

Between The Lions



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Coaching Lament

The circumstances of a campus student body devoid of freshman athletes leaves Penn State coaches with something to gripe about. The typical Lion coach's bedtime prayers must consist of a wish and a hope that some day they'll again be greeted at practice by a bevy of green, unmolded, eager frosh. Why? Let Wrestling Coach Charlie Spidel speak. Says Charlie

"It's my theory that if I had a green freshman who didn't know the first hold in wrestling and I could train him one year, he'd be as good as any experienced high school wrestler."

The Lion mat skipper then adds: "Now, a boy who comes to Penn State as a sophomore loses a precious year, because our chances of developing him is not as good."

"A freshman will stay out for the team and not expect to make it. A sophomore will try out and drop out when he doesn't make it. If we had these wrestlers as freshmen who are here now (at Penn State), they would have reached their present proficiency as sophomores, not juniors."

Although perhaps modified, this is the essential view of the Penn State coaching clan. Lest they be dubbed a bunch of continual moan-and-groaners, however, we can point out that for most of them, these are relatively happy days despite the no-frosh circumstance.

Returnees Aid Lion Stickmen

Bolstered by the return of three veteran lacrossers, Ernie Baer, Harrie Bragg and Rocco Ianetta, who joined their Nittany teammates after completing practice teaching, State's stickwielders are in the process of applying the plane to remaining rough spots in anticipation of the curtain-raiser Wednesday against Penn.

Missing from the Penn State lineup against the Quakers will be veterans Jim Worley and John Szadziewicz. Worley, scheduled for the second midfield spot will be absent from both the Penn and Western Maryland encounters because of a field trip, while Szadziewicz, first string defenseman, is out with a minor injury.

Tactics
Within the next three days, Coach Nick Thiel will concentrate on brushing up on fundamental offensive and defensive tactics, including both team and individual efforts.

The State mentor said that the seniors will have to carry the load on the first trip, at least until new first-line recruits can be found to relieve the burden.

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Bolger Lone Lion in NCAA's As Benglian Falls by Wayside

Lion boxing captain, 130-pounder Johnny Benglian became the second Nittany ring contestant to fall by the wayside at the NCAA's at Michigan State and thus left Jack Bolger as the lone Lion entry in the semi-finals last night.

In the final bout of Thursday night's quarter-finals, a tough and rugged Catholic U. slugger, John Redmond, who had previously edged past Michigan State's Henry Amos in a preliminary bout, decided Benglian, the Lions' main hope for an individual title.

Bolger, highly regarded 175-pounder, tangled late last night with Army's Pete Monfore. Monfore had decided Ted Diehl in the quarter-finals.

NEMEIS

Bolger's nemesis all season, Monfore handed the up-and-coming Lion light-heavy his only two losses this season. One was during the regular season dual meet at Rec Hall, and the outstanding Army mittman again decided Bolger in the semi-finals of the recent EIBA tournament.

Wisconsin, NCAA champions for the past three years and four-time winners since 1932, was out of the running for team honors as Michigan State and Louisiana State took the lead in the scoring race with four points apiece.



TOM SMITH

One of a host of returning lacrosse lettermen, Smith is scheduled to see plenty of action from his defense position.

Diamondmen Tune for Owls

Ol' Man Weather forced a change in the outdoor practice sessions of Coach Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lion baseballers earlier this week, but the Bedenkmen were on the diamond again yesterday afternoon tuning up for the season's opening clash Wednesday.

Temple's Owls are the Nittanies' opponents in their initial contest. The game is scheduled for the Cherry and White's home field.

Pitchers who have seen regular action in intrasquad games this week are Cy Miller, Jim Masticola, Warren "Lefty" Travers, Al Tkac, Bill Benyish, Bill Brown, Bill Hill, Bill Bair and Jim Townsend.

Clarence Buss, George Emig, Dick Ford and John Kurty have handled the backstop duties, with Dick Wertz and John Shaffer stationed at first base. Keystone sackers have been Gene Solomon and Joe Tocci, while Captain Hal Hackman and Jerry Vesling and Jim Mayer and Bill Tegtmeyer have been at shortstop and third base respectively.

Hen Albright, Bill Ondrick, Stan Laganosky, Bill Corman, Harry Little and Clarence "Pete" Gorinski patrolled the outfield during the practice tilts.

Time Trials

The first step in molding Penn State's track team will take place today when time trials will be held on New Beaver Field following the football scrimmage.

Trials will be held in all the field events and every track event, except the one-half and two mile runs. Coach Chick Werner said that all the distance runners will start in the mile in an attempt to get a good mile relay team. Penn State has won this event at the Penn Relays for the past two years.

Entry Record Set In Handball Singles

Reflecting the general upsurge of intramural activity at the College, IM handball singles competition swept aside old records this season and showed an increase in every aspect of the sport.

The number of individuals participating jumped from 81 in 1948 to 98 this season, an 18.5 percent increase. Fraternity men outnumbered independent men in participation, 82 to 14.

The intramural department scheduled 119 games this season, compared to 101 last year.

Grid Scrimmage

The Penn State football team will vie with Duquesne in a practice scrimmage on the New Beaver field, 2 p.m. today. Although many of the senior gridgers will not participate in the practice, Assistant Coach Earle Edwards will field a very strong squad in today's contest. No kickoffs or extra points will be made in the scrimmage.

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