

Between the Lions

By Dave Adelman

Youth will speak in accents soft, or it won't speak at all, when gymnasts from all over the country gather at Rec Hall, May 1 to pit their strengths and skills against each other.

When you say the greatest in gymnastics you usually mean oldest, said Coach Gene Wettstone after quoting 32 as the average age in the last Olympics.

THREE SEXAGENARIANS

Including Ed Henning, a championship contender since 1895, there will be three participants in the Rec Hall festivities over 68, said the quiet, slender Nittany coach.

National all-around title-holder, Frank Cumiskey, while not quite in his 60's is 36 and the father of three more potential gymnastic champions.

The reason that athletes don't reach gymnastic maturity until after the college age, said Wettstone, is simply that they haven't been at it long enough.

"Harold Zimmerman, for example, a tumbler on the 1941 Blue and White team, perfected a triple twist on a somersault. To do this Harold had to practice it over 2000 times."

While in school, Wettstone said, you only have time to become "good gymnasts, not artists."

Despite his team's comparative youth, the Nittany coach is not counting them out of the running in the battle for the NAAU team title.

LIONS MAY WIN

"Based on their showing in the NCAA championships at Chicago, which I never believed they'd win, I think the team has a chance."

"However," Wettstone added, "I wouldn't be surprised if we wound up seventh."

Los Angeles City College, Wettstone said, is being groomed for the title, but his personal choice is the Swiss Gymnastic Society of Union City, N. J., team champ for the last two years.

Commenting on the two local candidates for Olympic berths, Ray Sorensen and Bill Bonsall, Wettstone said, "If Sorensen shows up the way he did in the NCAA's, not the way he did during dual competition, he'll make it."

In order for Bonsall to get a place on the American team, "he has to get very hot," said Wettstone.

As for the American entry's chances in the 1948 Olympic games, Wettstone said, "The Swiss, German, Italian and Czechoslovakian teams are perennially so good, that I'd say the American team has an outside chance for fourth place."

Stickmen Seek Fourth Win; Oppose Cornell in Home Fray

The Blue and White lacrosse team meets the Big Red of Cornell on New Beaver Field at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Lions will be gunning for their fourth straight victory.

The Big Red stickmen have seen action only once this season. In that outing they bowed to a strong RPI team by a convincing 12-1 score.

Coach Nick Thiel's Nittany lacrossers have run up a string of three consecutive victories in the past week, successively downing Drexel, Penn and Hobart.

Thiel will undoubtedly stick to the same starting lineup that has racked up the unblemished Lion record. Captain "Wild Bill" Hollenbach will be at his usual position, in the goal. Hollenbach's outstanding play in the Blue and White's first three games has tabbed him as a standout in lacrosse circles.

BIG DEFENSEMEN

State's two big defensemen, Tom Smith and "Murph" Szadewicz, will be on the field at the starting whistle at the point and cover point positions respectively, while Dean Kissel and Jarrin' John Nolan will cavort in the first and second defense spots.

Other Nittany first-teamers are "Bugs" Baer, center; Joltin' John Finley, first attack; Art Lorenz, second attack; Buddy Thomas, in-home; and Eddie Belfield, out-home.

Nolan, a second team all-American in 1946, leads the Lion scorers with 10 goals, closely followed by Baer with 8. Eddie Belfield is third with 4 points.

ROUGH SPOTS

The State stickmen looked good on both the offense and defense against Hobart on Wednesday, but some rough spots will have to be ironed out if the Lions hope to keep their record intact.

Today's game will be the Thielmen's last home appearance until May 22—the final game of the 1948 slate—when they cross sticks with Colgate.

Next weekend, the high flying Nittanians hit the road for engagements with Loyola and Navy. The State lacrossers challenge Loyola on Friday in a contest at Baltimore, while Navy will be met at Annapolis the following day. The powerful Middies boast one of the nation's outstanding lacrosse combinations.

posts, while starting terminals will be Dennis Hoggard and Bob Hicks.

Starting backfield will probably have Chuck Drazenovich at quarterback, Joe Colone at full, either Larry Joe or Elwood Petchel at tailback, and either Wally Triplett or Larry Cooney at wingback.

Major League Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE							
Yesterday's Results							
Cleveland	5	Detroit	2				
Boston	4	New York	0				
Washington	5	Philadelphia	8				
Standings							
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	2	0	1.000	New York	1	3	.250
Phila.	3	1	.750	Boston	1	3	.250
Detroit	3	1	.750	St. Louis	0	1	.000
Wash'n.	3	1	.750	Chicago	0	3	.000
Today's Games							
Chicago	at	St. Louis					
Cleveland	at	Detroit					
Washington	at	Philadelphia					
Boston	at	New York					
NATIONAL LEAGUE							
Yesterday's Results							
Philadelphia	10	Brooklyn	2				
Pittsburgh	3	Cincinnati	5				
St. Louis	1	Chicago	0				
New York	3	Boston	1				
Standings							
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Phila.	3	1	.750	Cin. n.t.	3	2	.600
St. Louis	3	1	.750	New York	2	2	.500
Brooklyn	2	2	.500	Boston	1	3	.250
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	Chicago	0	3	.000
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Pittsburgh	at	Cincinnati					
St. Louis	at	Chicago					

Lions Scrimmage St. Bonaventure

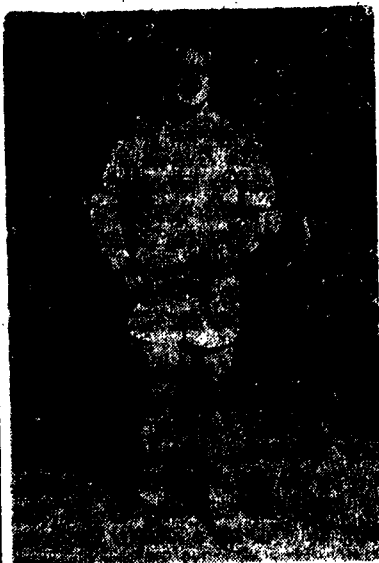
St. Bonaventure College's gridmen invade the Lion bailiwick to clash with the Nittany men on New Beaver practice field at 2 o'clock today.

Coached by Hugh Devore, former Notre Dame grid skipper, the Bonnies will help the Blue and White eleven climax Spring practice with today's scrimmage.

Nittany Lion drills this Spring have given Coach Bob Higgins a preview of his 1948 football edition for next Fall. He has voiced approval of his team's showing in practice sessions, although he still seeks more line replacements for the top-notch machine that set a national defense record in 1947.

Probable starting Lion lineup in today's fracas has Chuck Beatty in the center slot, flanked by guards Joe Drazenovich and John Simon. Don Murray and Negley Norton will fill the tackle

Number One Man



HERB BECKHARD

Courtmén Face Potent Colgate In Opening Test

Colgate, a perennially powerful tennis team, furnishes the opposition as the Nittany Lions inaugurate the 1948 season on the varsity courts at 2 o'clock today.

Rained out of the opener against Bucknell at Lewisburg, Wednesday, the Lions face a highly-rated opponent.

"Two of the strongest teams we will battle this year," said lanky Sherman Fogg, tennis coach, "are Colgate and Lehigh. Year in and year out the New York team is consistently potent."

NUMBER ONE

Herb Beckhard, a Charlie horse victim during early season practice, will be the Lions' number one player. Beckhard will team with Dick Greenawalt, who will hold down the number four slot in singles competition, to form the Lion first doubles team.

Bob Tuttle, captain of the '48 tennis edition, will fill the second position and Del Helt will be pointing for victory as the number three player. Al Sopp holds down number five spot for the Lions.

During final intra-squad play-offs last week, Ralph Peters topped Frank Pessalano to capture sixth position on the Lion net aggregation.

VETERAN PAIR

Del Helt and Bob Tuttle, both veteran tennis players, will form the number two doubles combination. Al Sopp will be on the third doubles team, but his partner has not been named.

"Penn State's team is definitely stronger and better balanced than last year's squad," said Fogg when asked about the Lions' chances for success.

The general mentor explained that the team is better fortified with reserve strength. He added that for the first time since the end of the war all members of the net team, from number one player to the doubles men, must fight aggressive teammates to maintain their positions.

In a home-and-home series in 1947 the Lions bowed to Colgate twice, 8-0, and 7-2.

Cage Leader

Ed Stickel, captain-elect of Syracuse University's 1948-49 basketball team, was voted recently as the most outstanding student athlete on the Orange campus. He has an honor average in the College of Engineering.

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Distance Team Takes First; 'Ash' Loses in Penn Relays

With Gerald Karver, turning in a 4:19 anchor mile, Penn State's Nittany Lions easily won the college distance medley relay at the Penn Relays yesterday.

Karver, given a four-yard head start by William Shuman, pulled away in the home stretch to finish 10 yards in front of Bill Berger of Columbia. Villanova was third and Navy fourth.

The Lions were clocked in 10:15.1, nearly five seconds slower

than the time turned in by Illinois in winning the event last year.

The chances of the Penn State quartet didn't look any too good after Paul Koch was no better than eighth at the end of the opening quarter with 52.7 clocking. Navy showed the way through the first 440.

WILLIAMS COUNTS

Mitchell Williams, picking up ground in the half-mile leg, handed the baton to Shuman in third place. By this time Columbia had taken over the lead with Manhattan in second place.

Shuman paced himself nicely and sent Karver away in front. For the first two laps Berger and James P. Oberholzer of Navy stayed within striking distance. Oberholzer faded, however, coming into the last lap. Berger stayed with Karver to the home stretch but was unable to match the Lion's closing kick. Columbia finished second, Navy third.

Horace Ashenfelter, Penn State IC4A two-miler champion, was upset in the two-mile run by Robert Black of Rhode Island State.

Black, IC4A cross-country champion, sprinted away from Ashenfelter in the last 220 yards and won by 15 yards in 9:20.1.

ASH MOVES UP

The Penn State runner got away far back but moved up fast and took the lead midway of the

fourth lap. He opened up a wide lead but Black and Richard Hart of Pennsylvania moved up to give him battle.

Hart assumed command midway of the sixth lap but didn't hold it long as Ashenfelter and Black locked in a duel. There was little to choose between the pair as they swung into the final quarter mile and stepped up the tempo.

Black, running on the outside all the way, finally passed the Nittany Lion on the backstretch and rapidly pulled away.

Lions Win 6-3 Over Georgetown; Gehrett Shines

By John Hall

Behind the five-hit pitching of Bob Gehrett the Lions took an early lead and downed Georgetown 6 to 3 yesterday.

Coach Joe Bedenk's warriors will be looking for their sixth successive victory when they face Georgetown today in the second game of the series. Either Hill or Masticola is slated for the pitching chores.

THIRD WIN

The victory was Gehrett's third successive win this year and his sixth in a row. The only time he was in trouble was in the eighth, when Georgetown loaded the bases with one away.

At this point Gehrett tightened up and got the ball to me, one with a pop fly to short and the other with a ground ball which Gehrett himself fielded to throw the runner out at first.

State took the lead in the second inning when they put together three hits and an error to make two runs.

SCORING OPPORTUNITY

Georgetown's big scoring opportunity came about in the eighth when with one out they used a hit batter, a double and a walk to load the bases.

State out hit and outscored Georgetown two to one, with Hogan leading the State offensive with a three for five afternoon.

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Boyle Leads Lion Golfers

Medal play extending over the past few days has given Coach Bob Rutherford an idea of who will compose the Blue and White golf team.

Joe Boyle led the linksmen in the medal play with a two under par 68 and a 71 score for a 139 total. Next was Don Hart with a 74 and 73 for a total of 147.

Jim Noble was third with a 76 and 73, three strokes better than Gerry Smith and Alan Hack. Smith finished with a 76-76 and Hack with a 77-75 score. Ramon Peterson rounded out the sextet with a 78-75 score.

Dick Hastings, Tom Smith, Bob Klein and Jack Harper will play-off tomorrow, weather permitting, the winner challenging one of the first six for a position on the varsity squad. The remaining four will play-off for the seventh position.

Rutherford figures that by next Wednesday he should have the team set for the first encounter of the season with Georgetown on April 30.

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