

Between The Lions



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In Retrospect

We got a kick-out of Penn State sports in 1948. Looking back over the College athletic fortunes and individual performances, we jot down a few items of '48 that struck us with enough force to create a lasting impression. Here they are:

Once-in-a-lifetime — a collegiate grand slam of three gymnastic championships, for the College, naming of Weststone to coach the U.S. Olympic gymnasts, and the College's placing three men—Lou Bordo, Bill Bonsall and Ray Sorensen—on the team.

Loudest lament — issuing from 34th and Spruce street, Philadelphia (site of Penn) when the Lion clawed the (previously) undefeated Quaker.

Saddest sight on campus — one of the country's two-mile track kings, Horace Ashenfelter, hobbling on a broken ankle.

Longest wait for the victory plum — 26 years by Golf Coach Bob Rutherford, whose '48 edition won Penn State's first Eastern golf crown.

Longest minute-and-a-half — end of the first half in the Michigan State football game, when the Lions executed an 80-yard march to the Spartan 6-line, then saw the ball streak back to their own endzone in the arm of one George Guerre.

Shortest minute-and-a-half — at the end of the Pitt grid game.

Greatest surprise — Jerry Karver, State's ace miler, beaten by a fraction of a second in Olympic 1500-meter trial (he had previously defeated every man who ran the race).

Height of something-or-other — Basketeer Milt Simon fouling his man and feigning innocence as the ref pointed a censoring finger and the crowd roared.

Biggest downfall — Pitt grid loss.

Longest jump to stardom — by Chuck Drazenovich, who never boxed in high school, "just fooled around with it" in the service, then rocketed to Eastern heavyweight champ at State.

Biggest comeback — second-half performance of the Lions in the Cotton Bowl.

Most promising Nittany rookies turned up in '48—Harry Little in soccer, Cy Miller in baseball, Ed

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Matmen Seek First Victory At Princeton

Revenge is the word in the Nittany Lion wrestling camp this week, as the Blue and White grapplers prepare for their season's lid-lifter at Princeton on Saturday.

Coach Charlie Speidel has indicated that final eliminations will take place on the Rec Hall mats this afternoon before he is certain of a starting aggregation to meet the Tigers. Last year, Princeton edged the Lions in a thriller, 14-13, but the Speidelmen are hopeful of copping victory No. 1 from the Orange and Black.

PRINCETON

Three Tiger matmen who saw action against the Lions last year will probably grapple against the Lions on Saturday. Captain Russ Randall, 165-pounder, heads the trio, along with 128-pounder Tad Hall and Dave Poor, who will fight in the 136-pound bracket. Princeton opened its season on December 18 by flattening Gettysburg, 28-5.

Still doubtful as to a starting squad, Coach Speidel yesterday named 16 men who will stage final elimination bouts in the 8 weight classes to determine the line-up for the meet in Tiger-town.

Captain George Schautz and John Reese will vie for honors in the 121-pound class, while Jack Dreibelbis and Jim Walker seek the 128-pound berth. Letterman Don Arbuckle and Al Fasnacht are in the running for the 136-pound position.

MAUREY

Standout Jim Maurey, EIWA 145-pound runner-up in 1948, will probably wrestle, but Mickel Silverman may still cause trouble. The 155-pound division is still jumbled among Grant Dixon, Lee Perna, and Larry Shallcross, while Bob Hetrick and Mike Rubino will stage a bout to establish the starting 165-pounder.

Bill "Spider" Corman and Bob Markle are both potentials in the

Sports Schedule	
Saturday, January 8	
Fencing—Lehigh home,	2 p.m.
Swimming—Cornell home, 4 p.m.
Basketball—Colgate home, 8 p.m.

IM Fraternity Cagers Perform

IM court action swings back to fraternity circuit competition at Recreation Hall tonight when "C" and "E" leaguers don their cushion soles and trunks for eight hardwood contests. One independent game is also listed. First games begin at 8:45 p.m.

Phi Kappa Sigma in the "C" league, and "E" leaguer Kappa Sigma, both currently enjoying half-game leads in their circuits, are slated to run into trouble holding their driving seats. The Phi Kap's meet Sigma Pi at 10:05 p.m., and Kappa Sigma tangles with Beta Theta Pi at 8:45 p.m.

The full schedule for the night follows:

8:45 p.m.—Rummies vs. Penn State Club, court one; Kappa Sigma vs. Beta Theta Pi, court two; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Delta Tau Delta, court three.
9:25 p.m.—Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Theta Kappa Phi, court one; Theta Xi vs. Beta Sigma Rho, court two; Alpha Phi Alpha vs. Alpha Gamma Rho, court three.
10:05 p.m.—Sigma Phi Sigma vs. Alpha Sigma Phi, court one; Delta Theta Sigma vs. Acacia, court two; Sigma Pi vs. Phi Kappa Sigma, court three.

175-pound class while Homer Barr and Wally Chambers are 1-2 at heavyweight.

Nittany Tankmen Prepare For Meet With Cornell

With the initial swim meet just three days off, the charges of Coach Bill Gutteron are being put through actual race conditions daily. The Blue and White swimmers meet Cornell Saturday at the Glennland pool.

Up to now, the tankmen have been learning fundamentals and rounding into shape for the eight-meet schedule which opens Saturday against the Big Red and terminates with the Eastern Intercollegiate March 12.

Much practice time is spent in rehearsing the proper execution of turns, according to Gutteron. "A good turn is one of the most important things a swimmer must be able to execute for success in competition," said Gutteron.

BREATHING HABITS

Another major team problem is that of learning correct breathing habits and stroke coordination and timing. Intra-squad competition to develop perfection in racing dives is a daily practice.

The pool itself is now ready for actual competition. A barrier has been erected in the shallow end of the water, making the pool the regulation 25-yard meet requirement. A new set of diving boards is expected by the time Cornell arrives to open the 1949 campaign.

The diving team of Cal Follmsbee, Rudolph Valentino, Sid Manes and Dick Hannah is performing regular competition dives. Follmsbee, the most experienced diver of this crew, placed

eight in the NCAA tournament last year while competing against the best divers in the nation.

Bill Schildmacher, a returning letterman and captain of this year's aggregation, is expected to push a lot of water in opponents' faces as he does his stuff in the 50- and 100-yard dashes and on the relay team.

Coach Gutteron is pleased with the improvement shown by Jack Senior, Cass Borowy, Ken Conrad, Ted Jones and Rodney Waters. The last two are new additions to the Penn State mermen but are expected to see much action for the Blue and White. At present Waters is the number one backstroke candidate, while Jones is a promising 220-yard-dash man.

The schedule finds the Lions meeting Cornell January 8, Temple January 22, Syracuse February 5, Dickinson February 9, Franklin and Marshall February 16, Pitt February 19 and Virginia March 5. The Eastern Intercollegiate will be held March 12, although no definite location has yet been set.

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