

Between



The Lions

With Elliot Krane
Sports Editor

"Fair" Teams

Wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel says that Penn State will have a "fair" to "good" team this year. Basketball Coach Elmer Gross also says that his team could stand some improvement. But when these two teams stage the first athletic doubleheader of the year, the 5,000 students expected to pack Rec Hall tomorrow night should see much more than mediocrity.

College fans have been starved for an exciting evening at Rec Hall. Last season the audience would usually stay for the first half of the show, throw a few well-placed jeers at the basketball team, and then leave the building for the more comfortable Cathaum seats.

Unknown Quantities

But this year, the attitude should change. Nittany fans have seen only one basketball game, that 74-44 fiasco against little Susquehanna. The team played a good game that night, but with the calibre of the opposition at such a low level, it was difficult to determine just what type of team Coach Gross has molded in his freshman year.

After the brief preview, the team went on the road, split in two Washington, D. C. contests, and then went down to the Dixie Classic to vie with some top-rate southern teams.

Wha Hoppen?

Suddenly an unknown Penn State team slipped by favored Duke 51-48. Then another upset as strong West Virginia fell by the wayside 46-41.

Finally, undefeated North Carolina State stopped the Centre County upstarts 50-40 but not until Penn State became one of the most talked-about teams in the tourney.

Tomorrow night, a good Colgate five will test the Lions. This will provide the first chance for the local fans to see the team since its successful tournament schedule. After Coach Speidel's grapplers tangle with Virginia, we predict that the audience will stay right in its seats to see just what it is with Elmer Gross' giant killers.

And More Wrestling

While Coach Speidel is watching his team open the season tomorrow night, you can be sure that he'll have one ear toward the telegraph key to catch the results of a very important match in Syracuse. The perennially strong Franklin and Marshall team will try to be the first to dethrone the Eastern Champs tomorrow night in a battle which promises to be one of the top contests in the east.

Syracuse, boasting Eastern champs Kenny Hunte and Pascal Perri, will have the edge over the Diplomats since two of F & M's top wrestlers will have to sit out the battle because of academic ineligibility.

In Defense

Answering the constant cries that the Army football team plays dirty football, Tim Cohan champions the Cadets in the recent issue of "Look" magazine. He defends the team's blocking after the play with the statement that, "Top teams... keyed emotionally and physically to victory, will break a split second before the ball, block and tackle after the whistle, which they may or may not hear."

This excuse may look good on the pages of a magazine, but it's not much of a consolation for the Lion football players who were knocked down time and again after the whistle blow.

Matmen Host Virginia In Schedule Opener

By ED WATSON

Coach Charlie Speidel's Nittany Lion matmen open the curtain on the 1950 season tomorrow night when they match holds with Virginia's Cavaliers, an untested quantity. The meet, the initial part of a wrestling-basketball doubleheader in Rec Hall, will get underway at 7 p.m.

Last year, the Nittanians plowed through a rough schedule and ended the season with a 5-and-2 mark.

High spot on the 1949 campaign was the upset 20-10 triumph over Navy. The Middies thus suffered their first defeat since 1942, and their first in 53 straight dual meets.

REESE UNBEATEN

Johnny Reese has earned the nod at 121-pounds for tomorrow night. Reese was unbeaten until an injury in the Syracuse meet ended his season.

Veteran Jack Dreibelbis will open at 128-pounds for the Nittanians. The State College product went undefeated through the last half of the 1949 season before bowing in the quarter-finals of the EIWA tourney.

Sophomore Don Maurey, younger brother of the team leader, edged out letterman Don Arbuckle for the 136-pound post. At 145 pounds, Captain Jim Maurey has shaken off his leg injury and is prepared for a top season. Maurey had won three straight bouts by falls before being injured in practice prior to the Syracuse meet last season.

SILVERMAN AT 155

Mickey Silverman, Jayvee grappler in 1949, will represent the Lions at 155 pounds. Silverman slipped past Larry Shallcross, Maurey's replacement last year, to garner the position.

At 165 pounds, Bill "Rusty" Santel, who joined the team in last season's trials at mid-semester, will wear the Blue and White. Mike Rubino, intramural 175-pound king last year, is the top man at that weight for the Speidemen.

Dependable Homer Barr returns to his heavyweight slot for the Nittanymen. Barr, EIWA titlist and 4th place winner in the NCAA meet, beat out Lynn Illingworth, 1948 PIAA 185-pound champion.

Wrestling Coach



Charlie Speidel

Two rule changes have been made in collegiate wrestling this year. A fall at any time automatically ends the bout, and the referee is now equipped with a whistle. The latter rule, in the experimental stages, was made to benefit both the timekeeper and the combatants.

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Skiing Cancelled

The skiing meet scheduled for Saturday at Syracuse has been canceled because of the unseasonable warm weather.

Gehrdes Third In Bowl Race

Track Captain Jim Gehrdes opened his high-hurdle winter campaign by placing third in the Sugar Bowl Tourney in New Orleans Sunday.

Running behind Bill Fleming of Notre Dame and Craig Dixon, Southern California, Gehrdes was unable to match the 0:13.9 winning time. This time was four-tenths of a second better than the old Sugar Bowl record set by Fred Wolcott, Rice, in 1939.

IM Basketball

Play in the fraternity half of the intramural basketball tournament will resume tonight with nine games on tap. The independents returned to the courts last night. Tonight's schedule:

- 8:45 Theta Chi vs Alpha Gamma Rho
- Pi Kappa Phi vs Alpha Chi Rho
- Sigma Nu vs Sigma Phi Epsilon
- 9:25 Delta Sigma Phi vs Alpha Sigma Phi
- Sigma Alpha Mu vs Delta Upsilon
- Pi Kappa Alpha vs Phi Kappa Tau
- 10:45 Alpha Phi Delta vs Delta Theta Sigma
- Alpha Tau Omgea vs. Phi Kappa Sigma
- Kappa Delta Rho vs Chi Phi



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