

Olympic Gym Chatter

(Fifth of a Series)

By Tom Morgan

Joe sports fan of Nittanytown knows a good thing when he sees it. Proof is that all reserved seats for the final Olympic gym tryouts and National Amateur Union championships in Rec Hall have been sold. Only a "limited number" of unreserved tickets remain in the AA Office, Old Main.

Spectators at the May 1 event won't all hail from the Nittany Vale, however. Helping to swell Rec Hall to the bulging point will be at least 2000 outside fans—many from as far as California—who'll journey to State College to witness this contest of international scope.

ENTRIES POURING IN

Nittany Coach Gene Wettstone, who's directing the College's job of hosting the huge event, marvels at the influx of entries. Said Wettstone, "For the last few days entries have poured in from all over the country. This year we are certain to have a new record in number of entries."

He added, "We even have five gymnasts coming from Mexico, two of them Central American Olympic champions last year."

Over 100 athletes are slated to compete for NAAU titles, with the 1947 champions in all events returning to defend their crowns.

Gymnasts from distant California will be present, among them Garvin Smith, rope climb titlist who'll be one of eight representatives of Los Angeles City College.

Other far western schools sending their gym favorites are San Diego State Teachers College, Los Angeles Junior College and the University of California.

SEVEN LIONS COMPETE

Jumping back to the Lion scene, seven Nittanymen will compete May 1 for individual NAAU championships and, as a group, will vie for the NAAU team title, which the College captured in 1943 and 1945.

Only other college to annex the team championship since its inauguration in 1914 was Illinois in 1940. For the last two years the team champ has been the Swiss Gymnastic Society of Union City, N. J.

Added incentive—in the form of possible Olympic berths for the London Games in July—will motivate two Lion all-around stars, Ray Sorensen and Bill Bonsall.

They'll enter six events with a double aim—to cop NAAU championships in individual events and to amass enough points in all six to insure a place on the 1948 United States Olympic contingent.

This topnotch Lion duo will buck terrific competition in side-horse, calisthenics, long horse vaulting, parallel bars, horizontal bar and rings. In 1946 Bonsall defeated all comers to win the NAAU rings event, while Sorensen last year was tops in calisthenics.

The phenomenal Steve Greene, Lion infantile paralysis victim, will be a strong contender for NAAU honors on the side horse and rings. Greene is not slated to enter the rope climb in which he triumphed for three straight years, 1944, 1945 and 1946.

NITTANY NEWCOMER

Seeking an NAAU toga will be Bill Meade, ace Blue and White tumbler, while Joe Linn and Norwood Lawler, rope climb specialists, will battle for national championship in that event.

To round out the Lion field of seven gymnasts, a newcomer to Nittany ranks, Stanley Lourimore, will compete in the Indian clubs contest.

Next Saturday will mark the appearance of the first athletes to arrive from outside State College. They'll be housed in Nittany Dorms and will join Nittany Lion gym stars in the final week's practice prior to the biggest sports day Rec Hall has seen in many a moon.

Lions Face Bisons In Net Inaugural

Herb Beckhard, emerging first in Nittany Lion intra-squad tennis tournaments, will face Bucknell's number one player at Lewisburg this afternoon as the Blue and White clashes with the Bisons in the opening net meet for both schools.

Beckhard, who has recovered from a charlie horse, will team with Dick Greenawalt to form the College first doubles combination.

Captain Bob Tuttle will oppose Bucknell's number two man and Del Helt will vie with the Bisons' third player. Dick Greenawalt topped George Kline to win the number four slot. Al Sopp emerged a tournament victor and will hold down fifth position.

The winner of the Frank Pesalano-Ralph Peters match, played yesterday afternoon, will be the Lions' sixth man. The loser of this match will combine with George Kline, Bob Ogden and Dave Miller to form the second and third doubles teams.

Against Bucknell last year the Lions won, 7-2.

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In New Togs



JOHN FINLEY

Thielmen Meet Hobart Today; Seek Third Win

Coach Nick Thiel's undefeated lacrosse team can be seen in action for the first time this afternoon, when the Lions tackle Hobart College at 4 o'clock on New Beaver Field.

Hobart, coached by Francis L. (Babe) Kraus has a veteran combination. Kraus is the oldest lacrosse coach in point of continuous service in the nation, having coached Hobart lacrosse for 21 years.

LACROSSE POWERS

The Statesmen, long recognized as one of the powers of lacrosse in the North, will be opening their season against the Blue and White this afternoon. The Krausmen won seven and lost five last year.

Penn State and Hobart first met in the Indian game in 1914, and have played ten times since then. The Lions have copped 3 contests and lost 7, while one game ended in a tie.

Nittany coach Nick Thiel plans to use the same lineup in today's game that brought home two victories from Philadelphia—from Penn and Drexel—over the weekend.

STARTING LINEUP

Captain "Wild Bill" Hollenbach will be in the goal, while Tom Smith will start at the point position, and Johnny Szadziewicz at the cover point.

Dean Kissel, first defense; big John Nolan, second defense; "Bugs" Baer, center; John Finley, first attack; Buddy Thomas, in-home, and Eddie Belfield, out-home, are the other Lion starters.

Nolan, second team all-American in 1946, and Baer head the Blue and White scoring column, with five markers apiece. Belfield follows closely behind with four points, all scored in the Penn game.

Orange Gridders

When Syracuse's Ribs Baysinger, football head, issued the call for Spring practice recently, 187 Syracusans answered the call.

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Standings							
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Phila.	2	0	1.000	Wash'tn	1	1	.500
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	Chicago	0	1	.000
Detroit	1	0	1.000	St. Louis	0	1	.000
New York	1	1	.500	Boston	0	2	.000
Today's Games							
Detroit at Chicago							
Philadelphia at Boston							
New York at Washington							
St. Louis, Cleveland, not scheduled							
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Chicago at Pittsburgh							

Peters has four lettermen forming the core of his team. Jack Nothel, Craig Linton, Jack Koch and Don Hamre, all members of last year's squad, led a contingent of 18 candidates through pre-season rehearsals.

Masticola Twirls Four-Hitter as ... Lions Blast Mules 10-1 For 4th Straight Win

Behind the brilliant four-hit hurling of righthander Jim Masticola, the Lions won their fourth consecutive victory, downing Muhlenberg 10-1 at New Beaver field yesterday.

The win, first of the year for Masticola, rounded out a very successful home stand for the Bedenkmen. Tomorrow night they entrain for Washington, D. C., where they face Georgetown in single games Friday and Saturday.

Blue and White batters mauled Muhlenberg starter, Diz Dean and his successor, Bob McBready, for 15 hits, four of them for extra bases.

The Lions opened the scoring in the second, getting two runs on doubles by Potokian and Wertz, and a fielder's choice.

They collected one more in the third, one in the fifth, three in the sixth, and three in the eighth frame for a total of 10. The Mules scored their only tally in the ninth inning without benefit of a hit.

McBready walked, went to third as Masticola threw wild over Wertz's head on Dikon's grounder, and scored as Kochenash flied to Tkac in right.

Masticola set the first 15 men to face him down in order. The only man to get on base, Karobenik, was erased on a double play in the second inning.

Utilizing perfect control and a deceptive change of pace, the Lion hurler fanned six of the veteran Cardinal and Gray hitters, and was never in danger.

An indication of Masticola's ef-

fective flinging is the fact that only four putouts were registered in the outfield.

MUHLENBERG	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Herb, ss	4	0	0	1	1	2
Swartley, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Hricimak, 2b	4	0	0	2	2	0
Karobenik, c	2	0	1	3	1	0
Dikon, p	1	0	0	2	0	0
Kochenash, 3b	4	0	0	2	4	0
Tanguay, 1b	4	0	0	7	0	1
Staudinger, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, lf	3	0	2	2	0	0
Dean, p-1f	3	0	1	1	1	0
McBready, p	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	1	4	24	9	3
PENN STATE						
Solomon, 2b	5	0	0	0	5	1
Hackman, ss	6	1	3	2	4	0
Stark, lf	5	1	2	2	1	0
Potokian, cf	5	2	2	1	0	0
Wertz, 1b	5	3	2	4	0	0
Tkac, rf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Hogan, 3b	3	1	1	0	2	0
Holler, c	4	0	1	7	0	0
Masticola, p	5	0	2	0	2	1
Totals	42	10	16	27	14	2
Muhlenberg	000	000	001	—	1	
Penn State	021	013	03x	—	10	

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