

Lion Thinclads to Meet Strong Jaspers Saturday

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Penn State's thinclads will draw their toughest assignment of the season this Saturday when they venture to Van Cortlandt Stadium, N.Y., to test a "loaded" Manhattan team.

Captained by veteran miler Pat Duffy, the Jaspers took up where they left off in their banner indoor season and have been rolling along in high gear ever since the Penn Relays last month.

To date, Coach Ben Eastman's trackmen have participated in three relay meets (Seton Hall, Penn Relays and Los Angeles Coliseum relays) and one dual, Army, contest.

Favorites for IC4A Title

In each outing, the Jaspers seemed to match or better their previous showings, and have entrenched themselves as the ones to beat for the IC4A title, May 30-31.

Their glittering performances in the Quaker City relays saw the indoor IC4A champs successfully carry their role of defending titlist and favorite to a thrilling victory in the 440 relay, finishing in 42 seconds flat—terrific time under the weather circumstances.

The foursome of Bob Carty, Joe Schatzle, Lindy Remigino, and Jack O'Connell wrapped up its second title in its second defense when it outran Morgan State's entries by an even bigger margin in the 880 than in the 440.

Takes Army, 77-63

Manhattan also took over the outstanding baton passing team in the Carnival when it won the mile relay title in 3:23.3.

Against Army two weeks ago, the Manhattanites overpowered a strong Black Knight team, 77-63. The next weekend the West Pointers took it out on State to the tune of 115½-24½.

Last Saturday afternoon the Jaspers did themselves proud by repeating their 440 and 880-yard relay victories in 40.7 and 1:24.4, which were a mere fifth and two-fifth respectively, off the world records.

Engle Advocates Quarterback Club For Television

Charles (Rip) Engle, Penn State football coach, believes a television "quarterback club" might be one answer to the manifold problems created by the advent of video.

Under Engle's plan, TV would choose key games each week, film the play-by-play, and project them early the following week with the two opposing coaches, or the winning coach alone, doing the commentary.

"Quarterback clubs," says the Penn State coach, "are popular all over the nation. These groups meet with their coaches each Monday or Tuesday, study the films, and hear the coach explain key plays, outstanding performances, and other inside information."

It's Engle's contention, for example, that Pitt games could be projected on this basis in the Pittsburgh area, Penn games in the Philadelphia area, and other games in their own home territory.

"The interest would be there, certainly," Engle explains, "and fans would feel happy and satisfied if they had the opportunity to view the game again and have the highlights dramatized for them by coaches."

Sports Briefs

Whiff King to Be Feted

BRISTOL, Tenn., Va., May 20 (AP) — It will be "Ron Necciai night" tomorrow night as Bristol baseball fans honor the 19-year-old righthander who is re-writing strikeout records.

Necciai, who whiffed 27 batters last week in hurling Bristol to a no-hit, no-run 7-0 win over Welch, W. Va., will be presented gifts in appreciation of the national publicity he has brought this city on the Tennessee-Virginia border.

Hairston Rated Favorite

DETROIT, May 20 (AP)—Eugene Silent Hairston, an on-the-upgrade 22-year-old, ranks a slight betting favorite to whip Jake La Motta, aging Bronx bull, in their 10-round middleweight fight at Olympia Stadium on Wednesday night.

The deaf mute Negro was given a 6-5 edge by the betting fraternity, although he was held to a draw here March 5 by the 30-year-old La Motta, once the middleweight champ.

Babe 'Not Too Chipper'

BEAUMONT, Tex., May 20 (AP) Mrs. Mildred Babe Didrickson Zaharias, 37, voted the Associated Press' "Woman Athlete of the Half Century," said today she wasn't "feeling too chipper" after an operation.

The hospital said she was resting well, and Babe managed a smile.

She said she had been found to be "a little bit anemic—of all things." She has been given sedatives since the operation yesterday for removal of a hernia.

Matthews to Fight Rocky

SEATTLE, May 20 (AP)—Harry "Kid" Matthews' manager said today "I expect to sign Matthews for a Rocky Marciano bout within five days."

Manager Jack Hurley made the comment after Matthews' decisive 10-round victory last night over Rex Layne, Utah heavyweight, at Portland.

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
Collegian Sports Editor



Age can and has withered Joe Bedenk—slightly—since his All-American guard days in 1923 for Nittany gridders, but custom cannot stale the infinite variety of winning Penn State baseball teams Bedenk has turned out since only the record book knows when.

The fact that the Old Professor of Nittany baseball has had only one losing season in all his years—the record book says 22—as State's head coach, will probably be overlooked this afternoon in the pre-game warmup ceremonies preceding the Penn State-Temple diamond tussle.

After all, the bronze plaque Bedenk will receive from the American Association of College Baseball is for 25 years of service to collegiate baseball. The citation isn't likely to say anything about won-lost records. So just for the record, it might be mentioned that en route to having only one losing season, Bedenk's ballclubs have hit the win column 237 times and wound up on the wrong side of the ledger only 103 times.

(In order to make the Silver Anniversary Club of diamond coaches, Bedenk gained five years prior to coming to State. This early coaching was picked up at Rice Institute, Tex., and at the U. of Florida.)

One of the major causes Bedenk has been so "very, very fortunate" in staying out of the red is the spirited hustle and drive displayed by an always abundance of talent which reports every year. Even more remarkable about the winning-ways of Nittany baseball is the Northerly clime the team must drill in during the early months—under the stands in cold, cold February.

Despite the honors Bedenk has gathered in bushelfuls, one has eluded him constantly in recent years—the NCAA playoff berth. In 1948 his club got by Seton Hall and Rutgers in District 2 play but fell before St. Johns 7-5 in the final.

This year it appeared as if Bedenk might make it. But after winning 10 straight, NCAA talk sent the pressure mounting and the Nittany nine spiraling downward—fast. Although not mathematically eliminated from NCAA contention, the noose is just about drawn tight. By winning all three remaining games, luckily two are on invincible-to-date Beaver Field, State can end up with a 15-4 record—the same record Princeton owned when chosen to play in Omaha last year.

The Lions lost only three last year to the opposition but the Rain swept eight others and gave the Lions a 10-3 mark and the Tigers a playoff spot. This year the rain has been extra kind, but the opposition has been most unkind of late.

It is approaching two outs in the ninth—never too late—for Bedenk to have one of his regrets wiped out this year. But Pop Time is likely to wipe out another of the Professor's regrets; namely, that he "doesn't have 25 more years to give to college baseball."

Rain Reigns Over Lacrossmen

By TOM SAYLOR

Rain reigns, or if you prefer, rains reign, over the Penn State lacrosse team.

After three unsuccessful attempts to play a home match without the elements "pouring forth," Coach Nick Thiel's charges will have to wait until next year if they have any such hopes.

Jupiter Pluvius reigned on Penn State in its home opener against Washington and Lee. Even so, State walked off with a 7-6 decision.

The rain, however, was no indication of what was to come as State dropped the second and third contests—the first to Rutgers and the second to Cornell.

In defense of Ol' Jupe, however, it must be said that the rain let up in the last two games, although State probably wished that it would have rained harder—and maybe have gotten colder as it was against Washington and Lee.

Psychologically speaking, State will act as "escapists" when it tries to avoid both rain and defeat Saturday at Hobart. Last year at Hobart, the Nittany Lions upset Coach Francis (Babe) Krouse's men, 17-10.

It was only the second loss inflicted on the New Yorkers. RPI handed Hobart its other defeat,

13-10, but at that the Engineers had to rally. As matter of curiosity, Hobart defeated Syracuse, 15-7, which in turn, upended State here 13-10.

In addition to closing Penn State's season, the game will also bring down the curtain on Hobart's season. It will be the eighth game for State and the tenth game for Hobart, which has ten lettermen returning from last year, including seven from the first team.

Missing from Hobart's lineup will be third-team All-American attackman Bob Demuth. Demuth also participated in the North-South All-Star game last year and scored two goals.

Spearheading Hobart offensive will be a pair of high scoring

attackmen, sophomore Hoover (Scoop) Sutton and John Snape, a sophomore from Swarthmore, Pa.

Sutton won honorable mention All-American last year as did Captain Hank Rosenberg, senior goalie from Maryland.

Walcott-Charles on TV?

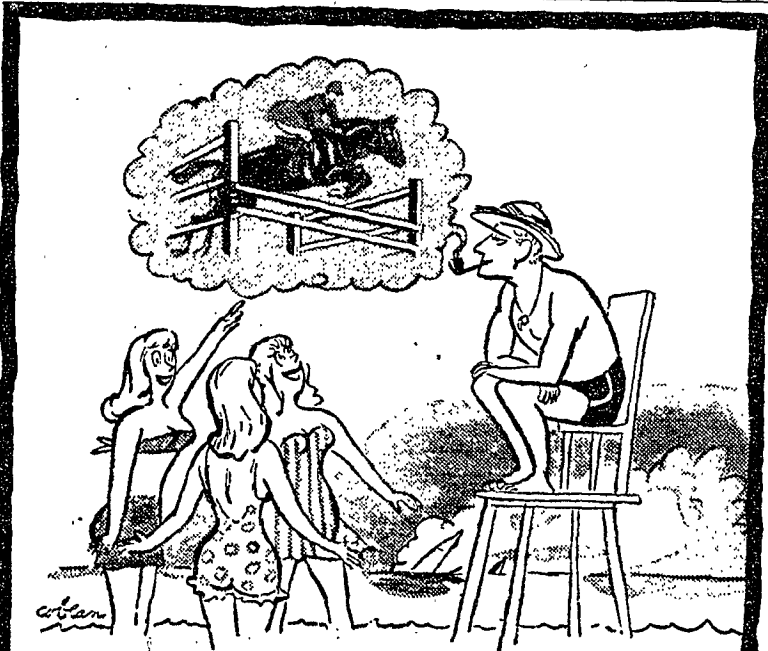
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., May 20 (AP)—Heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott and his manager, Felix Bocchicchio, conferred today with promoter Herman Taylor and James Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, on prospects of televising and broadcasting Walcott's title bout with dethroned champ Ezzard Charles in Philadelphia June 5.

Long Gains Tennis Finals

Dez Long, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, became the first man to reach the finals of the IM fraternity tennis singles tournament by decisioning Bill Wallis, Sigma Pi, in their semi-final round match.

Long won easily in straight sets over Wallis, 6-3, 6-1. The varsity sophomore performer will now meet the winner of the Bill Ray, Phi Kappa Sigma-Bruze Ray, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, semi-final match for the 1951 singles crown.

Both Rays and Long while members of the varsity tennis team are eligible for this season's IM tennis competition because the tourney got under way in the fall before the varsity tennis season started.



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