milton Simon and manager Joseph Sudimack.

Selected as head manager for the 1948-49 fencing team was Richard Shafritz. Melvin Frankel and Nathan Kushner will serve as his associate managers. First assistant managers will be John Gerstenlauer, David Silverberg and Joseph Witkowski, while Albert Podolsky will be first alternate.

Letters were awarded to Floyd Eberts, Robert Hollis, Harry McCarty, John McCreary, David Ozarow, James Stewart, Robert Thompson, Rolf Wald, Arthur Ward and manager Harry Crabbe.

Awarded the post of head gymnastics manager for next season was Robert Sankey; to serve as his associate managers will be Francis Felder and Abram Bosler. William Morris, Robert Anderson, Jr., and Milton Thrasher were elected first assistant managers. First alternate will be John Eng-

lish, with Jacques Levan to be second alternate.

Fifteen gymnastic letters were awarded, with the recipients William Bonsall, James Clark, Byron Emery, Stephen Greene, Peter Howachyne, H. Richard Klotz, Michael Kurovski, Morwood Lawfer, Joseph Linn, Wendell Lomady, William Meade, William Morris, Raymond Sorensen, Donald Stogoski and manager Stephen Martin.

Robert Bench is the elected head swimming manager for next season; his associate managers will be Joseph Daniels and Albert Hirshfield, Albert Hinkle, Jr., Donald Koontz and Edwin Meyers were named first assistant managers. Serving as first alternate will be Donald Holtzman, while second alternate will be Stanley Reisman.

SWIMMING LETTERS

The 17 varsity swimming letters were awarded to Donald Baker, Jr., Milton Beckett, John Brunner, Lewis Eble, Calvin Folmsbee, Robert Grossman, Kenneth Hill, David Hughes, Michael Kutsenkow, John McGrory, Robert Meyer, Donald Peck, James Reasman, William Schildmacher, Irwin Tenzler, James Woodworth and manager Joseph Succop.

Robert Witman will serve as the head wrestling manager for the 1948-49 season. His associate managers will be James Johnson, Robert Templeton and Daniel Velorick. To serve as first assistant managers will be Fred Auch, Louis Epstein and Richard Russell. First alternate manager will be Hillard Madway, while second alternate will be Richard Gridley.

Eleven varsity wrestling letters were awarded, with the recipients Donald Arbuckle, Wallace Chambers, Ernest Closser, William Corman, Robert Hetrick, Earl Long, James Maurey, Laird Robertson, George Schautz, Albert Vigilante and manager John Holmes.