

Between the Lions

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An important factor in State's fine court showing has been the outstanding play of the Lions' top reserves—Ed Haag, co-captain Jay McMahan, and Jack Sherry. Utility strength was one of Coach Elmer Gross' chief worries at the beginning of the cage season, but he now has eight or nine dependable performers.

Haag, a six-three sophomore, caught the attention of local fans with his scrappiness and versatility in the Colgate game when he scored 12 points against the Red Raiders.

McMahan, although overshadowed by freshman Jesse Arnelle, had proved his mettle many times. Perhaps his top achievement of the season was his ten point second-half outburst against Pitt in the second Panther game. The Panthers scored nine straight points to take a 42-41 lead with three minutes remaining, but Tiny quickly scored three field goals to keep State's winning streak intact.

His teammates mobbed their big skipper in the dressing room after the contest. McMahan also hit for 14 tallies against American University, and did some beautiful shooting in the Bucknell contest.

Sherry has seen only limited action but has tabulated 83 points to rank sixth in team scoring. He paced the scoring in the Bucknell encounter with 13, and against American U. with 15. The Philadelphia frosh also made two important field goals in the closing moments of the Pitt and West Virginia thrillers.

Carl Hughes, Pittsburgh Press basketball writer, mentioned Nittany coach Gross in his column for coach-of-the-year nomination.

Freshman Jesse Arnelle has advanced to fourth place in the district scoring sweepstakes. West Virginia's all-American nominee, Mark Workman, leads with 396 points. Pitt's forward Mickey Zernich is second with a 17 point average. Arnelle is averaging 16.2 points a game and has 227 for the season. He needs only 93 tallies in the remaining ten games to crack Lou Lamie's one year scoring record of 319.

After West Virginia played Pitt in Pittsburgh, some of the city newspapers compared WVU's 6-9 center Workman with undefeated Duquesne's 6-7 sophomore, Jim Tucker. Workman was given unfavorable publicity for his 17 point showing, and rated below Tucker. As long as they are making comparisons, why not include State's Arnelle, who has a better scoring average than Tucker and is terrific on rebounds.

The night before State upset West Virginia, Workman scored 24 points in the final quarter and a total of 46 tallies to rally his team to a 91-66 victory over Virginia Military Institute in a Southern Conference game. He scored only 13 against the Lions.

Sport Flashbacks

FEBRUARY 1947 . . . The Nittany Lions had little trouble conquering the Carnegie Tech basketball team in Rec Hall, 52-32, as Jack Biery led the way for the victors by scoring eight from the floor and five from the foul line for 21 tallies.

An underdog State wrestling team upset Army in a hotly-contested meet in Rec Hall, 15-13. The match's outcome was not decided until the heavy-weight event when "Red" Moore decisioned Cadet McDaniels.

Penn State's basketball team scored its second major upset as the Blue and White completely

overshadowed Muhlenberg to win 48-36 at Rec Hall before a capacity crowd of more than 5000. Seeming to thrive in their role of underdogs, the Lawthermen built up an 18-3 lead midway through the first period and maintained the advantage to the end.

PiKA Cagers Trip Phi Tau For 4th Win

Pi Kappa Alpha moved into undisputed possession of first place in League F Monday night by bumping previously unbeaten Phi Kappa Tau, 18-10, in one of nine fraternity IM cage games.

The victory was the fourth for Pi Kappa Alpha against no set-backs. Chi Phi, led by Harold Prosser's 12 points, notched its first triumph by defeating Acacia, 25-18. Alpha Zeta scored its second consecutive victory after an early season loss by edging Zeta Beta Tau by a 23-21 score. James Grove led the winners with 18 markers.

Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Sigma Phi tangled in a League A battle of unbeaten, but the Phi Deltas ended all hopes for Alpha Sigma Phi's fifth win by scoring an impressive 43-20 victory. The winners were led by Ronald Miller and Joseph Garrity who scored 18 and 12 points, respectively. The triumph sets Phi Delta Theta's season record at 5-0.

Alpha Tau Omega moved into a second place tie with Alpha Sigma Phi in League A by squeezing past Alpha Gamma Rho, 26-25. John McCall led the winners to their fourth victory in five starts by tallying 14 points. Phi Gamma Delta won a forfeit victory over Phi Kappa Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha forfeited to Sigma Pi.

Don Greenberct led Phi Sigma Delta to its fifth consecutive triumph in League B by scoring 10 points in a 47-9 rout of Sigma Phi Alpha. Kappa Sigma racked up its third win against two losses by edging Phi Kappa Psi, 25-24.

State Nine Cards 19 Game Schedule

Penn State's baseball team will play a 19 game schedule this season, opening at American University April 11.

The schedule, announced by Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, books double-headers with Georgetown and West Virginia.

The schedule:
April 11, at American University; 12, at Georgetown (2); 16, Western Maryland; 19, Gettysburg; 22, Bucknell; 26, Lafayette.

May 2, Rutgers; 3, West Virginia (2); 5, at Villanova; 6, at Navy; 9 and 10, at Pittsburgh; 16, at Dickinson; 17, at Pennsylvania; 21, Temple; 24, Colgate; 27, at Bucknell.

Cricket Anyone?

Cricket, to Britishers what baseball is to Americans, may get at a start on Penn State's campus if enough persons are interested in forming a Cricket Club Dr. Deneys Schreiner said.

Wettstone Names Gym Lineup Changes

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

Coach Gene Wettstone, in an effort to get his Lion gymnastics squad to its top strength for the Army dual meet Saturday, plans to make numerous changes in his starting lineup.

A recent addition to the gymn team, Karl Schwenzfeier, will made his debut as a Nittany gymnast on the flying rings. There is also a possibility that the newcomer will replace Tony Procopio as third man on the high bar. Jean Cronstedt and Mario Todaro will remain in the first and second spots on the h-bar.

Close Meet

In the rope climbing event Wettstone plans to replace Bob Boudreau, who ranks third, with Norman Yu. The Lion gym mentor says that the meet with the Cadets may be determined by the outcome in this event.

Since the Lions have an edge over the Cadets in the h-bar and the sidehorse and Army is favored to take the tumbling and rope climb events, the meet is likely to be close to this point. Thus, it might well be that the rings event will provide the margin of victory.

Sidehorse Combo

The parallel bars event will also be an even affair between the Cadets and Lions. Coach Wettstone is set on Cronstedt and Al Wick as his top two entries, but will have some difficulty choosing a third man from Procopio, Bill Sabo, and Dave Douglass.

The one-two-three combination on the sidehorse will stay the same with Bobby Lawrence, Frank Wick, and Dick Shaffer showing their wares.

One other change was announced by Wettstone yesterday when he replaced Howdy Mason with Owen Wilkinson in the third position in tumbling. Bob Kenyon and Bob Kriedler will perform in the first and second places on the mats.

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State Blocks Heavyweight Return Match

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5—(AP)

—The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, in a brief statement full of loopholes and contradictions, said today it would not recognize a contract in which heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott guaranteed a return bout with Ezzard Charles.

The reason? "It (the contract) has never been filed officially with the commission" nor with the National Boxing Association.

But the three athletic commissioners, after two hours of wrangling, tacked this to the bottom of their statement:

"We do not deny that there is a moral obligation on the part of all."

What does that mean in simple English?

Commissioner John (Ox) Dagrosa, in 10 minutes of explanation, summed it up that Walcott morally should fulfill his half of the written bargain but noted that the commission would put no pressure to make him do it.

Navy Track Assistant

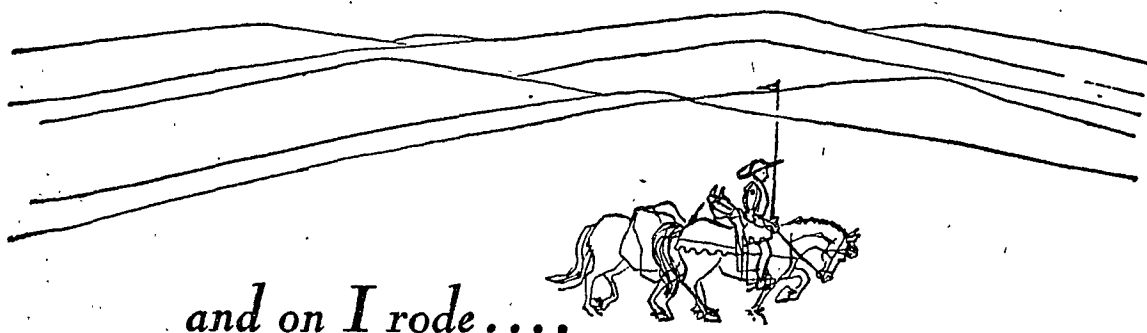
Jim Gehrdes, of Altoona, former Penn State hurdler, is assisting the head man in track at the United States Naval Academy. This is his first year.

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