

12 Varsity Sports Set For '53-'54

Twelve varsity sports will be offered by the College during the coming school year. Freshmen, however, will be unable to compete in varsity competition because of the NCAA ruling put into the books last year. One consolation for freshman athletes is many of the sports will field frosh squads.

First to get into action this season will be football. Following in close order will be cross-country and soccer. Basketball, wrestling, boxing, and gymnastics will provide thrills for the indoor season.

Baseball, track, lacrosse, golf, and tennis will take the limelight when warm weather moves in.

Due to economical reasons, four sports had to be dropped from the College's schedule last year. They are fencing, skiing, swimming, and rifle. Golf had also been included in this list, but was reinstated in time for the start of the campaign.

Captains and co-captains for varsity sports are as follows:

Football, Don Malinak and Tony Rados; soccer, Hap Irvin; cross-country, Red Hollen; basketball, Jack Sherry; wrestling, Jerry Maurey and Dick Lemyre.

Gymnastics, Albert and Frank Wick; baseball, Keith Vesling; lacrosse, Dave Arnold; golf, Rod Eaken; and track, Dan Lorch.

Backfield--

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These losses have cut a scar deep enough to hurt anyone. Still, the Nittany Lions will do as well as their backs do.

High Jump Champ

Jim Herb, of Easton, capped his college career by winning his first outdoor IC4A high jump title. The Penn State jumper had previously won two IC4A indoor titles.

Band Day Planned

Thousands of high school bandmen will visit Penn State Nov. 7 for the College's third annual Band Day. Fordham will be the football attraction.

"Is it is or is it ain't"

Sam's Song

By SAM PROCOPIO
Collegian Sports Editor



If there were in existence a National Collegiate All-Sports title, Penn State would have been a strong contender last year. The Nittany Lions not only posted a .658 winning percentage (79-41-3), but established unbeaten records in wrestling, gymnastics, and golf and eastern and national titles in the former two sports.

Not since the war years when mighty Navy went unbeaten match after match has any team predominated wrestling as Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen did last year. Going through 29 consecutive matches without a loss, winning the Eastern Intercollegiate and the highly regarded National Collegiate titles, the Nittany Lion matmen claim the year of 1953 as the "Year of Penn State".

The greatest victory of all was the Nationals. This triumph was the first ever posted by an eastern squad. In fact, out of the 23 national championships, Oklahoma A & M and Oklahoma have shared the crown 19 times—the Aggies winning 16 of them.

Hud Samson, who provided the winning punch in State's 9-0 log, was NCAA 191-pound titleholder. Speidel's chances for continued success are better than good.

Coach Gene Weistone's gymnasts climaxed their 6-0 season by sweeping team honors in Eastern and National Collegiate competitions—the first since 1948. Jean Cronstedt added to the two titles when he gracefully took the National All-Around individual honors. He will be a junior this year.

Penn State's golfers copped second place honors in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association tourney—only two strokes behind the 599 scored by Yale's championship team. Since Coach Bob Rutherford will have every regular back except for Captain Hud Samson, he will have little rebuilding to do to repeat his 9-0 performance.

Recently appointed soccer coach, Ken Hosterman, will have a 7-1-1 record to match or better. Under Bill Jeffrey the Lions have had a better than 70.0 winning percentage. The booters almost succeeded in being named National champs; instead, Franklin & Marshall won the title.

Cross-country and football have turned in creditable records and should be as good this year. The harriers won four out of five. Coach Rip Engle had his best winning season since he came to State in 1950. The Nittany eleven were included in the Orange Bowl talks last year (7-2-1 log) until Syracuse was nominated.

Joe Bedenk's diamondmen, runner-up in the NCAA District Two play-offs, carried a fine record of 14-5-1. State's bid to the NCAA play-offs was the third time in five years.

Elmer Gross has guided his basketball quintet through its fourth straight winning season, 15-9. Included were three team and one individual records: a new team total in scoring with 1613 points in 24 games; a new high in a single game with 105 tallies against Ithaca; a string of 25 straight victories on home territory; and Jesse Arnel's two-year scoring total of 900 points which broke Lou Lamie's three-year high of 666 set 1949-50-51.

Of the losing sports Sherm Fogg's tennis squad has had the most respectable—a 5-6 record. Boxing and lacrosse didn't touch the win column until their final tilts. Eddie Sulkowski's mittmen defeated Catholic U, while Nick Thiel's lacrosse men upset Loyola of Baltimore.

Penn State's track team will be stronger this fall at almost every position and should improve its 1-4 log. Chick Werner had a record-breaking freshman duo in Charlie Blockson (discus) and Art Pollard (220-yard dash).

The season's record follows:

TEAM	W	L	T	Baseball	14	5	1
*Wrestling	9	0	0	Baseball	14	5	1
Golf	9	0	0	Baseball	15	9	0
*Gymnastics	6	0	0	Tennis	5	6	0
Soccer	7	1	1	Boxing	1	6	0
Football	7	2	1	Lacrosse	1	7	0
X-Country	4	1	0	Track	1	4	0
				Total	79	41	3

*Eastern and National Collegiate Champions.

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Intramural Sports Offered to Students

By DAVE BRONSTEIN

Penn State's intramural (IM) sports program reached new heights during the 1952-53 school year with well over 3000 individuals participating. Unlike varsity sports, where perfection is a prerequisite, the IM department only requires of the competitor raw skill and a knowledge of the game.

Men students are eligible to enter competition in any sport in which they have not previously won a college varsity letter, according to Director Gene Bischoff and Dutch Sykes, assistant director of the IM program.

Touch-football will lead off the 17 IM tourneys for the 1953-54 year. Included in the vast schedule are soccer, basketball, boxing, wrestling, badminton, swimming, track, volleyball, tennis singles and doubles, handball singles and doubles, golf medal and team play, and horseshoe singles and doubles.

To make competition close, all intramural sports are divided into fraternity and independent divisions. Each division will have its own champion. In some incidents, arrangements can be provided for the two champs to meet to decide the "campus champion." The latter provision is not a seasonal "habit" because IM officials are confronted with a scheduling problem. Some sports overlap.

Many notables of Penn State fame have at one time or another participated in the program.

Larry Joe, of football fame, the Ashenfelters of track history, and more recently Jack Sherry, this year's basketball captain, were participants in the program. Intramural competition has provided good hunting grounds for varsity coaches.

What makes so many students take time out from studies to play in intramural sports? It's not only just good, clean, honest competition, but it gives those students—unable for some reason or another to participate in the varsity sports—an opportunity to play their favorite sports.

Frosh, Sophs Must Take Phys Ed

Indicative of the importance of health, the College requires freshman and sophomore men to take physical education regardless of curriculum.

Freshmen are required to take four semesters while sophomore transfers from Penn State centers must take phys ed whether or not they have had it before.

An adaptive course, Phys Ed 10, is available to students who are physically unable to take the regular course.

Students participating in an intercollegiate sport will be excused from their phys ed classes only when that sport is in season. Any student planning to go out for a varsity sport this fall must report to his first phys ed class scheduled.

New students will take swimming classification tests this week. Non-swimmers and beginners will be scheduled for swimming this semester.

Students scheduled for phys ed or swimming must obtain a towel ticket from the Bursar's office in Willard Hall. The ticket will entitle the student to towel service in Rec Hall. A \$2 deposit, which will be refunded at the end of the year, is required.

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