

State Hoopmen Hit Road For Two Cage Clashes

Penn State will seek its initial cage win this Tuesday when the Lions travel to Washington, D. C., to oppose a highly regarded American University quintet. The following night the State dribblers take on Georgetown on the National Guard Armory court also in the nation's capital.

Although the Eagles have so far been stymied in their attempts to record a win over the Nittany hoopmen, Coach John Lawther and his Lion pack realize that American U. has acquired a reputation as giant-killers. Staff Cassell's club is touted as potentially the greatest outfit to be produced in his tenure as coach at the Washington College.

RIVALS

Cassell and Lawther, friendly rivals of long standing, are both exponents of the zone defense and all signs point to a low-scoring fray. The Centre County warriors have always been an attraction on the schedule of the red, white and blue clad Birds, and the clash of the two collegiate giants draws a big crowd.

The Eagle's 12-man roster shows seven returning letter-men from a team that was runner-up in the Mason-Dixon Conference last year. Although not one of the starting five is a senior, the squad is regarded as an experienced one.

Stars of the Eagle's offense are 6-foot-4-inch Leroy 'Ish' Ishman and Bob Lamon, both of whom played as regulars last year. Lamon topped all A. U. scorers during the 1947-48 season with 266 points in 28 games. Ishman, a rough gent under the boards, teamed with Lamon at forward and tallied 238 counters.

DUAL

An interesting sidelight of the

Owen Named Manager; Assistants Chosen

Joe Colone, president of the Men's Athletic Association, announced yesterday that David Owen has been elected head football manager for 1949.

At the same time he released the names of next season's first assistant football managers: Peter Graff, Don Preate and George Avery.

game will be the personal dual between the Eagle's 6-foot-6-inch center, Ronnie Garshag and Penn State's Marty Costa. Coach Cassell calls his tall tap-man the most improved basketball player, in one season, that he has ever seen.

The Eagle's guard spots will be fortified by either two of three veteran performers who have been playing together for three years. Ralph Benson and John Wakefield will draw the starting call, with Fred Fling, an excellent defensive player despite his 6 foot 2 inch stature, to spell them.

Ed Moffatt, a 221-pound hurdler during the track season, is rated the best of the first-string reserve corps.

Blocking Back Is Iron Horse In Total Time

In his capacity of blocking back on offense and line backer-up on defense, Chuck Drazenovich, brilliant football quarterback, played four out of every five minutes during the '48 Nittany season.

Official figures show that "The Draz" was a vital cog in the Lion machine 432 minutes out of a total of 540 clocked during the nine-game schedule.

In this respect, Chuck led the Blue and White squad, but was followed closely by End Sam Tamburo, who logged a total of 426 minutes. In the 300-minute bracket were Tackle John Finley, 375; Wingback Wally Triplett, 363; Guard John Simon, 343; and Tackle Don Murray, 300.

Other top Nittany players in length of service were Tailback Elwood Petchel, 269; End Bob Hicks, 253; Wingback Larry Cooney, 227; Guard Joe Drazenovich, 224; Tackle Bob Ross, 224.

Partial proof that a fullback's chores are some of the most exhaustive physically was reflected by the relatively equal distribution of the job between Francis Rogel, 196 1/2 minutes, and Captain Joe Colone, 165 1/2.

Ski Schedule Lists 6 Meets

A tentative schedule for the Lion ski team includes six meets for the '48-'49 season reports Ski Coach Sherman Fogg.

To open the season, the Lion hickorymen travel to Lake Placid, N.Y., taking part in the Lake Placid Invitation, a three-day affair beginning December 30.

After a two-week rest, Coach Fogg will escort his men to the Ski Hill in Boalsburg January 15 when they engage Colgate in the only dual meet now appearing on the schedule. This will mark the first time a ski meet has been held at Penn State.

With the Colgate meeting in the record books, Coach Fogg has three weeks to put his charges in tip-top condition before leaving for Canton, N.Y., to participate in the St. Lawrence Carnival.

Next, the Lion skiers entrain for Ithaca, N.Y., to enter the Intercollegiate Ski Union championship meet with 25 other colleges from the East and Canada. To date Penn State is the only competing school from Pennsylvania. However, Lafayette may also take part in the ISU if its attempt to form a team prior to the meet is successful. The ISU pits the Eastern and Western division leaders together and the victor is declared champion. This meet takes place February 11-12.

Also on the agenda is the Syracuse Winter Carnival at Syracuse, N.Y., February 18-19.

The much-traveled 1948-'49 Lion ski squad winds up its schedule at

1949 Houckmen Battle Best Collegiate Boxers

Only six opponents, that's all the Lion ringmen meet during their forthcoming campaign, but among those six are three of the greatest boxing aggregations in the nation—Army, Wisconsin and Virginia.

Leo Houck, veteran boxing tutor, said, "It's going to be tough sledding all the way. There isn't a single breather in our schedule after our opening meet against Western Maryland."

Houck has been busy lending a helping hand with the current intramural boxing tournament and therefore hasn't had much time to cast a glance at his ring prospects, but the varsity mitters have been drilling daily in preparation for the rugged ring schedule which opens January 29 against Western Maryland's Green Terrors.

TOO EARLY

"It's too early to tell about our potentialities but on thing I'm sure about. We'll be tough to beat in the heavy-weight class," says Houck. "Chuck Drazenovich has been working out daily and he should have little trouble in re-taking Eastern champ."



Six of last year's eight starters are back for duty this year. Jackie Tighe, able ring captain and former Eastern champ was lost via graduation. His loss left a big gap in the 155-pound class. Clark Young, a current competitor in the intramural tourney, or Yar Chomicky, a jayvee performer last season, seem at the present to be the two top men for that weight division.

JACK SHEEHE

Fighting his senior year, Jack Sheehe, has added considerable weight during the summer months and should he have trouble paring down to his 145-pound fighting weight, Houck may move him up a class to fill Tighe's vacancy.



Curt Crooks, a left-jab artist, has dropped out of school and two battlers, both participating in the IM boxing tournament. Oliver Wallace and Harry Papacharalambous, might be the answer to a pressing problem of who'll fill the gloves in the 135-pound division.

Houck is still looking for an able mittman for the 175-pound (Continued on page five)

Ligonier, Pa., by taking part in the Pennsylvania State Meet, tentatively slated for February 22.

Between The Lines



By Tom Morgan
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Wailing Wall

Athletic authorities of Pennsylvania colleges periodically plod their way to the wailing wall and vent their woes concerning top-notch football timber that forsook higher institutions of the Keystone State for "better deals" out-of-state.

By scanning a few of these All-America teams (which, by their number, are ruining the purpose of the whole business), one comes across several native Pennsylvanians each year who turned thumbs down on Pennsylvania colleges in favor of seeking other football climes.

Dear knows, Pennsylvania has been called the "hotbed of high school football talent." Scouts from non-state football teams gravitate to homes of star high school boys like flies to flypaper.

"All" Team

We took a hasty peak at a couple "all" teams to discover whether we could select an All-America of Pennsylvanians at non-Pennsylvania schools and what we assembled follows:

In our all-star backfield there is a plethora of pigskin "names." We chose Johnny Rauch, Georgia's celebrated quarterback; from Yeaton; Lou Kusserow, Columbia's fullback from Glassport; Bernie Custis, from Philadelphia, who as Syracuse's ace passer was a prickly thorn in Penn State's side; and Tommy Kalmann, of Jerome, the Nevada eleven's leading ground-gainer.

Also deserving mention in our backfield are Army's star back, Arnold Galiffa, from Donora, and Leo Kocesi, of Michigan's Wolverines and Canonsburg. For our first-class placekicker in this day of specialists, we chose Steve Oracko, who kicked them this year for Notre Dame. He hails from Lansford.

Lack of Linemen

Outside of three outstanding ends, a topnotch guard and a dependable center, we were at loss for "name" Pennsylvania linemen performing elsewhere. The terminals are Leon Hart, Notre Dame and Turtle Creek; Dale Armstrong, Dartmouth and Pittsburgh, and Warren Huey, Michigan State and Punxsutawney.

Our center is Bob McCurry, of Michigan State and Lewis-town, and who would want a greater guard than Army's Joe Henry from Clearfield?

No doubt a deeper search would produce other linemen to complete our roster, but these are sufficient to show that Pennsylvania truly is one of the Great Providers in the gridiron game.

From the Morgue

Lion Fullback Francis "Punchy" Rogel, whose mother has never seen him play a game of football, will celebrate his 21st birthday Sunday . . . One hundred ninety college sports editors (including us) assisted in the selection of Collier's 59th All-America Football Team this year.

500 Seats

The first grandstand at Beaver Field had a seating capacity of 500.

PIAA in 1891

Penn State was admitted to the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1891.

Money for Athletics

In the 1890's the Penn State athletic teams were financed by masque balls and the custom of passing around the hat at games.

CLASSIFIEDS

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STAINLESS STEEL CASE "Eskal" watch, flat coiled, stainless steel band. Call Dorm 31, Ext. 291 or contact A.V.E. Dorm 31, Room 21.

BASKETBALL SHOES in Rec. Hall Locker Room on Monday. Please Call Lenny K. 4953 or 6321.

IF ANY ONE found a blue mechanical pencil (Parker) in Room 3 or 8, Sparks Wednesday 8, please call 4112 and ask for Ruas or leave at Student Union.

WANTED

WAITER WANTED to work until Christmas recess. Contact Larry 4409 during mealtime.

NON MILLIONAIRE student wants used car any make-state condition, make, model, price. See Daily Collegian (Box 26) Classified.

HIDE TO WISCONSIN, Chicago or in that direction, for Christmas. Call Fred 3150. Share driving and expenses.

ANYONE having or knowing of apartment in Feb. please contact Dave Davis, 3409.

MISCELLANEOUS

TYPING—Term papers, reports, thesis, etc. Call 6347.

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The Westminster Foundation wishes each of you a blessed Christmas in the new discovery of what it means that God did speak on Christmas Day in the Gift of the Child, cradled in the manger among the lowing cattle.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

2:00 p.m.—Saturday Afternoon Work Party: Toy repairing. Decorations for Candlelight Service. Assembling Christmas Booklet.

8:00 p.m.—Saturday Evening Open House. The group will leave at 10:30 to go to Schwab Auditorium for the Candlelight Service 11:00-12:00.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.—Christmas Meeting of the Student Department.

10:45 a.m.—Morning Church Service, Presbyterian Church.

6:20 p.m.—Annual Westminster Foundation Christmas. Candlelight Service in Westminster Hall and Dedication of our Christmas Offering for projects in the Philippines, China, Mexico, and the Southern Mountains.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 a.m.—200th Meeting of the Thursday Morning Matins Group.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:

"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today."



are ideal for the reader's Christmas list. These are just a few that top the books of 1948 you'll want to choose from:

"THE PLAGUE AND I"

Betty MacDonald

BARTLETT'S FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

Edited by Christopher Morley and Louella D. Everett

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ALBUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

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or

KEELER'S