

74 Grid Lettermen, Hopefuls Turn Out for Spring Drills

Despite icy winds and snow flurries whipping across the football practice field, 74 lettermen, jayvees, scrubs and hopefuls turned out yesterday afternoon for the second day of "spring" practice.

Some of the gridders who will be seniors next year have taken Coach Joe Bedenk's advice and will try out for baseball or track this spring. These lettermen will run through signal drills from 5:30 to 6 p.m. for their football practice.

Assistant Coach Earle Edwards, aided by Al Michaels and Jim O'Hara, instructed some of the recruits in a few of the basic Nittany plays.

COLD

While the newcomers were learning the fundamentals, some of the returning juniors organized a touch football game to stave off the biting cold.

Although yesterday's drills were just the second workouts of spring practice, the squad wore full equipment. No contact work was on last night's agenda, but Coach Bedenk expects to have the gridders blocking and tackling by the end of the week.

Two practice games, the first with Duquesne and the second with Bucknell, will be held toward the end of the five-week practice period.

CANDIDATES

Men who have been issued uniforms for opening practice are:

Bob Hicks, Dalton Rumberger, Dan Kline, Jack Storer, Lloyd Amprim, John Smidansky, Bill Durkin, Bill Brown, Mark Borland, Negley Norton, Don Murray, Bob Ross, Norman Erickson, Charles Godlasky, Tony Shumskas, Tom McDermott.

Joe Drazenovich, Paul Kelly, Fred Felbaum, Joe Sarabok, Pete Chiesa, Val Troy, Bill Mathers, Chuck Beatty, Ray Hedderick, Ken Bunn, Al Peluse.

Jack Miller, Owen Dougherty, Tony Orsini, Bob Harter, Chuck Drazenovich, Charles Murray, Jack Murray, Fran Rogel, Clarence "Pete" Gorinski, Herbert Kurtz, Fran Smutney, Bill Luther, Vince O'Bara, John Chuckran, Tony Pileggi.

George Jacobs, Cal DiValerio,

Lawther Selects NCAA Entrant

John Lawther, recently-resigned Penn State basketball coach, fulfilled one of the last official cage duties last week when, along with Lou Andreas of Syracuse and Frank Cappon of Princeton, he chose Villanova as the NCAA District 2 tournament entry.

Immediately following the Wildcats' 65-57 win over Georgetown, Andreas, chairman of the selection committee, submitted Villanova's name as the board's choice.

Lawther said that the choice had lain between Duquesne and Villanova, but the Wildcats' triumph clinched the tourney bid which opens next Monday at Madison Square Garden.

Paced by their high-scoring center who tabbed 25 points the first half, Villanova rolled to its twenty-second win against only three losses.

Jack Strucker, Lincoln Van Sickle, Charles Shenot, Al Spinner, William Barber, Tom Reese, John Young, Charles Wilson, Kick Koerber.

James Connell, George Williamson, William Porter, James Brown, William Lendo, Cyril Troyan, Charles Koester, Frank Moritz, Michael Rubino, Guy DeRasmo, Ray Seever, Richard Kepner, Charles Correy, John Seidecki, Pat McPoland, Henry Steward, Nick Seandale, John Elwood, Edward Sandini, Richard Mengle, James Shaffer.

Higgins Announces Daughter's Wedding To Steve Suhey

There's another All-America in the Higgins family today.

Bob Higgins, who resigned Saturday as Penn State head football coach, yesterday announced the marriage of his daughter, Virginia, to Steve Suhey, of Cazenovia, N. Y., a guard on the Pittsburgh Steeler pro team.

Suhey was named to Collier's and Associated Press' All-Americans in 1947 when he was a member of Higgins' unbeaten Nittany football team. Higgins was an All-America end, himself, on Walter Camp's 1919 selections.

Suhey is now attending the College between pro football seasons.

Houck Expects to Enter 3 Nittany Boxers in NCAA

Names of three Lion boxers were submitted by Coach Leo Houck to the National Collegiate Athletic Association for approval for the NCAA boxing championships to be staged at Michigan State April 7-9.

Heading the Lions' entry list is this year's captain and former EIBA 127-pound champ, John Benglian. Names of Penn State's

Lions in Command

Two former Penn State athletes are in command of varsity teams at the University of Illinois' Navy Pier in Chicago. Harold Frey, of Lehigh, is in his second year as coach of the Navy Pier Gymnasts, while Jackie Tighe, of Scranton, is in his first year as athletic trainer and boxing coach.

165- and 175 pounders, Paul Smith and Jack Bolger, respectively, were also submitted for approval. All three ringsters were runner-ups to titlholders in the recent EIBA championships staged at Rec Hall.

The Blue and White's lone Eastern crown wearer, two-time heavyweight champ, Chuck Drazenovich by-passed his chance to compete in the Nationals.

DRAZ SAYS NO

"I am planning to go out for the track team to throw the shot-put and besides that I'll be busy with spring football drills," the Draz commented last night, "to top it all off I have to keep up my school work so I don't think I'll be able to compete in the NCAA's this year."

Last year, for similar reasons, the Lion heavyweight turned down a bid to compete in the championships held at Wisconsin.

Benglian, after winning four straight at the outset of this season, found the homestretch tough as he dropped two much-contested decisions to the current EIBA titlist in the 130-pound class, Al Hollingsworth of Virginia. Benglian's record for the year stands at five wins, two losses and one draw.

ALONE

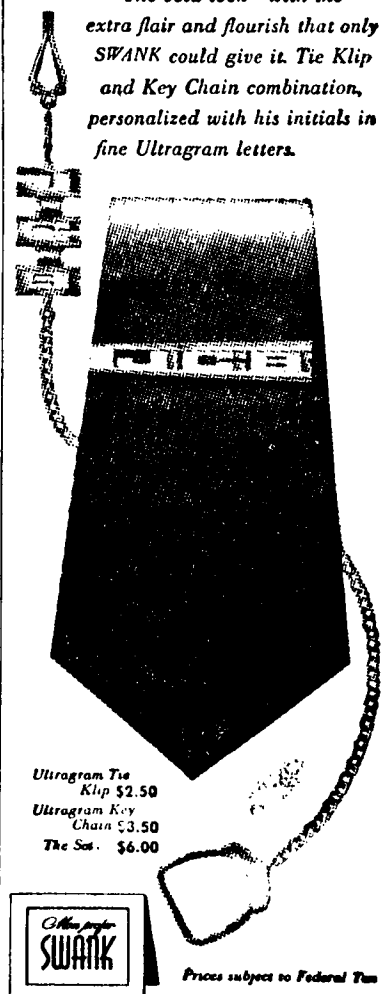
Last year he was the only Lion representative to go to the NCAA tournament. After advancing to the semi-finals, he lost a decision to Badger Jim Sreeran.

Bolger, a jayvee performer last season, was one of the most improved men on the Houck squad this year. The hard-hitting 175-pounder pounded out four wins, one draw and two losses, both of the losses to the present Eastern champion, Pete Monfore of Army. Smith compiled the best record of any Lion contestant this year by winning six of eight contests. He'll battle in the 165 weight division.

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700 Compete in IM Volleyball 118 Teams Vie for Titles

Penn State's huge 1949 intramural volleyball program got under way last week in Rec Hall as 24 fraternity teams battled in opening matches.

Eugene Bischoff, intramural director, has announced that approximately 700 men are competing in the 23-league program which will run until April 11, opening date of the championship playoffs.

Fraternities have entered 85 teams in their 17 leagues, while the six independent leagues have a total of 33 squads in action in six circuits. Exclusive of playoffs, the schedule calls for 260 matches.

With contests slated for every 40 minutes from 7 to 10 p.m., 12 matches can be held every night, except Saturday and Sunday, on the three courts. Each team, to be victorious, must win the best out of three games. Each game must be decided by a margin of at least two points.

OPENERS

In opening matches March 8, Kappa Delta Rho-A trounced Alpha Phi Delta, 15-2, 15-2; Delta Upsilon-A walloped Phi Kappa-A twice by 15-0 scores; Sigma Chi-A defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon-A, 15-10, 15-3; Alpha Chi Rho-A won over Alpha Gamma Rho-A, 15-8, 15-12.

Beta Theta Pi-A took 15-4, and 15-11 matches from Sigma Pi-A, which managed to take one tilt, 16-14; Pi Kappa Phi-A trimmed Alpha Tau Omega-A, 15-10 and 15-5; Delta Sigma Phi forfeited to Chi Phi-A; Delta Tau Delta-A defeated Delta Theta Sigma, 15-11 and 15-10.

Triangle lost to Phi Sigma Kappa-A, 15-8 and 15-5; Tau Kappa Epsilon-A won

over Beta Sigma Rho-A, 15-4 and 15-9; Phi Kappa Psi-A scored 15-4 and 15-3 wins over Tau Phi Delta besides dropping a 15-13 tilt; Theta Kappa Phi-A took over Sigma Phi Alpha, 15-10 and 15-7.

INDEPENDENTS

Independent games last Wednesday were featured by the Spikers' 15-1 and 15-3 victories over Matilda Chi; 15-14 and 15-13 wins for the Directors over Mines; and the Exers' 16-14 and 15-11 triumphs over Ceramics.

The Turpodes defeated the Sea Lions, 15-11 and 15-12, in addition to losing a 15-5 contest; Depth Charges forfeited to Sword Fishes; Ridge Runners defeated Broken Hearts, 15-13 and 15-6; Nittany Co-op walloped Atherton Hall Men, 15-6 and 15-8.

Miners dropped twin 15-10 decisions to Red Flashes; Bachelors won over Dorm 10, 15-9, before losing out, 15-13 and 16-14; Joe Does trimmed Dorm 37, 15-8 and 15-12; Woodchoppers took 15-14 and 15-13 decisions from Ale and Quail Hotel Greeters defeated Century Boys, 15-11 and 15-8, besides losing a 15-10 match.

THURSDAY

Pi Lambda Phi-A defeated Alpha Epsilon Pi-A, 15-13 and 15-11; Alpha Zeta-A walloped Pi Kappa Alpha-A, 15-2 and 15-2; Sigma Nu-A trimmed Sigma Phi Sigma-A, 15-1 and 15-6; Sigma Alpha Epsilon-A took over Sigma Alpha, 15-5 and 15-9.

Theta Chi-A lost to Phi Kappa Tau-A, 15-6 and 15-4; Phi Kappa Sigma-A won from Phi Gamma Delta-A, 17-15 and 15-5; Theta Chi-B defeated Theta Xi-A, 15-4 and 17-15; Phi Epsilon Pi-B trimmed Delta

The Nittany Realm

By Ed Watson

"We could have had the best wrestling team in the East if things hadn't happened," said Charlie Speidel, veteran Nittany mat mentor, during practice one day.

"Doc" Speidel was referring to the many mishaps that had occurred within the team's ranks during the season just completed. Undoubtedly the hardest blow struck at the fortunes of the Lion grapplers was the loss of Jim Maurey, ace 145-pounder, whose injured knee broke up the Blue and White's "Pin Pair."

OTHER HALF

Combining with Maurey as the other half of the "Pair" was unbeaten Homer Barr, heavyweight. Until Maurey was injured, the two ex-Clearfielders had each racked up three straight fall wins.

Maurey and Barr both began their mat careers under the tutelage of Art Weiss at Clearfield high school, long a schoolboy wrestling stronghold, and each of them copped a PIAA title in their senior schoolboy year.

Barr captured the 185-pound diadem in 1943, his only year of high school wrestling, while Maurey snagged the championship of the 138-pound class in 1945.

Jim, who lost to Navy's John Fletcher in the finals of the 1948 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament, seemed to have clear sailing toward the 145-pound title this year until his knee was hurt.

LOST TO FLETCHER

Last year, Maurey won six of seven dual meet bouts—four by falls—and suffered his only loss to Fletcher, EIWA champion and NCAA second-placer.

In his freshman year at Lock Haven Teachers, Maurey won ten straight bouts by fall, and was winner of the State Teachers College 155-pound crown. He climaxed that season by earning the 145-pound title at the Interstate Invitational Tournament in Cleveland.

Jim had an operation performed on his knee late in February and until last week, entertained high hopes of seeing action in the past weekend's Easterns.

Homer, blond Nittany heavy, finished his first year of collegiate competition with a log of eleven consecutive victories, including the EIWA heavyweight crown. Seven of his triumphs were achieved by pins.

TOUGHEST FOE

The undefeated Lion matman thinks that Don Berndt of Lehigh was his stiffest competition this season. Barr decided Berndt by a 7-1 score.

"But," he said, "Clark of Cornell seemed to be pretty good. I pinned him the first time, but I don't know whether I can do it again."

Homer "prepped" for collegiate mat wars by holding down the heavyweight berth on a strong Clearfield YMCA wrestling aggregation for three years. He placed third in the National AAU run-off in 1948.

Ranking as the prime favorite in the heavyweight class, Homer encountered little trouble at the EIWA tourney last weekend and trounced Lehigh's Gus LaSasso, whom Barr did not meet during the season, in the finals.

Lion mat fans are looking forward with anticipation to next year. By then, Maurey's ailing knee should be in top shape, and once again, the Blue and White "Pin Pair" can roll in high gear.

Chi-B, 15-8 and 15-13, with the losers winning once, 15-12.

Sigma Chi-B won two out of three from Zeta Beta Tau-B, taking 15-5 and 15-4 decisions while losing once, 15-13; Kappa Delta Rho-B defeated Pi Kappa Alpha-B, 15-10 and 15-8; Phi Kappa Sigma won two from Phi Kappa Psi-B, splitting 15-10 tilts and winning the other, 15-9; Lambda Chi Alpha-B trimmed Theta Xi-B, 15-9 and 15-6, in spite of losing one tilt, 15-9.

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