

Lawthermen Engage Strong Temple Five

Penn State's talent-loaded basketball schedule will pit the Lions against their third successive powerhouse unit Saturday night at spacious Convention Hall when they face star-laden Temple University, thirty-first in national ranking, in one part of a twin-bill.

Coach Josh Cody is not taking the game lightly, realizing that State's rugged sliding zone is possible of wreaking havoc with the Owls' inside plays.

LEAD DISTRICT

Cody's Quaker City contingent is currently top dog in the scrap for leadership of the college basketball championship of the Philadelphia district. Because of the Lawtherzone. Eddie Lerner, Temple's set shot artist, and Nelson Bobb, who can also operate efficiently from the outside, will probably be called upon to display all their long range wizardry.



RUHLMAN

Temple's veteran gang of basket-bombardiers lost to Syracuse University, 59-44, earlier this year, but returned to the limelight shortly after by undermining LaSalle's Explorers in its first intra-city match this season.

SCORING NIL

The so-called "rock-ribbed" Orange defense held Temple's prolific scoring twins, Bobb and Lerner, to only eight points between them. (Last Saturday Coach John Lawther's team up-

ended the same Syracuse quintet, 63-47.)

Temple boasts impressive decisions over such toughies as Duke, Boston U., Wake Forest and St. John's.

In two hard-fought soirees last year, the two squads split even. Temple won the first encounter, 55-44, with State surprising by copping the second, 64-62.

Bobb, Temple's outstanding sharpshooter, starred in both contests last year, pushing through 37 counters. The curly-haired forward hit for 23 tallies in Convention Hall and 14 in the State College tussle. Blond Milt Simon, with 21 points, was the star of the Lions' revenge win on the home court.

HATKEVICH

Cody will probably go with Bobb and John Ballots at forward. Ike Borsavage at center, and Wally Hatkevich, Ed Lerner or Bill Nelson at the ball-handling spots.

In Bobb, Cody will floor probably the best all-around player in the Philadelphia district. In four years of varsity competition the Owl flash has close to 1,000 points.

If Lerner, the other half of the Owls' one-two punch, is hitting

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MIKE FILIPOS

Undefeated Lehigh 121-pound wrestler who appears here tomorrow night.

Lion Varsity, Jayvees Grapple EIWA Champs

An injury-riddled Lion wrestling team puts its record of three wins and a single loss on the line when it faces Lehigh University's grapplers at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Rec Hall. An afternoon meeting between the Blue and White Jayvees and the Lehigh juniors will begin at 3 p.m.

Lehigh, defending team champion of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, has racked up five wins this season against a 14-13 loss to Cornell.

Dick Kelsey, 136-pounder, and Jim Jackson at 175 pounds are the defending titleholders. Kelsey suffered an early season surprise loss by fall to Dick Gotchel of Penn, but has since won three straight. Jackson saw action for the first time last week when the Engineers trampled Army under a 29-5 score, and he captured a decision win.

The Erikson duo, Eric and Ed, face the Lions for the third straight year. Eric, 155-pounder, and Ed, who wrestles at 165-pounds, were both second-placers in last year's EIWA meet. Ed won the 165-pound crown in 1947. Both Eriksons are unbeaten this year.

HEAVIES

In the heavyweight class, Coach Sheridan has two outstanding matmen. George "Gus" LaSasso, fourth-place garner in the EIWA run-off in 1948, and Don Berndt are both undefeated. LaSasso has won three straight bouts by fall, while Berndt has two fall wins and a draw with Cornell's Dick Clark to his credit.



SCHAUTZ

Coach Charlie Speidel will probably present a jumbled lineup for tomorrow night's encounter with the Eastern team champs. Two unbeaten members of the squad, Johnny Reese, 121-pounder, and Jim Maurey, the lighter half of the Nittany "Pin Pair" at 145-pounds, have been forced to the sidelines with injuries.

UNCERTAIN

The final word on the Lion starters for both the varsity and Jayvee meets won't be known until this afternoon. At 121-pounds, Captain George Schautz will be tested for the first time this season, but the Jayvee grappler in that weight is still undetermined.

Jack Dreibelbis and Jim Walker are still in the running for the 128-pound berth, as are Al Fasnacht and Don Arbuckle at 136 pounds. Larry Shallcross, Mickey Silverman and George Thomas are vying for the 145-pound post, while Bill Santel and Bill Brinker are battling for the right to fight at 155 pounds.

Bob Hetrick will hold down his position at 165-pounds, but Bob Markle and Bill "Spider" Corman are 175-pound class potentials. Unbeaten Homer Barr goes after his fifth straight fall win in the heavyweight class.

Fogmen Drill For ISU Meet

The ski team has been working out daily in preparation for the Intercollegiate Ski Union meet, a championship meet for members of the ISU, to be held at Ithaca, N.Y., today and Saturday.

In the recent St. Lawrence Winter Carnival at Canton, N. Y., held last weekend, Coach Fogg's charges gave a good account of themselves, finishing seventh in a field of eleven, and placing before such teams as Ottawa and Toronto. The carnival was won by the host team, St. Lawrence University.

PERFORM WELL

Sterling Bankert, Bill Graf and Jim Raymond performed creditably in the cross-country and jump events, enabling the Fogmen to place fifth in the former and sixth in the latter. Their efforts were good enough to allow their team to take fifth place in the Classic Combined, which is a combination of the two events.

Unfortunately, the usual weakness present in the downhill and slalom events, in which the team placed ninth and tenth, respectively, to gain only tenth place in the Alpine Combined, was responsible for its not placing higher in the final scoring.

WAHL IMPRESSES

The poor showing in these events could be attributed to the team's lack of practice due to the absence of snow. However, Coach Fogg was impressed by the showing of Herb Wahl, whose performance was the team's best in the downhill and slalom events.



Between The Lions
By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

In Retrospect

A copy of the Pitt News in our exchange file prompts us to focus our attention today on Pitt Stadium the afternoon of November 20, 1948. That day Pitt laid the Nittany Lion prostrate on the football gridiron, and the reverberations of the Lion's thud will continue many moons.

One of those reverberations is a letter penned to the Pitt News, from which we quote:

"One gentleman, who prefers to be known as 'An Ardent Pitt Fan,' encloses a clipping from Public Opinion, the Chambersburg paper, underlining the following portion of an article quoting Harry Dayhoff, referee at the Pitt-State game:

"He went into detail on the upset of Penn State by Pitt and stated that internal dissension among the players was one of the reasons for Penn State's downfall.

"The best team didn't win that game," Dayhoff declared. "Penn State did everything but lick them in the score."

The News admits that Mr. Dayhoff statistically "has a point" about the outcome of the game, then comments:

"It's strange that Mr. Dayhoff should mention internal dissension, something not indicated by local newsmen, a reliable crew that would have mentioned it if they heard of it."

We Agree

We second the News in discounting the seriousness of Mr. Dayhoff's statement about dissension, since nothing of the sort was uncovered.

And we add that, since the Nittany offense was not functioning as per usual, the players were no doubt prone to inject a loud word into the huddle before each play. (Coach Bob Higgins has often censured his players strongly on this practice.) Because the referee is the closest person to a huddle outside of the team itself, Dayhoff probably drew hasty conclusions from overhearing heated, fleeting huddle discussions.

We queried Negley Norton, next season's co-captain, on this and got the following reply:

"We were just not 'up.' The team as a whole was not clicking, so everyone was tense and probably spoke his mind a little more sharply than usual. That I don't call dissension."

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