

Lion Stickmen Open Season With Quakers

Face Tough 4-Game Easter Road Test

Twenty-eight suitcase-bearing athletes converged on Philadelphia late last night as Penn State's traveling lacrosse team anxiously awaited the opening of their '49 calendar against Penn this afternoon.

Slated as the first leg of a four-game jaunt—which includes three games among the julep-sippers of the South, Western Maryland, Washington and Lee and Virginia—the contest will mark Coach Nick Thiel's 15th year at the head of the State lacrosse team.

In encountering the strong Quaker outfit on its River Field turf, the Lion varsity bucks up against a squad which has already been tested in four games. To date the Philadelphians sport a .500 average, winning two and dropping a like number.

FOUR GAMES

Approximately one-half of State's nine-game card will be in the records by this time next week, the Lion stickmen being scheduled for four games within a seven-day period.

While in Philadelphia, the Hotel Penn-Sheraton will be Thiel's base of operations. Between the Penn and Western Maryland games the Nittany Lions will scrimmage top-flight Johns Hopkins (which has already turned in a number of startling lacrosse wins) in two practice games in Baltimore.

Saturday, Western Maryland will provide opposition at Westminster, Maryland. Sunday and Monday State will stay over as guest to Washington and Lee in Lexington, Va., climaxing the tour with a Tuesday afternoon or night game versus Virginia's Cavaliers. The team is expected back late Wednesday afternoon.

PEE

For the opening test the 39-year-old mentor plans to use Tom Smith, Dean Kissell and Bobby Pee, who moves up to replace John Hayes, on the defensive with John Nehoda taking the goalie spot.

Mid-field will be capably handled by Bob Louis, John Finley and Captain Roger Nestor, while Ed Belfield, Bud Thomas and Johnny Lux will be at the attack positions.

Last year, in the midst of a five-game winning streak, Penn State licked the Quakers, 13-4, at Philadelphia. Winning seven games while losing but three, the 1948 Lion lacrossers turned in one of their most successful campaigns.

The Nittany Realm

How Smith Fought Back

By Sy Barash



"If you're hurt, you can't lie down." This is the philosophy of Fred Smith, who retired from the Penn State boxing ring this semester, at the age of 32.

Because of Fred's philosophy, he once again began boxing when he entered the College two years ago, despite having had his strength sapped by malaria while serving in the army. Only Fred's philosophy made him determined to complete his education in the first place, for he isn't among the younger students at the College.

OF SUCH STUFF

Few other men of thirty consider going back to the books. Few men of thirty are willing to submit to the daily grind of preparing for intercollegiate competition, especially in boxing, but of such stuff is Fred Smith made.

When Fred was growing up in his home town of Nanticoke, he learned to fight the practical way. If he walked to a section of Nanticoke where he didn't live, he expected a fight and usually the expectations came true. Wearing shoes or having his hair slicked down didn't help matters.

BOXING SCHOLARSHIP

From Nanticoke Fred went to the Wyoming Seminary to complete his pre-college education. After graduation from Wyoming, Fred was awarded a boxing scholarship to the University of Syracuse. He felt lost at Syracuse and decided to quit. He returned to

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Bedenkmen Tangle With Owls; Twirler Remains a Question

Penn State's baseball team lifts the lid on its 1949 schedule this afternoon at Philadelphia, when a band of Temple Owls plays host to the Nittanians.

Temple, victim of a 20-6 shellacking at the hands of Lafayette's baseballers Saturday, will be bent on returning to the winning side of the ledger. The Owls own three victories and have lost twice thus far.

Coach Joe Bedenk's mound choice depends upon the weather. "I'll probably start Al Tkac if the weather looks good, but if it looks like it might rain, Cy Miller will be the choice," the Lion mentor said.

SAVE

If Tkac does start today's battle with the Templars, Miller will be saved for action against Pennsylvania Friday.

Right-handed Bill Bair is the likely twirler for the Swarthmore tilt tomorrow, but Jim Masticola may be used.

Hen Albright, left fielder, will bat in the number-one slot, with either Gene Solomon or Joe Tocci, second base potentials, hitting second.

HACKMAN

Captain and shortstop Hal Hackman, right fielder Stan Lag-

anosky, first-sacker Dick Wertz, center elder Bill Ondick, third baseman Red Mayer or Bill Tegtmeyer, Clarence "Buzz" Buss or John Kurty, catchers, and the pitcher will bat in that order.

Temple's lineup will probably consist of Fred Houser, catcher, Doug Young, first base; Vince Raba, second; Johnny Constantine, shortstop; Freddie Barlow, third, and outfielders Bill Bernardo, Ed Bateman and Ralph Hansen. Lefty Charley Shreiner may be on the hill for the Philadelphians.

Maryland Breaks Rifle Record In NRA Meet; Lions End Fifth

The University of Maryland set a new N.R.A. National Collegiate Sectional record in the weekend rifle matches held there last weekend. In out-shooting six other teams, including the Nittany Lion riflers, the Maryland squad rolled up a score of 1419 to beat the previous 1408 record.

The Nittany riflers had their hopes for the individual possibilities of Jerry Prange justified when the Lion co-captain shot a 288 to take over runner-up honors in individual competition.

TIED

This score tied the previous singles record, but could not surpass the record-shattering mark of 290 set by George Eicke of George Washington University.

Penn State placed fifth in team action at Maryland, but since there are two more groups of scores to be taken into account, the final standing of the Lions'

Bucknell Scores 3 Touchdowns In Practice Tilt

Orsini, Smutney Team For Lone Lion Marker

By Elliot Krane

Although Penn State and Bucknell severed their official football connections this Winter because of the lopsided margin of Penn State victories in recent years, the Bisons served notice that they still are a grid power as they trounced the Nittany Lions by a 3-1 touchdown count yesterday afternoon on the New Beaver field.

The Lewisburg team, anxious to avenge the defeats of the last few years, ripped into the Penn State Spring practice squad and, within three plays after receiving the ball, scored.

With Vince O'Bara, nursing a bruised hand, acting as an assistant coach, the tailback chores fell upon Johnny Chuckran's shoulders. On the fifth play of the scrimmage, Chuckran took the ball around end and while dodging an opponent, twisted his leg and dropped to the field with a pulled muscle.

SUBSTITUTE

Tony Orsini, Nick Scandale and Dick Koerber filled in the weak spot in the Penn State backfield, but except for occasional sparks of brilliance, were unable to match either of the injured regulars.

After the Bisons had scored their third touchdown, the home team came to life. Fran Smutney cracked across the Orange and Blue line for ten yards. Owen Dougherty then faded back and threw a port-sided aerial to Mark Borland, who made a diving catch near the goal line.

Fullback Smutney crashed into the defending Bisons and scored two plays later.

FAST AND FANCY

For the visitors it was the fast and fancy stepping of Smokey Ostendarp plus the deceptive ball handling of Jim Hoover that accounted for their scoring punch.

Hoover, who looked good, but not exceptional, against the regular team last Fall, faked two or three times yesterday from his quarterback spot in the "T" formation before handing the ball off to another back. When a Nittany defender did crash through the Bucknell line, he often stopped

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Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

On Predicting

We've never stood for public office and so have never known how to properly sympathize with those who do and are thereby subjected to the anxiety and torment of waiting for election returns.

But, after the most recent Lion football season we felt spiritually qualified to hold the hand of our city councilman the next time he has to sit up late waiting for word from the precincts.

We came by our right to commune with aspirants to public office, expectant fathers and student political bigwigs by predicting the outcome of several of the major football games each week of the grid season. After thus placing ourself on record, we sat back to await the returns—not without a great amount of anxiety and stark fright.

As it was, we fared better, over the season, than our cohorts soothsayers on the Daily Collegian staff, but we take little comfort from that. Anybody could have done better than those phony savants with a cracked crystal ball.

What we're driving at is this: The strain and pain of this prognostication business is such that we refuse to comply with a request of Witty Wilbert, our admiring fraternity brother, that we predict the results of this year's major league baseball races. This time, we shall not elbow our way through a group of hesitating angels and rush right in, as we did in football season.

If we said we think Pittsburgh will win the National League pennant, we'd be walking on eggs. We'll leave the eggs to someone else.

From the Morg(ue)

Francis "Red" O'Hara, former three-sport star at Penn State, will direct freshman baseball this season at Colgate. . . .

One of Charlie Speidel's best-informed wrestling fans and best source of Lion mat info—outside of Speidel and Assistant Coach Charlie Ridenour—is Ridge Riley, alumni secretary-treasurer. . . .

Penn State baseball teams lost more games than they won only once in 18 years under Coach Genial Joe Bedenk. . . .

Leo Houck, veteran Nittany boxing coach, lends a helping hand to baseball coach Bedenk during baseball season. . . .

A former Penn State, Sam Harry, successfully defended his 136-pound title in the recent Middle Atlantic AAU championships. He was named the tourney's outstanding wrestler for the second consecutive year. . . .

Sam grappled on the Lion freshman team in '41, won an EIWA 128-pound title as a soph in '42, gained second place as a 135-pound junior in '43, then regained the 128 EIWA diadem as a senior in '46. . . . After leaving Penn State, Sam studied law at Dickinson and while awaiting his bar exam in Harrisburg, he's wrestling out of the Harrisburg YMCA. . . .

Jack Storer, Lion football end and basketball guard, who shoots golf in the high 70's, combines sports with music in the tradition of the ancient Greeks. . . . He plays the violin.

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