

Mittmer Polish Attack For Invading Gophers

Coach Sulkowski Still Undecided About Lineup for Opening Meer

With the Lions' boxing inaugural but three days hence, Coach Sulkowski is putting the finishing touches on his current mitt edition.

Minnesota steams into Rec Hall on Saturday with its per-usual top-flight team. The boxing match between the Lions and the Badgers is scheduled immediately after the wrestling meet against Cornell.

After more than two-months of conditioning, the Staters seem to be strong in the ring, but compared to past squads they field but a mediocre combination.

Although quite strong in the upper weights—five lettermen returnees are battling for the upper four weight divisions—the Blue and White have nary a monogram winner in the lower weight classes.

SULKOWSKI PUZZLED

As yet Sulkowski, who is filling in for the ailing Coach Leo Houck, is undecided about his starting team for Saturday.

"It's hard to pick the right boys," says the stocky ex-scrapper. Most likely I'll have to do a lot of shuffling before Saturday."

But right now it seems that Joe Reynolds, a sophomore, seems to be holding the upper hand for a starting berth at 125-pounds while John Hanby, an intramural finalist in the 128 division, will don gloves in the 130 pound class.

At 135 pounds the competition is a little more keen with John Albarino, Harry Papacharalambous and Gillian Handle battling for recognition.

Albarino appears to be the hardest punching and most ring-wise of the three. Papacharalambous looked impressive in the recent IM boxing show, while Handle copped the independent 135 crown.

FRATERNITY CHAMP

Fighting for a starting place at 145-pounds is last year's 155-pound fraternity champion, Bill Curtin and Frank Gross. Although Gross seems to be holding the higher hand at the moment Coach Sulkowski is as yet undecided on his representative.

Bob Keller, regular 165-pounder two years ago, is still trying to make 155 pounds, this year and should he lose necessary poundage he'll be a top contender along with Pat Heims and Lou Koscarek. The latter two have been impressive in recent workouts.

Although the remaining weight classes—165-175 and unlimited—are pretty well taken care of by Paul Smith, Jack Bolger and Captain Chuck Drzenovich, Light-heavy Charlie Wilson and Heavyweights Norm Restaine and Charlie Godlaski have been offering stern competition.

Nittanies Foresee Busy Sports Slate

Nittanies over this coming weekend will represent the Blue and White of Penn State in athletic contests.

Coach Bill Gutteron's swimmers unveil their season with meets against Cornell and Colgate. The basketball five will try to hit winning ways again playing Carnegie Tech and Washington and Jefferson, Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Saturday night, Leo Houck Night, at Rec Hall, the wrestlers from Cornell and the boxers from Minnesota oppose State teams.

The ski team will participate in Paul Smiths Winter Carnival in New York state. The fencers open their season against Lehigh at Bethlehem while the jayvee wrestlers engage Cornell at Rec Hall on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Inbeaten Teams Dwindle In IM Court Battles

BY ERNIE MOORE

With the intramural basketball season about one fourth by the boards, a quick look at the leading contenders for both the fraternity and independent crowns is in order.

Of the 49 fraternities represented in the league, the number of undefeated teams has dwindled to a mere 13. In the independent half, 25 out of the 8 teams entered still have a clean slate.

First, a look at the fraternity teams. Only one quintet, Sigma Pi of League A, has three victories to its credit and it stands as one of the teams to be reckoned with in the fight for the fraternity crown.

SIGMA PI

The Sigma Pi cagers have shown themselves to be a strong defensive club in capturing their three victories. Their victims, Tri-anglè, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Kappa Sigma, together, have been able to score only 17 points against them.

Other fraternities which bear close watching throughout the remainder of the season include: Sigma-Chi, 2-0; Delta Tau Delta, 2-0; and Alpha Phi Alpha, 2-0. The dark horse of the league could very likely be Delta Chi who, with a 2-0 record, has been consistently pressing Sigma Pi for the League A leadership.

Last year's champion, Pi Kappa Alpha, has dropped two of its three starts this season and it appears that a new fraternity champion will be crowned this year.

INDEPENDENTS

In the independent half of the tournament, last year's champion, Section 10 of League I, is very much in the running to annex this year's laurels. The defending champs have won two games while dropping none and have so declared themselves the team to beat.

But Section 10 can expect plenty of strong competition in its drive to retain the title. Altoona, a strong contender, is playing in the same league and is at the moment tied with the defending champs for the leadership.

Another contender, and probably the one with the best chance to wrest the crown from Section 10, is the Royals of League J. This Royal squad has shown tremendous scoring power by racking up 80 points in two contests.

HIGH SCORING

In one of these games, against the Barons, it put a two year high scoring mark into the record book by marking up 54 points—an amazing feat when you realize that the intramural game is only 20 minutes long as compared to the 40 minute varsity game. But even more amazing is the fact that the Royals used only four players in turning the trick. Any team with that kind of scoring power has got to be taken seriously.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow . . .



—Photo by Gearhart

—NOWED—Three of Coach Sherm Fogg's Penn State skiers, (l to r) Chuck Suitch, Gordie Drane and Ed Lavino, are sending questioning looks towards the sky. It seems that snowflakes have been avoiding the Nittany Valley. Lack of snow has caused the cancellation of the Lions first ski meet.

Lack of Snow Handicaps Team, May Cancel Second Skiing Meet

Probably the persons with the biggest gripe coming about the "winter" weather are Coach Sherman Fogg and his 24-man squad of skiers. Already one meet has been cancelled and the prospect for snow at Paul Smith's Carnival in New York state Saturday is none too good.

Only three lettermen have returned from last year to form the nucleus of the squad, but a large crop of sophomores gives hope for the future success of Penn State skiing. Lack of snow has not prevented the skiers from practicing however. Conditioning exercises and running are prescribed to get muscles into shape.

RETUNING LETTERMEN

The returning lettermen are Gordie Drane, a senior, who participates in downhill slalom; Bud Bankert and Jim Raymond, ace jumpers and cross country skiers. Bill Graf, who was to captain the team, has transferred to the University of Pennsylvania.

Two other men likely to cinch berths on the team are Otto Pfefferkorn, a cross country hold-over, and John Kurtz, a sophomore aspirant in cross country. Coach Fogg is too unfamiliar with the rest of the team to measure its capabilities yet.

This is the "hardest working squad" he has ever had according to Fogg. He also lauded Penn State athletes in general for their courage and competitive spirit.

LAST SEASON

Last year Penn State finished fourth in the International Skiing Union meet, but some key men are missing from that team including Ham Brosious, Cliff Carts, Herb Wahl, and Graf.

The meet Saturday at Paul Smith's, New York, includes about a dozen teams. Manager of this year's team is Jerry Eberhardt.

POPULAR SPORT

Although not much of a spectator sport here at the College, skiing is one of the most popular forms of athletic recreation in the United States and also in Europe. Four types of competitive skiing, jumping, downhill, slalom and cross country, are used in collegiate ski meets.

Slalom and cross-country skiing are the two types found around State College since they are best suited to the spur of the weather hereabouts. No future

Tankmen Open With Colgate, Cornell Meets

Lions Rated Underdogs In Both Swim Meets

Coach Bill Gutteron's Nittany swimming squad leaves town tomorrow morning bound for New York state and two of its toughest meets of the current season. The natators from Colgate and Cornell intend to make the Lion's opening weekend a rough one if pre-meet ratings are correct.

The Lions have not met Colgate in the past few seasons, but the Hamilton, N. Y. tankmen usually rank high up in the list of top-flight collegiate swimming teams in the East. Cornell won last year's opener from the Lions, 53-22, and are out to repeat the verdict with a veteran packed squad.

21 MAKE TRIP

Coach Gutteron will take 19 swimmers and 2 managers on this first road trip. The final result of week-long time trials, which ended last night will determine who is to represent the squad.

The team will arrive in Hamilton about 6 p.m. Thursday and hold a light workout in the Red Raider's pool. The meet is scheduled for 4 p.m. the next day. The Cornell meet is slated for 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Big Red's pool.

Although Cornell outclassed the Lions in a majority of the nine events in last year's meet, Captain Bill Schildmacher and diver Cal Folmsbee took first place in the 100 yd. freestyle and the fancy diving events respectively.

SET RECORD

Schildmacher posted a time of 55.8 in the event, a new record for the pool. He later bettered this mark in Glensland Pool, swimming his specialty in 55.5 only to be beaten by his teammate Cas Borowy in 55.3.

The Cornell team set a new mark for the pool in the 400 yd. relay, doing it in 3:43.2. Folmsbee scored a total of 95.05 points in the fancy diving. His highest total scored in one meet is 103.6.

The Lions plan to start the return trip as soon as possible after the Cornell meet. They will bring home some vital experience, whether they return with top laurels or not.

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