

Between The Lions

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On Bedenkism

"What are the immediate results of this new policy in Penn State football?"

Speaking was Witty Wil, our admiring fraternity brother. We countered by asking him to be specific.

"Well," he returned, "you know what I mean—Bedenkism, this policy of encouraging more experienced players to try out for other sports rather than spend all their time in spring football practice."

We aimed to answer Wil's question by pointing out a few gridiron regulars who have recently have become candidates for other spring sports:

Don "Duck" Murray, Blue and White tackle, and Joe Drzenovich, guard, are candidates for defense posts on the lacrosse squad.

Chuck "Jiggs" Beatty, first-string center, is trying out for the 100- and 220-yard dashes on the Nittany track squad. "Jiggs" comments, "I was never out for track before in my life. This is strictly an adventure."

Concerning Beatty's case, any "slight variation" instituted by Coach Joe Bedenk in backfield position will vitally affect the man playing center, so Beatty's services on the spring football practice field are necessary, even though he may be out for track too.

Francis "Punchy" Rogel, Lion fullback, contemplates trying out for the sprints "to loosen up and build up my speed."

Clarence "Pete" Gorinski, sub fullback, has been pronounced by the docs as not physically ready to play spring football because of a knee injury. Luckily for Penn State baseball fans, however, the knee won't keep "Pete"—a crackerjack batter—from the diamond sport.

Fresh from his Eastern boxing championship, Chuck Drzenovich will mix spring football with putting the shot in Lion track ranks.

For lookers-on at any current spring football practice, this policy of Bedenkism promotes a strange sight about 5:30 p.m. when grid players trying out for other sports rejoin their football brethren to "run a few new plays."

Instead of ranks of players uniformly dressed in Nittany football moleskins and brogans, there's likely to be a polyglot gathering of footballers, others dressed in lacrosse shoulder pads and shorts, and still others wearing track livery.

Gridders Go Indoors For Blackboard Drill

Snow may have driven the Penn State football team from the practice field yesterday afternoon, but spring practice kept moving with an hour-long talk by backfield coach Al Michaels on offensive plans for the 1949 campaign.

A scrimmage was planned for this afternoon, but since the field is covered with snow, the drill has been called off and the gridders given a day of rest.

Over 65 football players gathered in the basement of Irvin Hall to hear Coach Michaels outline variations of the single-wing offense.

DOUGHERTY

With Head Coach Bedenk counting on Owen Dougherty to fill the place left by Wally Triplett, the Nittany attack is expected to include pass plays originating from the wingback spot.

Dougherty, who will be a junior in the fall, came to the fore toward the latter part of the 1948 season. His port-side aerials, teamed with Johnny Chuckran's right-handed heaves, will make the Nittany backfield a potentially powerful unit both in the air and on the ground.

POWER

Coach Michaels also outlined power plays from the fullback position with Fran Rogel listed as the likely ball carrier.

Notre Dame, Michigan State and Navy were named as the sources of some of the new plays explained to the team by Coach Michaels. On the play patterned after the Michigan State model, Coach Michaels asked if anyone remembered the Spartans' countermodel of last season.

GROAN

A loud groan from the team indicated that the gridders remembered the Green and White invaders ripping through the Penn State line all too well.

Monday afternoon the squad will return to the New Beaver practice field, and a scrimmage is planned for the end of the week.

IM Volleyball

In fraternity action, Kappa Sigma-B defeated Sigma Pi-B, 15-6 and 15-7; Phi Sigma Kappa-B won by forfeit from Chi Phi-B; Delta Tau Delta-B fell before Phi Gamma Delta-B, 15-8 and 15-6; Beta Sigma Rho-B forfeited to Theta Kappa Phi-B.

Sigma Phi Epsilon-B beat Alpha Chi Sigma-B, 15-1 and 15-11; Beta Theta Pi-B defeated Pi Kappa Phi-B, 15-12, 9-15 and 15-10; Pi Lambda Phi-B crushed Phi Sigma Delta-B, 15-14 and 15-6; Sigma Nu-B won from Phi Delta Theta-B, 15-12 and 15-7; Alpha Epsilon Pi-B edged Phi Kappa Tau-B, 17-15 and 15-12.

9 Forfeits Mar Second Round IM Wrestling Eliminations

Fraternity wrestling rounded the corner and headed into the tournament's second round on the Rec Hall mats Thursday night but IM officials were still bemoaning the over-supply of forfeits reported.

Despite pre-season instructions to wrestling candidates that men were not to enter the tourney unless they could appear for their matches, forfeits were piling up almost as fast as legitimate decisions.

Thursday, nine grapplers chalked up victories the easy way as their opponents either failed to appear, couldn't make the weight division limits, or appeared without physical exam cards.

SIGMA NU

Those matches which did come off, however, flared up with blazing fury. Sigma Nu, last season's champion, was still finding the 1949 battles rough. Joe Billera, 145-pounder from that house succumbed to Bill Thompson, Theta Chi, after 17 seconds of the third round.

The Sigma Nu's did capture one victory. Bill Humphries, 128-pounder, thrashed out a 4-2 decision over Dave Greenwald, Phi Epsilon Pi. Bob Boyd, Phi Kappa Phi, edged Vance Genzlinger, Sigma Chi, 6-4, in a 135-pound bout; Jim Yetter, Alpha Zeta, trounced Barton Cahen, Pi Lambda Phi, 5-0; George Irvin, Sigma

Chi, slipped by George Seavy, Alpha Chi Sigma, 4-3; Bill Reynolds, Delta Upsilon, battered Don Desandro, Alpha Sigma Phi, 5-2.

Harry Nelson, Alpha Sigma Phi, pinned Howard Decker, Delta Upsilon, after 1:58 in the second round; Wil Roth, Zeta Beta Tau, flattened Ed Hinkle, Phi Gamma Delta, in 1:45; Merle Sieber, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, turned the trick over Bob Rodli, Beta Theta Pi, in 1:36 of the second round, and Don Keck, Phi Sigma Kappa, won by fall over Dick Goldner, Pi Lambda Chi, in 1:05.

Winners by forfeit were: Ed Aiken, Phi Delta Theta; Beryl Hoffman, Pi Lambda Phi; Fred Shihaden, Phi Kappa Sigma; Bill Aiken, Phi Delta Theta; Andy Marcinko, Sigma Phi Sigma; Rex Lord, Sigma Chi; Oscar Schmitt, Phi Kappa Psi; Ed Van Sickel, Phi Kappa Psi, and Israel Dinner, Phi Sigma Delta.

Simon Gains AP Honorable Mention

For the second consecutive year, Milt Simon, Penn State basketball captain, was given honorable mention on the annual Associated Press All-Pennsylvania basketball team, released yesterday.

Simon, who scored 179 points this year, provided the spark for the fair Nittany team which ended its season by winning seven games and losing ten.

Only two cage stars who made the select list of the top ten Pennsylvania hoopsters, Sam David of Pitt and Nelson Bobb of Temple, saw action against the Nittany five.

Thiel Releases Varsity, JV Stick Roster

Lions Open Slate Against Quakers

With less than four weeks remaining before Penn State's opening lacrosse tilt, Coach Nick Thiel has released his 1949 battle roster listing a full complement of 41 varsity and 44 jayvee stick-wielders.

The Lion varsity's first encounter pits it against Penn on April 13, while the junior varsity will move into action ten days later against Navy's J.V.'s at Annapolis.

Although the present snow figures to halt operations a few days, Thiel feels that this year's lacrossers are further ahead in their conditioning than in other years.

LETTERMEN

The Lions have 13 letter men plus a host of unpublicized diamonds-in-the-rough fighting for one of the ten starting berths against the Quakers.

Varsity roster—Bob Abernathy, Larry Atkinson, Ernie 'Bugs' Baer, Ed Belfield, Harrie Bragg, James Case, John Deck, Joe Drzenovich, Stan Domash, John Finley, Frank Fryburg, John Hagerman, Dick Hanna, John Hayes, Bill Hickey, John Herr, John Hughes, Rocky Iannetta, Ken Kaye, Dean Kissell, John Long, Bob Louis, John Lux, Eugene McNamara.

John Nehoda, Roger Nestor, Joe Owens, Bob Pee, Bud Pierce, Burton Raymond, L. Ritchie, I. Smith, J. Smith, M. Snyder, Jason Stone, John Szadziwicz, Buddy Thomas, Rodney Waters, Gilbert Watz, W. Weaver and Jim Workley.

JAYVEES

Jayvee—R. Baily, Philip Benedetto, Martin Berkowitz, J. Cook, Nat Feinstein, Joe Filoromo, Vance Genzlinger, Fred Gialloroto, J. Glessner, Tom Grifferty, Ray Hagy, S. Harshberger, Bill Heyser, Dick Hughes, Bill Ishler, John Johnson, Charles Junker, Bob Kelley, Milo Kosanovich, Bob Malcolm, Adolph Mark, Bib Mazer, Steve Meisel, John Moffatt.

John Neff, Charles Niskey, Tom Overdorf, Dick Pasch, Frank Pokorny, Bill Porter, Paul Raffensperger, Harry Rintz, Bob Robbins, Bob Rodli, Dale Sheffer, Bill Shore, Bill Smiles, Harry Swimmer, Norman Tarnoff, Don Watkins, George Weber, Allen Weise, John Wilcox and Hal Wolfson.

Poor Returns

Only three lettermen reported to Coach Bedenk for the initial baseball practice in 1945, and all three expected to be drafted before the season started.

Champ to Coach

Glenn Smith, Bellefonte High School wrestling coach, won the 155-pound Eastern championship in 1945.

The Nittany Realm

By Harry Endres

Elmer Gross, Penn State's new basketball coach, believes that the sliding zone is as good as any other type of defense. He contemplates no definite change in State's style of basketball next season.

Stating that "teams are learning more about the zone all the time," Coach Gross added that a man-to-man defense may be used to combat unusual offensive tactics. "Although many people didn't realize it," he said, "John Lawther switched to a man-to-man defense in this season's game at Syracuse."

ANY WAY

Not rigorously strict on form, Coach Gross plans to allow his players to shoot "any way they can get the ball in the basket." Although successful with a one-hand push shot in his playing days, he does not intend to emphasize it now.

In speaking of Penn State's foul shooting accuracy this season, he said that no supervised drilling was done at the foul line. "Free throw practice was left to the individual. Lawther believes that mental attitude is mainly important in foul shooting."

Coach Gross calls Joe Tocci, the Lions' playmaker, "one of the best dribblers I've ever seen." He thinks Lou Lamie has a great basketball future, and that Lee Schisler, Jack Storer and Ken Weiss should do well next season. He hopes to improve Marty Costa's play in general, and believes the giant center will play a better game next year.

DIFFERENCE

With reference to next season, Coach Gross stated, "If I break even, I'll be lucky." Declaring that almost all of Penn State's basketball opponents can offer scholarships to promising players, he pointed out that the most that can be done for an outstanding basketball player here is to find him a job so he can work for his meals.

Penn State must pick up men who have no offers from other colleges, he said. Therefore Coach Gross termed the court squad "an amateur team playing in a professional league."

Born in Munhall in 1917, Coach Gross now resides permanently in State College with his wife and two daughters. In 1933 and 1934 he played varsity basketball at Munhall high school.

CO-CAPTAIN

For four years, 1939 to 1942, Gross was on the Penn State varsity. He served as captain in his senior year, and led the Nittany Lions in scoring with 169 points. This 1942 quintet won 17 and lost 2, the best seasonal record of any Lion court squad.

The 1942 West Virginia quintet was labeled by Coach Gross as the best team he ever played against. This Mountaineer team handed Penn State one of its two losses during the '41 to '42 season, a 58-33 shellacking at Morgantown, W. Va. Later that season in a return game in Rec Hall the Lions whipped the West Virginians.



Elmer Gross as a Lion basketball player in 1942.

'Ike' Gilbert Releases Spring Sport Schedules

Round-up of spring sports activities was completed yesterday with the release of complete tennis and golf schedules for this spring by "Ike" Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

The schedule features 13 tennis matches, six of them on the home courts, and seven golf matches, four of those on the home links.

In addition to the College dual events, the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association playoffs will be held here on May 6 and 7, and the PIAA high school tennis and golf tournaments May 20 and 21.

Baseball, track, and lacrosse schedules were printed in previous issues of the Daily Collegian.

Tennis and golf schedules are as follows:

TENNIS—April 27, Bucknell at Lewisburg; 30, Colgate, home.

May 4, Navy at Annapolis, Md.; 7, Duquesne, home; 11, Lehigh at Bethlehem; 13, Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y.; 14, Syracuse at Syracuse, N. Y.; 18, Bucknell, home; 19, Washington and Jefferson, home; 20 and 21, PIAA, home; 21, Pittsburgh, home; 28, Syracuse, home.

GOLF—April 22 and 23, Georgetown at Washington, D. C.; 27, Bucknell, home; 30, Colgate, home.

May 2, Gettysburg, home; 6 and 7, EIGA, home; 14, EIGA Championship Playoff at Atlantic City, N. J.; 18, Bucknell at Lewisburg; 20 and 21, PIAA, home; 21, Syracuse at Syracuse.

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