

Boyle Named Golf Coach

35-year Era Ends For Rutherfords

For the first time in 35 years a Rutherford will not be at the coaching helm of a Nittany Lion golf team. Joe Boyle, a former Lion star, was named head coach of the sport yesterday, succeeding Bob Rutherford, Jr.

Rutherford gave up the coaching post to devote full time to his duties as superintendent of the golf course and ice rink.

Took Over in '49

He took over the head coaching position when his father, Bob, Sr., retired in 1949. The senior Rutherford had coached since 1922, the first year golf was launched at the University.

In his 27 years as coach, 'Pop' Rutherford produced some of the finest golf teams in the nation. His son continued that tradition in his tenure as coach and a look at the all-time golf record, under the two Rutherfords, shows 153 wins, 57 defeats, and six ties.

Bob, Sr., who designed the course upon which the Nittany Lions first played, still resides in State College.

The new coach, a native of Aliquippa and a Navy veteran, played under the senior Rutherford on the Nittany Lions' crack post-war teams, including the all-winning Eastern championship team of 1943. He joined the University staff upon his graduation in 1950 and has been an assistant in golf ever since.

Played the Finest

That 1948 team won the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association championship in competition with some of the finest teams in the country. The Lions were runners-up in 1942, 1953, and again in 1956.

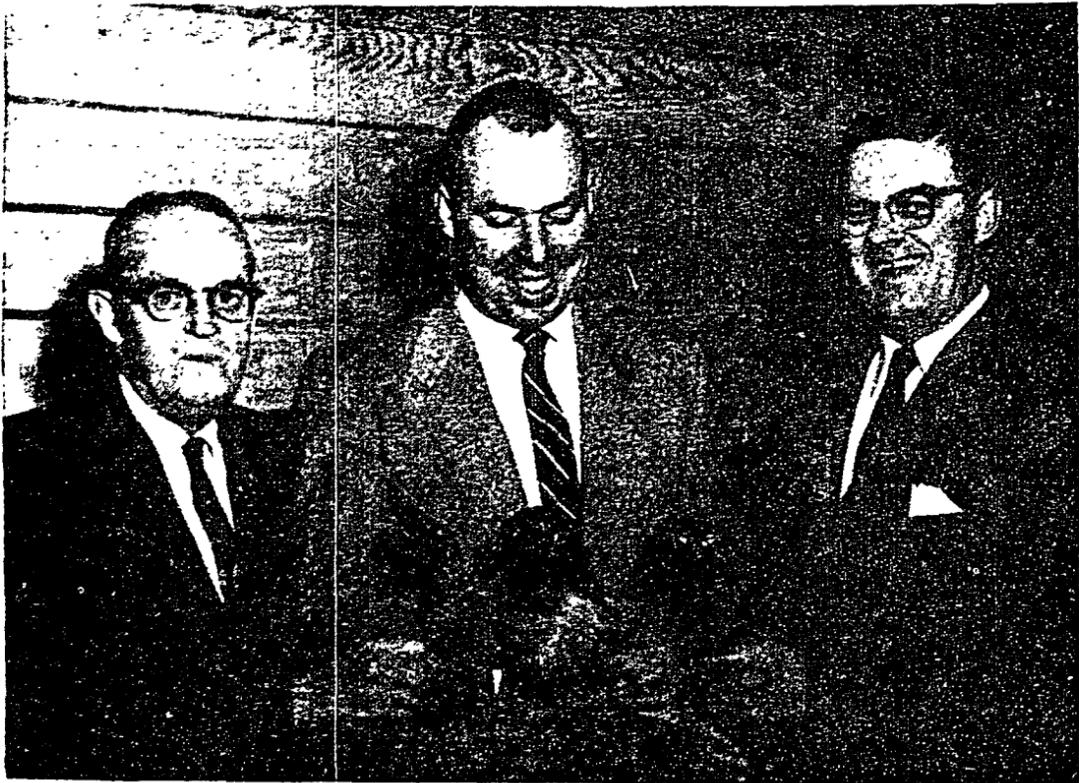
In the last four years the Nittany golfers have won 32 of 34 dual meets and have a winning streak going of not having dropped a home encounter in the last three years.

Of those 153 wins recorded in the past 35 years, Bob, Jr., has won 49 and dropped 11. His teams have finished, in the Medal play tournament, seventh in 1951, tenth in 1952, second in 1953, tenth in 1954, fourth in 1955, and second in 1956.

Only Had 7 Losing Years

The Lion golfers have never suffered a losing season under the junior Rutherford and have only lost more than they won seven times in 35 years.

Rutherford said that he was still going to get out on the golf course during the coming season. "I'm going to miss being coach," he said, "but I know that Joe (Boyle) will do a terrific job with the boys and will undoubtedly have a great season."



AN ERA ENDS! Joe Boyle (center) of Aliquippa and a former Lion star assumes command of the Nittany Golf team, which was never without a Rutherford at the helm. Bob Rutherford, Sr. (left) now lives in retirement. His son, Bob, Jr., takes over new responsibilities at the University.

Lion Matmen Elated Over Pitt Win

By LOU PRATO

"You didn't come here to lost," Lion wrestling coach Charley Speidel jokingly exclaimed to his matmen amidst the cheers in the dressing room at the Pitt Field House Saturday night, minutes after the Nittanians had stopped Pittsburgh's three-year winning streak at 26.

This statement by the unpredictable Lion mentor is actually a well used phrase of a Speidel coaching counterpart in the Lion athletic department but it reflects the atmosphere that prevailed Saturday night.

For mighty Pittsburgh—touted to be the best wrestling team in the East this year, if not in the nation—had fallen to its ancient arch rival from Mount Nittany.

Les Walters provided the clincher to the fiasco when he decisioned Bob Richardson, 4-1, in the 177-pound match but the issue was decided a couple of matches earlier when Speidel outfoxed Pitt coach Rex Peery by inserting Earl Poust in against undefeated Ted Bienkowski at 147 and moving co-captain Dave Adams up a weight to meet Bob Bubb, whom he had beaten twice before.

The move which caught almost everyone at the Field House off-balance including Peery, proved successful when Poust drew with Bienkowski, 1-1, and Adams topped Bubb, 7-5.

To the 2500 fans who witnessed the skirmish, it was a stroke of brilliant strategy on the part of Speidel. But to Speidel it was just a matter of luck.



Charley Speidel "You didn't come to lost"

"There is no strategy to this game, it's all guess," the wiry little coach said. "You can either be a champ or a bum."

"This is a good thing" (the vic-

tory), Speidel went on, "because too many other teams have been dropping Pitt (from their schedule) because they are too tough. Nobody wants to go up against a killer."

Adams and John Pepe were among the first Lion wrestlers to know about Speidel's strategic maneuver. Adams said in the dressing room that Speidel had decided on the move in the afternoon, "and you can see the results." Maybe we should have done it before."

Co-captain Sid Nodland, who finished his dual meet career undefeated by beating his arch-rival Bill Hullings, said, "our win sure makes up for a few defeats." Nodland jokingly said he really had the incentive to win after a long-distance call from State College late Saturday afternoon told him that his pet bulldog had been found. He had been worrying about the missing dog all week.

Johnny Johnston was real pleased with the team victory but was disappointed about his personal loss to Pitt's undefeated National champion Ed Peery.

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Vega Picked East's Best By Coaches

Armando Vega, Gene Wettstone's Olympic star has been rated the top gymnast in the East, if not the nation.

A mid-season poll of Eastern coaches overwhelmingly chose the 21-year old Californian to repeat in the parallel bars and all-round event in the upcoming Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League Championships at Syracuse.

The versatile Vega also figures to be a first-line threat to take the all-round title in the National Collegiate championships at the U.S. Naval Academy, March 22-23.

Last year Vega dominated the Easterns and went on to capture the parallel bars crown at the Nationals.

The Eastern coaches chose Army's Willis Thompson, 1956 horizontal bar champion, to repeat in his specialty. The Nittanians' Gil Leu, star of the blue chips win over Army last week in Rec Hall, is expected to give Thompson his toughest competition.

A wealth of talent in the tumbling event led to a toss-up between the highly-regarded Dave First of Pitt and the Syracuse ace, Lowell Meier. The coaches were in the same quandary when it came to a choice between Army's Paul Dean and Phil Mullen of the Lions.

Last year, Mullen, as a sophomore, gained both Eastern and National honors. However, this season he was beaten by Dean who had a time of 3.4 seconds, best in the current Eastern campaign. Mullen's best time for the year was a 3.5, although he set the Penn State record last year with a 3.4.

Gar O'Quinn is favored to take the side horse while Pitt's Tom Darling is the choice in the flying rings. Vega and Army's William Clark will provide a strong challenge in the latter event.

IM Entries Due

Entries for the 1957 intramural volleyball and wrestling tournaments are due at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in the IM office in Recreation Hall.

Organizations may enter the volleyball tournament as one team in leagues made up of six or seven teams.



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