

Between



The Lions

With Elliot Krane
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LOST!—One Penn State table tennis team. Somewhere between intercollegiate matches in Philadelphia and State College. Finder please return to Sports Desk, The Daily Collegian.

That's right. Penn State was represented at the national intercollegiate table tennis tournament in Philadelphia last Friday and Saturday, but the team has disappeared.

We read the results of the opening round and thinking to embellish the scores with a few names, picked up the phone to get the team captain's name from the Athletic Office.

"Table tennis team?" was the surprised answer. "No, we don't know anything about it. you might try the Student Union Desk."

"Captain of the table tennis team? No, we don't have any listing of such a team, but you might try the TUB."

"Never heard of a Penn State table tennis team," was the answer from the ping-pong capital on Ag Hill.

Where To Turn

Rec Hall was the next point of attack, but a definite "There is no table tennis team at Penn State" stopped us cold there. With the phone starting to glow from the flurry of calls, we tried the last slim hope, the PUB.

"No" was the answer to our inquiry. "Not to my knowledge, but you might ask Jim Simpson, he runs the tournaments in the PUB."

Is This It?

"Hello, Jim," we said, "who was on the Penn State table tennis team that played in Philly Saturday?"

"Table tennis team? I never heard of it," was his startled reply. "It must have been some men playing independently!"

We mumbled a disappointed thank you and hung up still in quest of the missing team. A short talk with Ray Conger, director of recreational activities, shed no light on the matter except the fact that the game should never be called ping pong, but always table tennis.

"We had a team a few years ago," said Conger, "but we couldn't practice in Rec Hall and had to work out in the Armory. The facilities there didn't prove to be satisfactory and the team was disbanded. But if there is a Penn State table tennis team this year, I don't know anything about it."

Perhaps a Plot

By the way, the team that isn't lost to Temole 3-0. Then the missing paddle-pusher's topped Newark-B, 3-1, but lost to Syracuse-B, 3-0. The only explanation offered from this quarter is the premise that the Philadelphia newspapers felt that Penn State had been winning too many contests lately and this is their method of equalization.

Do Tell

A poster in Rec Hall brought many raised eyebrows yesterday. It was a notice stating that the Centre County Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation would hear Bob Higgins speak about the trials and tribulations of a coach last night. This appeared innocent enough, but the short biographical section stated, "Born December 24, 1893. Bob Higgins was the youngest of a large family of girls."

Which Makes Us

Here's one for the comparative score boys. In the Dixie tourney, Penn State lost to North Carolina State, 50-40, but defeated Duke in the quarter-finals, 53-49. The past weekend undefeated N.C. State lost, that's right, to Duke, by a 58-55 count.

Keep the Leg Back and Out . . .



PENN STATE GYM COACH Gene Wettstone irons the wrinkles out of one of Mike Kurowski's side-horse routines, while the Lions' star tumbler, Rudy Valentino, looks on. Kurowski is also Wettstone's main hope on the parallel bars.

Gymnasts' Inexperience Shows In Mock Meet With Lock Haven

Gymnastic coach Gene Wettstone took a first look at his 1950 squad in competition Saturday and he still saw a picture of inexperience.

The Lion gymnasts labored through a practice meet with Lock Haven at Recreation Hall. No scores were recorded, Wettstone and Lock Haven coach, L. P. Zimmerman, merely comparing notes and criticising performances.

Zimmerman brought 11 men to compete against the Nittanies. Several of his stars are expected to bolster the Penn State squad next year and the meet therefore served another purpose in affording Wettstone opportunity to look over future material.

His present talent is nothing for Penn State fans to be too optimistic about. The Lions have a good man in almost every event — Dave Benner operated smoothly on the sidehorse, Mike Kurowski performed capably on horizontal bar, sidehorse, and parallel bars, Rudy Valentino rubber-ball tumbled in his old manner, Dick Spiese showed form on the parallels, and Lee

Perna improved his form in the rope-climb.

Section 10 Tops JV, 28-10

Section 10 of League I, last year's independent basketball champion, showed signs of repeating this season as it won its second consecutive contest Monday night, defeating the Jayvees, 28-10. The win moves it into a tie with Altoona for the league leadership.

CHOPPERS FALL

Beaver House, also of League I, knocked the Choppers from the unbeaten list to the tune of, 34-10, while Harm House downed the Brickettes, 20-12.

League K moved into a three way tie for first place between Mary's Muggs, the Timberwolves and the Portage Terrors. The Timberwolves knocked off the previously unbeaten Terrors, 22-15, while Mary's Muggs grabbed off its second win at the expense of Penn Haven, 21-11. The other League K game saw the Penn State Club edge the Reds, 19-16.

In League A, Dorm 3 nipped Dorm 41, 21-18, forcing a four-way tie for the top spot. Dorm 28 moved into the crowded first rung by "squeezing" by Dorm 22, 26-25. Dorm 24 grabbed its first win of the season as it sunk Dorm 13, 21-11.

High scorer for the evening was Dick Strand of Section 10 who sparked his team to victory with 16 big points.

Syracuse defeated Franklin and Marshall 19-9 Saturday in a closely pitched wrestling match. The Orange is the defending team in the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship "race." The Lions meet Syracuse Feb. 11 in Rec Hall.

Short Course In Wrestling Explains Collegiate Scoring

By ED WATSON

Wrestling scoring for individual bouts, as well as team tabulation, is a dusky mystery to many fans who will be witnessing the Cornell wrestling match Saturday night in Rec. Hall.

A better understanding of the point system used in deciding the winners will afford the spectators a much better enjoyment of collegiate grappling.

A collegiate mat bout is nine minutes in length, equally divided into three periods. A fall, which ends the bout immediately, takes place when a wrestler holds his opponent's shoulders to the mat for two seconds. A fall adds five points onto the team total of the grappler who catches his foe into such a position.

WINNER DECLARED

But if a fall has not been scored at the end of nine minutes, the decision winner is determined by the number of points he has tallied for certain maneuvers.

A decision win means three points toward the team total, but two points are awarded each team if the grapplers finish with the same number of points.

A takedown, gaining a position of advantage or control from a neutral or free position, is good for two points in the individual bout. If the grappler on the bottom—the man on the defensive—moves to a point of control, he is awarded two points for what is known as a reverse.

ESCAPE

An escape, which counts one

point, occurs when a wrestler breaks away from his opponent's advantage, and, unable to get control himself, gains a neutral position. Two points is also awarded the wrestler who flips his foe into a near fall by holding his opponent's shoulders to the mat for less than two seconds, or near the mat for two seconds.

If a fall has not resulted after three periods are wrestled, time advantage is taken into consideration in picking the individual winner. Time advantage is the difference between the total time each contestant has held the advantage on his foe. If one to two minutes time advantage is earned, one point is awarded. If more than two minutes of control-time is procured, two points is given that wrestler. Only one of the two combatants can receive any time advantage.

The fall is considered the ultimate victory in the sport, so all wrestlers strive for such a win.

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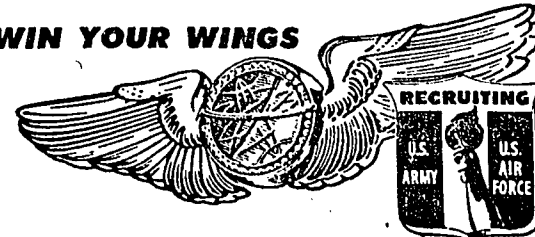
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