

Scanning SPORTS

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GRIDDERS FACE ROUGHEST SCHEDULE!

If past performances are indicative of the future then Charles "Rip" Engle, Lion football coach, will need a few extra towels to cry on before the 1956 season ends. Rip, known for his perennial pessimistic mood, is embarking on what will probably be the roughest schedule of his Penn State career.

The Lions' schedule last year wasn't the easiest in the East by any means, but this year tops them all. Of the nine opponents the Lions will play five have been picked in the top twenty in pre-season polls and three of these are listed in the top ten, which can only spell trouble, trouble and more trouble. The five listed in the nation's "murder row" are Ohio State (5), Army (7), Pittsburgh (10), Syracuse (14), and West Virginia (20).

The Lions face Ohio State, West Virginia, and Syracuse on successive weekends which makes things tougher for the simple reason that it is difficult for a team "to be up" for three straight weeks against football teams of this caliber.

The remaining four teams—Penn, Holy Cross, Boston U., and North Carolina State—are all dangerous with the exception of Boston U.

Many writers and students consider Penn a sure win, but one thing has to be remembered—Penn has lost 18 in a row, a streak it wishes to break shortly. Penn State is the opening game of the season which, by winning, would give them added morale for the remaining games, and last year's Quakers, under the tutelage of Steve Sabo, have been rebuilding for two years, resulting in an experienced team. All these factors will spell out trouble for Penn State.

Army, the second game of the year, displayed an awesome running attack in most of its games last year and an overpowering line. Three men have since been lost to the backfield, but Coach Earl Blaik has lost only one man from his line. If Blaik can find a capable quarterback his team might even higher than the anticipated seventh place it is predicted for.

In its first home game Penn State faces a team whose potential is riding on a knee—Bill Smithers knee to be exact. If this knee is strong then Holy Cross can expect to zip through the season with an overall strong eleven. Smithers is potentially the best ball carrier among quarterbacks in the East and he is particularly effective running the multiple-T.

The powerful Buckeyes from Ohio State host the Lions in the season's fourth game. This Big Ten school is out to win its third straight Big Ten crown, a feat never accomplished before. Although Coach Woody Hayes lost Howard Cassady, everyone's All-American, he still has an outstanding backfield spearheaded by Frank Ellwood, quarterback, and Jim Roseboro, halfback. Jim Parker, 6-3, 248 pounds, is back and is the mainstay of the line. He has been pre-season picked to be "line man of the year."

West Virginia comes to the Nittany Valley for the fifth game of the year and second home contest. Coach Pappy Lewis will have to get along without Bruce Wesley and Sam Huff on the line and Freddie Wyant in the backfield but otherwise his team is well-fortified with depth, speed, and beef. Only one team in the nation probably boasts bigger men than what Lewis digs up—Minnesota. The Mounties have beaten the Lions two years in a row and a third time would tickle their fancy.

Syracuse writes finis to that terrible month when it seeks to revenge last year's one-point defeat on its home grounds. The Orange have one of the best teams in the East and one of the best halfbacks in the nation in Jimmy Brown. The only thing that can possibly keep Syracuse from an all-winning year is its schedule, which is one of the toughest in the East.

Boston U. can be regarded as the only "breather" in the schedule. Coach Buff Donelli has a crop of newcomers out but the veteran coach feels his team is one year away. He can field a veteran team, but he lacks depth. This game will be played on Beaver Field.

A newcomer to the Lion schedule—North Carolina State—has one of its best teams in recent years. It features the halfback combination of two of the best runners in its history—Dick Christy and Dick Hunter. Christy was the team's top ground gainer last year with a per-average carry of 7.1. Coach Earle Edwards, former Penn State assistant coach, is in need of a quarterback although two players are improving here.

And on Nov. 24 is what every Penn State fan waits for—the Pitt game. The Lions seemed to make it a habit of upsetting the Panthers, but this year an upset is almost nil. One chance the Lions may have of beating their arch-rivals stems from the Pitt schedule, which should make any coach's hair stand on end.

Pitt begins with Syracuse, then proceeds to play California, Duke, Oregon, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Army, Penn State, and Miami (Fla.) Somebody in the Pitt administration must be angry with the team or with the coach to arrange that schedule. Playing teams of this caliber week after week could possibly hurt Pitt to a degree where a Penn State upset is more than feasible.

That's the Lion's complete schedule with the added notation: Now you see why Engle uses the crying towels and why he will use them more than ever this year.

Barbell Club IM Program Rates Open to Freshmen With Nation's Best

By EARL KOHNFELDER

The Penn State Barbell Club, one of the most rapid growing recreational organizations at the University, is one of many such groups open to ambitious freshman for extra-curricular activity during the school year.

The Barbell Club was established in 1948 to promote weight lifting—popular in Western schools, but lacking support in the East.

Penn State weightlifters are attempting to put the sport on the same intercollegiate competitive level as football, baseball, or wrestling by active club membership. A member need not spend any time working with the equipment in Recreation Hall—all the club wishes is that each member attend the meetings and take an interest in the team.

After joining the club (\$1 initiation fee), each member can obtain expert instruction from any member of the club.

Penn State's "barbellers" own the distinction of competing in the first inter-collegiate match in Pennsylvania when they met West Chester State Teachers College on February 18, 1955.

In 1955 the club also met Shippensburg Legion in a non-collegiate match. They lost both first-year meets.

During the past year, the little-experienced muscle-men lost to Shippensburg, 14-9; dropped the first match to West Chester, 12-9; whipped them in the return meet, 15-6; and finished second to Shippensburg in a triangular meet.

The team has scheduled six matches for this year with Cornell another possibility.

Intercollegiate competition consists of three Olympic events—military press, snatch, and the clean and jerk—in eight weight classes starting at 128 pounds.

The press is simply lifting the weight to the chest, pausing, and then pushing the bar overhead using only the arms.

The clean and jerk consists of the lift, but the weightman may use his body to push the bar up. This event usually uses the most weight.

The snatch consists of cleanly jerking the bar off the floor and over the head while doing a leg split, all in one smooth operation.

Late in the school year, the club holds an annual improvement contest and this year will also choose a Mr Penn State—the best proportioned male student on campus.

The winner of the improvement contest is the contestant who shows the most improvement in body measurements and presses at the end of the competition compared to his beginning measurements and lifts.

Mullen Receives Memorial Award

Dean Mullen, Weissport, Pa., was named winner of last year's Paul Smith Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to the outstanding senior in the College of Physical Education and Athletics at the University.

The trophy, established ten years ago in memory of the former Lion boxing captain, was awarded to Mullen in recognition of his scholarship, character, and extra-curricular activities. Mullen, veteran tennis player, was president of the newly-organized Varsity 'S' Club.

Penn State's first baseball win of 1957 will bring Coach Joe Bendick's victory total to an even 300. His 26-year chart shows 299 wins, 129 defeats, 3 ties.

Due to a unique, but highly-practical "one-office" system of administration, Penn State boasts one of the most efficient intramural programs in the country.

Combined with the almost incredible enthusiasm exhibited by intramural director Gene Bischoff and his assistant, Dutch Sykes, this system has provided Penn State students with a smooth-operating program that includes seventeen sports, ranging from basketball to wrestling to horseshoes.

Often in other universities administration for each intramural sport is entrusted to a student whose other activities necessitate a slow and arduous method of management. When a snap-judgment is needed concerning a forfeit replay, for example, the student leader is generally indisposed or hard to locate.

But in 202 Recreation Hall (just to the left of the main entrance) where Bischoff and Sykes hold sway, the phones are jangling continually as both make certain that Bill Jones can make it to his badminton playoff or that the Comets have paid their small entrance fee for the basketball tournament.

The seventeen sports are divided into Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons. Included in the Fall season are touch football, tennis-singles, swimming, bowling, and golf-medal.

Basketball, boxing, wrestling, hand-ball singles, hand-ball doubles, badminton, and volleyball comprise the Winter season. In the Spring, students may compete in horseshoes, tennis-doubles, golf-team, soccer, and track.

At least one week before a season is to begin, an announcement will appear on this page concerning entrance fees and entry deadlines. All entry-fee money is used to purchase awards!

Separate tournaments are conducted in all the sports mentioned for both independent and fraternity groups and individuals.

All regularly enrolled undergraduate male students are eligible to compete in intramurals in accordance with certain rules. No member of a varsity or freshman squad may compete in that same IM sport. Any man who has earned a varsity letter in any sport or has been declared a professional in any sport shall be ineligible in that IM sport.

The intramural department supplies all necessary equipment for games. Even those interested in the officiating side of a sport should contact the intramural office and make it known.

Any questions not answered here will be answered to your fullest satisfaction in the intramural office. Dutch Sykes and Gene Bischoff like nothing better than to bend the ear of an inquiring freshman and point out to him all that the intramural program has to offer in making for a better Penn State.

For the first time since 1950, and for only the second time in ten years, Penn State football will be led by a single player in 1956. Chosen captain of the team is Sam Valentine, of DuBois, a guard who excels on defense in the backer-up position. Owen Dougherty, of Dunmore, captained the 1950 eleven.

Penn State's Rip Engle again will be a member of the coaching staff for the East-West Shrine post-season football game.



Gene Bischoff IM Director



Dutch Sykes IM Assistant

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Navy on Nov. 16, Catholic University on Nov. 17, and Temple for an Nov. 20 engagement. They close the season with Pitt on Nov. 24.

Last year marked the second consecutive season that the Nittany soccermen came in for national honors—in 1954 they were declared National Champions while last year they shared the national title with Brockport State Teachers College. It was the second time in Hosterman's three years at the helm that his squad gained national recognition.

A hometown boy, Joe Eberly, has been named captain of the 1957 Penn State tennis team, succeeding Charles (Chuck) Christiansen, of Washington, D.C. Eberly is an outstanding student in the difficult physics curriculum.

Earle Edwards, erstwhile Penn State football player and coach, will direct North Carolina State against his alma mater in 1956.

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