

Successful Season Hinges on Showing In Weekend Lacrosse Opener - Thiel

Coach Nick Thiel's 14th edition of the Lion lacrosse team leaves State College early tomorrow morning for Philadelphia and its opening game of the season against Drexel Tech. The contest will be played tomorrow afternoon; Saturday, the Blue and White stickmen oppose Penn.

"We should win the games, but if we don't, it's going to be an awful tough Spring," the stick mentor stated. "It is tough to open up with two games," he continued.

Twenty-one men were named to the traveling squad by Thiel. Captain "Wild Bill" Hollenbach will start at goal if he has recovered from his recent illness. However, John Nehoda, varsity goal-tender in 1945, will be on hand to take over that position if Hollenbach is deemed unfit for action.

LINEUP

Lettermen Dean Kissel and Art Lorenz, and newcomer Eddie Belfield will be on the field at the starting whistle. Kissel will play first defense, while Lorenz is scheduled to play first attack. Belfield will be at the out-home position.

Other starters will be Tom Smith at the point position; John Szadziwicz, cover point; John Nolan, second defense; "Bugs" Baer, center; John Finley, second attack, and Buddy Thomas, in-home.

Besides Nehoda, George Locotos, Bob Lewis, John McClary, Jim Wolf, Rocco Iannetta, John Whitaker, Jack Hayes, Harris Bragg, John Lux and Leonard Ritchie will make the two-game jaunt.

OPPOSITION

Very little is known of the Drexel team strength, but the Dragons have never defeated the Blue and White in lacrosse. The Thielmen drubbed the Drexelites by an 8-1 count last year. Drexel has a new coach this year in Herman Epstein, who received wide acclaim for his record at City College of Baltimore.

Penn is a relatively strong team. Both Penn and Drexel dropped weekend clashes to Yale's Eli. The Quakers did not play State last year.

The Lion lacrossers return home for a Wednesday engagement with Hobart College, followed by a home attraction with Cornell on Saturday.

Dorm 9 Annexes Title

Dorm 9 won the league one title in the independent section of the IM volleyball tournament instead of the Hemlocks as was erroneously reported in yesterday's Daily Collegian. The Dorm men won the championship when they defeated Penn Haven 15-7 and 15-1 Monday night.

Steelers, League 2 champs, will meet Dorm 9 tonight at 9 o'clock to decide the championship.

14th Season



NICK THIEL

Joe Colone Garners IM Handball Crown

Joe Colone, Sigma Nu, annexed the IM handball tournament crown when he defeated Frank Taucher, TKE flight 10 champ in the final playoff Tuesday night.

Colone took the first game 21-10 with Taucher coming back to win the second 21-18. In the finale, Colone's steady attack proved too much for his opponent and he gained the championship when he emerged on the long end of the 21-18 score.

Taucher had won the right to meet Colone in the championship match by defeating Sam Firestone, Beta Sigma Rho, in Monday night's semi-final. After losing the first game 21-17, Taucher came back with a strong finish to beat the flight 6 champ two in a row by scores of 21-2 and 21-8.

Thiel Repeats

In 1945 and again in 1947, lacrosse coach Nick Thiel was voted "the man who did the most for lacrosse" by his fellow-coaches.

Bedenk Baseballers Boast .676 Average

Blue and White baseball teams under Joe Bedenk annually win two of every three games played.

Now in his 18th year as head coach, Bedenk has led the Lion baseballers to victory 171 times in 253 attempts since 1931.

He enjoyed sterling years in 1940, when his team won 14 of 16, and in 1946 when his boys won 10 of 12. In only one year, 1935, was the team average below .500.

His all-time record follows:

Year	Won	Lost	Year	Won	Lost
1931	8	2	1940	14	2
1932	9	4	1941	9	8
1933	5	4	1942	13	8
1934	8	6	1943	8	6
1935	7	8	1944	11	5
1936	13	4	1945	7	3
1937	12	4	1946	10	7
1938	10	7	1947	11	7
1939	16	4	1948	1	0

* one tie game

10 Reach Quarter-Finals In IM Badminton Series

Ten men moved into the quarter-finals flights Tuesday night in the intramural badminton series. Lomady, Sigma Chi, turned in the first perfect score of the season as he outclassed Evans, Acacia, 15-0, 15-0.

Hubbard, ATO, won by forfeit over Shallcross, AGR; Holtzman, Beta Sigma Rho, outplayed Barber, Sigma Phi Sigma, 15-4, 15-4; Simon, Phi Sigma Delta, rebounded to down Spencer, Beta Theta Pi, 10-15, 15-13, 15-9.

Hartsock, SAE, downed Rea, Phi Kappa Sigma, 15-6, 15-7; Brody, Phi Epsilon Pi, bowled over Kubicki, Phi Kappa, 15-2, 15-1.

Brown, Theta Xi, won by forfeit over Jones, ZBT; Herr, PiKA, turned back Kelly, Alpha Tau Omega, 15-1, 15-3; Pearson, DU, had trouble downing Goldsborough, Beta Sigma Rho, 15-1, 8-15, 15-7. The Sigma Nu-KDR match was postponed.

Eight quarter-final matches are scheduled for tonight.

NROTC Gunners Seek Naval District Cup

NROTC rifle team will be gunning for the Fourth Naval District Rifle Cup Saturday when they meet Villanova at the College Armory.

Slated to compete for the Navy rifles are midshipmen Richard Ambelang, Paul Baumgardner, Phillip Garm, Richard Pulling and Charles Smith.

The meet will be conducted by Wayne Blair of Washington, D. C., said Captain Edward Cook, officer in charge of the Penn State entry.

The NROTC rifle team is coached by Master Sergeant Henry Marshall.

Watch on the Shrine

By Ted Rubin

The tempest, currently brewing at Wisconsin University in regard to the proposed boxing investigation, is a very interesting situation.

While school and athletic officials, in addition to a majority of the Badger student body, have signified support and approval for the inquiry, the economics professor who proposed this action has been engaged in lively debate.

To review the case, the student newspaper, the Wisconsin Daily Cardinal, stated in its April 6 edition that Professor Morton had termed boxing a "moronic activity," and that "no person with intelligence would participate in it." The following day a Cardinal sports columnist tore into Morton in a lengthy sportorial; here were cited two weaknesses in the professor's armor . . . timing and unfair accusations.

Successful Tourney

The faculty report followed on the heels of an extremely successful NCAA tourney at Madison, where almost 50,000 fans poured through the turnstiles, and the branding of all connected with boxing as moronic was unfounded.

That same day, veteran Badger Coach John Walsh, himself a law school graduate, sought an apology from Professor Morton for his remarks, and added, "I will stand by my boys against those in any

sport, and then some. Boxers and morons are not synonymous!"

All of Morton's critics stressed the difference between collegiate and professional boxing.

The following day, April 8, the Cardinal published an open letter from Morton to Coach Walsh in which the former expressed the misunderstanding which had occurred in his interview with the newspaper.

Clarification

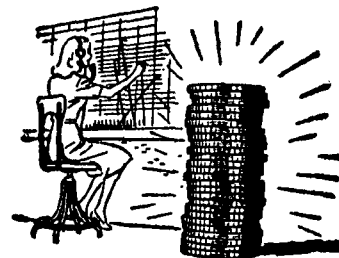
Morton declared that he was not referring to Wisconsin boxers or to intercollegiate boxing, but that the statement applied only to professional boxers and professional boxing. He also stated that he had known some very intelligent professional boxers who went into it solely for the money. These boxers had thought the monetary compensation worthwhile, though realizing the risks involved.

The professor's research proposal is sound, but an unequivocal and more thought out statement, would have been far more effective than the one presented.

Brilliant Performer

Waldimir Baskovich, of Chicago, Ill., is a one-legged artificial limb salesman and National AAU flying rings champion. Baskovich will compete in the Olympic try-outs at Rec Hall May 1.

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