



Homer Barr, left, and Jack Dreibelbis finished the wrestling season with undefeated records and will be part of the Penn State contingent in next week's intercollegiate at Cornell. Barr ranks as the only Penn State sophomore heavyweight in modern times to win seven dual-season bouts without defeat. Dreibelbis, who copped four mat wins without a setback, is one of a number of State College products who have starred in Nittany wrestling, as well as soccer, ranks in recent years.

The Nittany Realm

By Elliot Krane

When an athlete performs his task, his name becomes lost in the dusty files of a newspaper office, but when he makes just one mistake, he becomes a legend.

What does one remember about Mickey Owen?—that he was one of the scrappiest catchers in the Dodgers' roster of stars—or that he dropped a third strike in the 1939 World Series and lost a game that could have been won.

Or how about Fred Merkle?—a great slugger for the New York Giants—or the guy who missed second base in 1908 and cost the Giants a game and a pennant.

Roy "wrong way" Reigels is another good example of an athlete whose first name has almost been obliterated by the title he was given for just one mistake in a football game. His merits will be forgotten but his name toward the opponent's goal in a Rose Bowl game will go down as a classic in grid history.

Now, let's change the scene to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas January 1, 1948. Southern Methodist is striving desperately to stave off a last-minute attack by the Eastern football champ, Penn State.

The score is 13-13 and the crowd is tense as Elwood Petchel calls the signals, fades back, and hurls a pass into the end zone. Five men go up into the air in an effort to snag or knock down the pigskin as it spins toward the end zone.

LUNGES

But the ball eludes the outstretched arms of the defenders and drops almost at the feet of a Nittany end. He lunges for it but it hits the ground. The final gun goes off and the game is over, but that game and that play will continue to live in the memory of Dennie Hoggard, Penn State end.

"That S.M.U. game is one I'll never forget," said the Nittany terminal. "I was standing right about here," he said, pointing to a chair in his room, and Doak Walker was standing about over there where those books are. When everyone jumped up for that pass, he and I stayed on the ground since we figured it would be knocked down.

Well, it sailed right through and came at me about knee-high. I made a grab for it, but too late. The ball hit the ground and the game was over.

"Right after the game Doak shook my hand and congratulated me on playing a fine game. The entire S.M.U. team played a good, clean game—in fact, that game was more sportsmanship like than any other game I played in—in my three years of varsity competition."

Dennie's hardest-fought and most gratifying was last season's 13-0 win over Penn. "My home is in Philadelphia and I wanted to make a good showing for my friends watching the game. But as far as that goes, I think that everyone on the team played his best game of the year against Penn. We were really 'up' for that game."

Hoggard accounts for the poor showing at Pittsburgh by saying that the fight the team usually saves for the bitter rivalry was just burned up at Penn.

TOP FOES

"My vote for the best men I've opposed since I started playing for Penn State in 1946 goes to Ed Kolokowski from West Virginia in the line and Bernie Custis from Syracuse, in the backfield. Custis was a hard man to catch when he started to race back and forth in the backfield, and Kolokowski was a hard man to take out of the West Virginia line."

Switching to the future tense, Dennie judged that the 1949 team should be more powerful than last year's squad.

"But what a schedule," he exclaimed. "Last year we had a breather against Bucknell for the first game, but this year Villanova, the first team on the schedule, will be tough—and then Army! We can't let up for any of the first five games."

"Our line should be very strong with Norton, Hicks and Beatty just to mention a few of the returning men. I know the team will miss the defensive work of Sam Tamburo, but John Smidansky should be just as good as Sam was on the offense."

Dennie started his grid career at the College in 1942 when he played freshman ball. After almost four years in the service, he returned to the Nittany Valley and after a good start, broke his thumb in the Michigan State game and was sidelined until the final game of the season.

He played on the 1947 and 1948 squads and also earned three letters in track for the broad jump in 1943-46 and 1947.

Dennie will graduate in June and the first thing on his agenda is a wedding, scheduled for August, and law school at Temple or Penn.

But when the down-town gang gathers around the cracker barrel next winter and the talk turns to football, they'll remember

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Revived Cagers Host Georgetown

By Ray Koehler

If Penn State cage fans entertained any doubts as to the ability of the current under-rated Nittany Lion squad, those thoughts were somewhat discarded Wednesday night as, paced by Milt Simon's record-breaking 24 points, the State cagers continued their winning ways on the Rec Hall boards by whipping Temple, 52-41.

Tomorrow night when a tall, well-balanced Georgetown U. basketball team provides the opposition in the State gym, Coach John Lawther's comeback aggregation will close the 1948-'49 rim session by shooting for its fourth straight home win.

LION'S SIXTH

Along with State's conquest of Philly's Owls, the Lawthermen picked up their sixth win against ten defeats of the season. Pitt, American U. and Temple have now consecutively felt the Lion's power.

If it is height that G.U. will need to win, the capital-city boys have plenty of it, as the Hoyas bring a starting lineup from Washington, D.C. that averages 6 feet, 1½ inches. Of the 16-man troupe making the trek, only three cagers stand below the six-foot level.

Star of Coach Elmer Ripley's Hoyas is Tommy O'Keefe who was recently honored by being named on the all-East team because of scrimmage against the West's all-star lineup.

ALL-STAR

O'Keefe's ability to hit the public eye while cavorting for as small a school like Georgetown is a credit to his stellar court performances. Tabbed "Flash" by his teammates, O'Keefe will spell such players on the East team as Yale's Tony Lavelli, Ernie Vandeweghe, Colgate, Ralph Beard, Wally Jones and Alex Groza, of Kentucky.

The Hoyas' penchant for flooring high-scoring teams has proven no exception this year, as the Catholic team shot its way into the high 60's several times this season. Last year Georgetown averaged 52 points per contest while winning 13 and losing 15.

Both O'Keefe, who leads the team in scoring with 270 points last season, and "Chief" Ray Corley, act as the big guns from the scoring point of view.

DRIBBLING

Corley, captain of G.U.'s squad, and Joe Tocci are expected to supply the ball-handling thrills. Opposing State's Marty Costa will be Georgetown's outstanding end during the grid season and center on the cage squad, George Benigni. Out of place among the Irish O'Keefe's, Finn's, Kelly's and Culhane's, George is never-

theless Ripley's first choice at the pivot.

Joe Culhane, regarded by Rochester sports writers as one of the better cagers to come out of that city in some time, will work with Corley at the other guard spot, while Dick Falvey will act as O'Keefe's running mate at forward.

In Danny Supkis, giant 6-foot 7-inch third string center, Rec Hall patrons will see one of the tallest hoopsters to perform here this year. At the other extreme, Al Naples will probably see reserve duty at a guard spot.

Lions Exhibit 'Foul' Average

Dunking three out of every five foul attempts, Penn State's basketball team in 16 games holds a .620 percentage of goals from the foul line.

The Nittany Lions have converted 215 out of a possible 347 attempts.

Compared with its opponents' foul average, the Lions hold a considerable edge. In 354 tries the opposition has countered 205 times for a .579 percentage.

Up to the final game with Georgetown tomorrow, Colgate has been most successful against the Nittanies, utilizing 12 out of 17 and 19 of 24 free throws. Navy wears the dunce cap so far, dropping only 18 out of 54 attempts at Annapolis earlier this year.

State's best record was chalked up at Syracuse's expense as the Lions tallied 31 out of 40 fouls in a Rec Hall encounter.

Nationally, Davidson College holds top rank in collegiate foul circle quarters with a .716 average. The Davids have countered 293 out of 409 free throws.

Seven Top Boxers

Only seven boxers have ever won three titles in 25 years of Intercollegiate Boxing Association tournament competition.

Swimmers End Campaign In Meet at Virginia

The curtain falls tomorrow on the 1948-49 swimming season when the Nittany Lion tankmen travel to Virginia.

The season that will be history after the last man of the 440-yard relay team climbs out of the water has been one crammed with thrills, upsets, and new speed marks.

No matter what the outcome of the Virginia meet, Bill Gutteron's natators can boast a winning season. The slate now shows four victories against two early season defeats, by Cornell and Syracuse. The Staters won over Temple, Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall and Pitt. The latter two came here as heavy favorites but were humbled before a determined Lion team.

INFO

That Virginia is on a par with Temple and Pitt is the only advance information that Coach Gutteron has. This indicates that his swimmers will have to go hard throughout the meet to add win number five to the season and run their current winning streak to four. The last loss was dealt by Syracuse February 5.

Though tomorrow's meet is the last dual meet of the season, Gutteron will take a select squad to compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate at Rutgers next Saturday.

Once again there will be a switch in the Penn State lineup. Captain Bill Schildmacher will perform in his old specialty, the 100-yard free style. When the season opened he swam in the 50- and 100-yard dashes. Later he was moved to the 220-yard free style in surprise strategy that paid off in an upset victory over

previously undefeated Pitt.

The spectacular improvement of Vic Lynch in the dashes made it unnecessary for Gutteron to move Schildmacher back into these events. However, Bill will see action in the 100 while Lynch will continue to compete in the 50-yard dash with Cass Borowy, against Virginia. All three have either broken or tied the Penn State record for these events this year.

With a record of five wins and only one loss, ace diver Call Folmsbee will be seeking his sixth triumph.

This year Folmsbee has stuck to a regular diving routine more difficult than that of any of his opponents. According to Gutteron, only a performance of the wrong dive against Pitt cost him an undefeated slate.

With Rudy Valentino cavorting with the gym team tomorrow, Cal's diving mate will be the improving Dick Hannah. The All-American soccer star lacked experience in his first appearance, against Pitt. With more confidence Dick should be a big help in augmenting Folmsbee's score.

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
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Luck, He Says

"I just had a lucky night. It could happen to anybody."

—That's how Milt Simon, a basketball Tom Thumb at 5 feet 9, modestly explained his record-shattering performance Wednesday night in Rec Hall.

That Milt broke the all-time Penn State scoring mark in his next-to-last collegiate basketball game climaxes a four-year Lion career deserving of tribute.

Like some other Nittany courtmen, Milt never played high school basketball before matriculating at Penn State as a freshman in '45. At Erie East high, scaling 102 pounds, he tried out for both football and basketball, but emerged not as an athlete but a head basketball manager.

Returning to Wednesday's game with Temple: Milt lacked four points of breaking the 23-point Lion floor mark with a full eight minutes to play. Although he wasn't aware of it, the crowd was. As Milt describes it:

"I didn't know how many points I had till the game was over. Everyone was hollerin' 'shoot, shoot,' so I did."

Simon feels next year's Nittany hardwood team will "go places" with the return of several of this season's first-stringers.

Wil Speaks Mind

Witty Wilbert, our admiring fraternity brother, grabbed us by the scruff of the neck last night and observed:

"Now, you gotta admit, this fella Lawther (Coach John Lawther) has done wonders this year with the material he has on his team."

We agreed with Wil and pointed out that Penn State fans, however begrudgingly, have reached the same conclusion. An indication of this, we said, is the early-season boos and catcalls which have now evolved into cheers for Martin Costa, 6-foot-6 center who never played basketball until last year.

Then Wil opined: "Seems to me that it takes a different type o' ball player to play the Lawther system as 'posed to fast-break, man-to-man."

We admitted he probably had a point, and mentioned the case of John Chaippy which seems to substantiate it. Chaippy tried out for the Lion cage team last year, saw one or two minutes' action in a few games, but didn't seem to fit well. Consequently, he transferred to Wake Forest and this season was hailed by the Philadelphia Inquirer as "the find of the year in the Southern Conference."

Said the Inquirer: "Chaippy . . . has been brilliant all year, even when the Wolfpack was having its troubles."

Before leaving us, Witty Wil suggested that Milt Simon could be termed "the nucleus of this year's basketball team" and that Joe Tocci, 5-foot-7 guard, "is the spark." With that, Wil left.

Row to Hoe

Charlie Ridenour, assistant wrestling coach, dubs Bill "Rusty" Santel "something to watch" in the next two Lion mat seasons. Says Charlie:

"He's a definite comer and real fighter. In his first intercollegiate season this year, he had rough going, but only because of the exceptionally high caliber of experienced opponents."

What Ridenour refers to is Syracuse's Ken Hunte, Navy's Barton Downes and Lehigh's Erik Ericson. Santel tied the last-named and lost to the others. In Eastern title competition March 11-12 at Cornell, the 155-pound diadem is almost a loss-up among Hunte, Downes and Ericson. What a row for Sophomore Santel to hoe in dual meets!