

New Cage Rule Speed Up Tilts Intentional Foul Curbed by Officials

"Maple Mayhem," that quaint way of projecting a football plot onto a basketball setting, is in for quite a bit of toning down this season.

Don't expect to see any general slowdown in the game — but new rule changes are going to take away a great deal of the sport's roughhouse tactics. The 1949-'50 changes are for the most part minor but they will definitely act toward curbing defensive devilment.

No Intentional Foul

Most outstanding of the new rules will try to eliminate the intentional foul near the end of a tight game. Now the team dealt the foul will take the free shot as well as receiving the ball out of bounds. While the charity toss is being attempted during those final two minutes the players will not lineup at the foul line.

The center jump, which was removed from the rules about ten years ago to speed up the game, is back in part. This year the ball will be put in play by the center jump at the beginning of each quarter.

New Backboards

College rules now demand transparent rectangular backboards. The new backboards, with their orange hoops, have already been set up at Rec Hall, ready for tonight's contest.

The old-style basketball, with segmented covers, have been outlawed. This year only leather-covered, molded balls are official.

The center-jump is back in another way. Teams attempting to stall by holding the ball in the late stages of a game will be forced to jump for possession at the nearest circle.

The new rules now make it illegal for a coach to substitute a taller man for one who is involved in a jump for possession of the ball.

Finally, the rules provide that a shot for a goal rebounding into the back court will no longer be declared a violation. The ball will remain in play.

J. Draz Picked For Grid Game

Penn State guard Joe Drazovich this week accepted a bid to play in the annual North-South charity football game in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 26.

He will report Dec. 23 to George Munger, coach of the University of Pennsylvania, who will head the North forces.

Fullback Fran Rogel, also chosen but late in replying to the invitation, is awaiting official word as to whether he has been accepted or not.

The North-South game at Montgomery (not to be confused with the game at Miami) has chosen Penn State players in the past, Larry Joe and Sam Tamburo having played there. No Nittany gridders played there last year, however.

Co-op Takes First In AIM Pin Loop

Nittany Co-op, in first place most of the season, took the first half championship in the Association of Independent Men's bowling league.

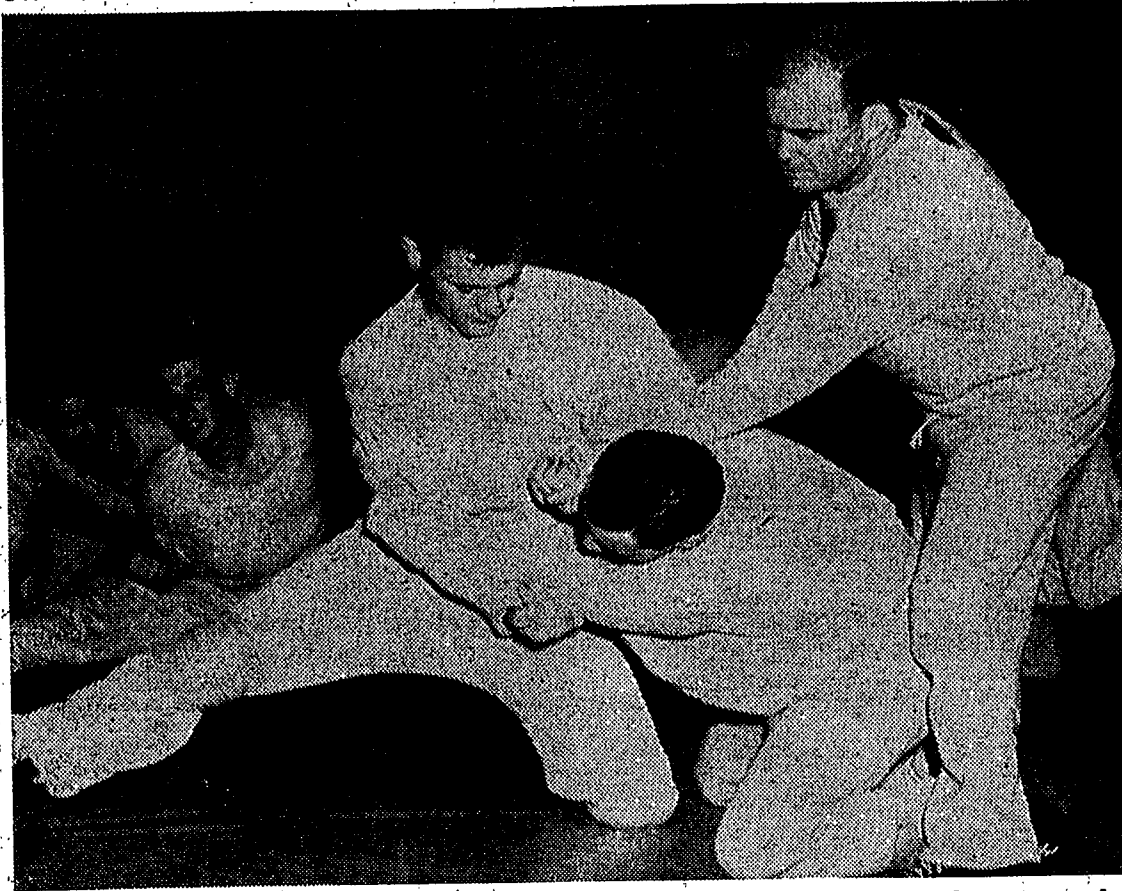
The Co-op took the title by taking eight matches from the Penn Haven entry.

High scorers for the evening were Fisher with 553, Detweiler, 505, Martin, 503 and Gaber, 501. Highest single games were bowled by Dymski, 215, and Seitz, 203.

Final standings of the first half:

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|---------------|-------|
| Nittany Co-op | 54-18 |
| NFG | 50-22 |
| Gutterballers | 27-35 |
| Penn Haven | 36-36 |
| Btyflysks | 34-38 |
| Mets | 32-40 |
| Cody | 28-44 |
| Plugs | 28-44 |
| Beaver House | 26-46 |

Now Pull That Arm Out and . . .



WRESTLING COACH CHARLIE Spiedel (right) showing captain Jim Maurey how to work a windmill escape during practice last night. The man about to find himself staring at the ceiling is Larry Shallcross. —Photo by John Gaut

Lion Matmen Bolstered By Vets; 100 Grapplers Seek Team Berths

"Last year we had a great season. We lost one or two because of gremlins, but we did all right," said Charlie Spiedel, coach of the Nittany Lion wrestlers.

Coach Spiedel was referring to the 1949 mat combination that went into mid-season unbeaten, only to suffer disastrous losses to Ol' Man Injury. The Nittanians then lost duel meets to Syracuse, Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association team champion, and always-formidable Lehigh.

Close to 100 grapplers have turned out for practice sessions thus far. Spiedel points out that "you never can tell what you have before the season opens, because you can only tell by contrast. The opposition makes you look good or bad."

VETERANS

Veterans from last year's squad bolster the makeup of the various weight classes, but a lack of sound substitutes makes the outlook dark. At 121-pounds, Johnny Reese looms as the man to beat. Reese, who was unbeaten until injured last year, can expect trouble from Ray Johnson and Tony DeJulius.

Jumpin' Jack Dreibelbis has his 128-pound post well in hand, at least until mid-term. Jack Waters, a respected battler will be eligible then.

Young Don Maurey and vets Don Arbuckle and Al Fasnacht fortify the 136-pound class. Arbuckle heads into his third season on the squad, while Maurey, younger brother of Jim, is considered a "dark horse."

CAPTAIN JIM

Captain Jim Maurey has worked his bad leg back into shape and is ready for duty at 145-pounds. Maurey was the top grappler in the East at that weight until he injured his leg in practice before the Syracuse meet. Larry Shallcross, Cec Irvin and Ray Markle are vying for the 155-pound berth, while Mike Rubino and Bill Santel are expected to wage a ding-dong fight for 165-pound honors.

At 175-pounds, Bob Markle, another letterman, and Bill Barker are after top ranking. Rubino, however, may stay at this weight instead of dropping to 165. EWA titlist Homer Barr heads the heavyweights. Barr will get plenty of competition from Lynn Illingworth, PIAA 185-pound champion in 1948 from State College High and Dick Cripps, football tackle from Upper Darby. That is something that Barr lacked last year—mid-week workouts with men his own weight.

The Lions open their season January 7 with a newcomer, Virginia. Spiedel expects to encounter the toughest opposition from Lehigh, Navy and Syracuse.

Indoor Track Call

All men interested in indoor track should report to either Coach Chick Werner or Assistant Coach Norm Gordon in Rec Hall this week.

Egli, New Lion Cage Coach, Looks Fit Enough To Play

By JOHN DALBOR

"Look for the tallest and huskiest man on the gym floor," I was told when I asked how I could find John Egli, Nittany Lions' new assistant basketball coach.

These words proved to be very descriptive of the man who will assist in directing the Penn State cage squad for the '49-'50 season. The 28-year-old mentor still looks capable of stepping into football togs and cavorting around the gridiron with the best of them.

LIKE HOMECOMING

For John Egli, who with his wife and three children, makes his home in State College, this is really a homecoming. Not only did he star with the Nittany Lion basketball team in '41, '42, and '43, but he also played a lot of end in two seasons for former football coach Bob Higgins' grid aggregations.

Egli is a native of Williamsport and attended South Williamsport High School, where he took part in football, basketball, baseball and track. After four successful athletic years at Penn State, he played basketball not only in the service, but also for a professional team in Greensburg, Pa. It was during the time that Egli played for Greensburg that they ended the win streak of the sensational Harlem Globe Trotters at 79 consecutive victories.

After his term in the armed forces, Egli coached basketball and baseball at Derry Township High School. From there he went to the DuBois Center, where he served as athletic director and head basketball coach, until his arrival at Penn State this year.

UNUSUAL SPOT

One of his most unusual experiences in basketball came at West Point with Penn State leading the Cadets by one point near the end of the first half. Army had a foul shot with but a few seconds remaining until the half-time whistle.

The Army player missed the shot, and as Egli leaped up to get the rebound, the ball bounced from his fingers right into the

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Murgas Quintet Takes 'F' Lead

The Murgas quintet, taking its second straight victory without a defeat by downing the Jets Monday night, 21-10, gained the lead in Independent League G. Eight other independent squads posted victories in Leagues E, F, and G. In League E, Joe Ruyak tallied six points as the Boppers whipped Alpha Chi Grey, 25-18; the Dutchmen, led by Ed Smith's eight points, nipped Dorm 34, 12-10 and the Phils defeated the Jungle Bees, 17-15.

SHRAMKO

Walt Shramko netted 11 points, high for the evening as he paced Edinboro to a convincing, 23-5, victory over Navy. Edinboro's tight defensive tactics enabled the Navy cagers to score only one field goal in the League F contest. Other League F results showed the Foresters trouncing the Sorry Lot, 24-14, with Carl Yoh tossing in six for the winners and the Brown Baggers walloping the Twenty-Niners, 23-8. Don Sykes cut the cords with nine for the victors.

In League G, Gene Fiedorek sunk ten points to help the Mohawks defeat the Crusaders, 26-13, and Pete Kuzma's eight points were tops for the B.T.O. squad as they beat the Basketeers, 15-14.

INDEPENDENT STANDING

| League E | | W | L |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Boppers | 1 | 0 | |
| Dutchmen | 1 | 0 | |
| Phils | 1 | 0 | |
| Alpha Chi Grey | 0 | 1 | |
| Dorm 34 | 0 | 1 | |
| Jungle Bees | 0 | 1 | |
| Pie Pugh | 0 | 0 | |
| Red Flashes | 0 | 0 | |
| League G | | W | L |
| Murgas | 2 | 0 | |
| Mohawks | 1 | 0 | |
| Windcrest | 1 | 0 | |
| B.T.O. | 1 | 1 | |
| Jets | 1 | 1 | |
| Crusaders | 0 | 1 | |
| Simmons Hall | 0 | 1 | |
| Basketeers | 0 | 2 | |
| League I | | W | L |
| Altoona | 1 | 0 | |
| Matilda Chi | 1 | 0 | |
| Section 10 | 1 | 0 | |
| Beaver House | 0 | 1 | |
| Brickettes | 0 | 1 | |
| Harm House | 0 | 1 | |
| Choppers | 0 | 0 | |
| Jayvees | 0 | 0 | |
| League F | | W | L |
| Brown Baggers | 1 | 0 | |
| Edinboro | 1 | 0 | |
| Foresters | 1 | 0 | |
| Navy | 0 | 1 | |
| Sorry Lot | 0 | 1 | |
| Twenty-Niners | 0 | 1 | |
| Clarkers | 0 | 0 | |
| McAlly Cats | 0 | 0 | |
| League H | | W | L |
| Comets | 1 | 0 | |
| Musketeers | 1 | 0 | |
| Tigers | 1 | 0 | |
| Colonials | 0 | 1 | |
| Ritz A.C. | 0 | 1 | |
| X.M.S.T.C. | 0 | 1 | |
| Lodgers | 0 | 0 | |
| Ramblers | 0 | 0 | |



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