

The Lion's Lair

By ERNIE MOORE
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The two rulings on out-of-season practices by the NCAA, it seems, will have little effect on Penn State.

Although Penn State strongly advocated the abolition of spring football practice at both the NCAA and ECAC meetings, the Lions will probably go along with the new NCAA ruling limiting spring practice to 20 sessions in 30 days. That is, unless the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, of which State is a member, bans spring practice at its next meeting.

At the last meeting of the ECAC in December, the resolution to abolish spring practice in the conference was shoved into committee for further study. Now that the NCAA has defeated the "no spring practice" resolution and passed a limited plan, we doubt very much if the ECAA will pass a ban.

As the NCAA ruling stands now on spring football, it will have little effect on the Nittany Lions. Last season, the Lions had 23 days of spring training. The new ruling will cut them only three days.

Coach Rip Engle said he was "pleased" with the NCAA's action.

"The NCAA has taken moderate action in limiting practice and I believe that moderation is the answer to this whole thing," he said.

The new ruling on out-of-season basketball practice which limits practice to 20 days out of a 24 day period apparently will have no effect on Nittany Lion basketball teams.

"The NCAA ruling on basketball doesn't mean one iota to us," comments Elmer Gross, Lion cage mentor. "We had only two weeks practice last spring."

"We'll do the NCAA one better. We'll abolish spring practice. Last year we had the freshmen out for two weeks. It was strictly on a volunteer basis—they didn't have to come out if they didn't want to. When the season came around not one of them made the varsity," he continued. "Yes, we'll do the NCAA one better, we'll abolish spring basketball practice. But I would like to have those 20 days added to the days we're allowed before the season begins in the fall."

Five Veterans

Carnegie Tech coach, Mel Kratsley, has five lettermen returning for this winter's cage action, including three seniors, a junior, and a sophomore. The soph, Bill Farbacker (6-4), is a forward from Pittsburgh.

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Lion Boxers Drill for Debut; Meet Postponed Until Feb. 5

By BOB VOSBURG

While most of the campus will be taking a well-earned rest following final exams, Coach Eddie Sulkowski's Penn State boxing team will be hard at work preparing for its opening match at Catholic University Feb. 5.

The Catholic U. meet was originally scheduled for Feb. 2, but was postponed to the later date because it conflicted with registration.

The Lion boxers will operate this season under several weight changes, as will the other colleges affiliated with the National Intercollegiate Boxing Association.

The 125 pound class remains intact. The 130 pound class will be moved up to 132 pounds. The 135 pound class will move up to 139 pounds, the 145 pound class up to 147, and the 155 pound class up to 156 pounds. The 165 class will remain the same, but the 175 pounders will move up to 178.

Three lettermen, including two Eastern Intercollegiate champions, will form the nucleus of this year's team.

A veteran at 125 pounds, Sam Marino will lead off again this year for the Lions. A junior, Sammy last year hung up a record of three wins, three losses and a tie.

At 132, three newcomers are battling it out for a starting assignment. Joe Richezza, a sophomore, Sam Butler, another sophomore, and Joe Reynolds, a junior, are the top contenders. Reynolds fought two matches as a Lion regular two years ago, winning one and losing the other.

The 139 pound berth seems to have been clinched by Anthony Flores, a sophomore and a newcomer to the Lion team.

Lion hopes in the 147 pound class will rest on the able hands of Captain Johnny Albarano. Albarano, Eastern Intercollegiate champion at 145 pounds, had a dual-meet record of 5-2 last season.

The 156 pound position is another one which is still in doubt with three boys, Gerry Spotts and Jimmy Barr, a pair of juniors.



Eddie Sulkowski

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