

# 'VARSITY MATMEN READY FOR INTERCOLLEGIATES

## Six Teams To Contest In Annual Championship Meet of Intercollegiate Wrestling Association

## LEHIGH OR PENN STATE WILL PROBABLY WIN

Final arrangements have been completed and everything is in readiness for the intercollegiate wrestling championships, which will be held on the Armory mats on Friday and Saturday of this week. Six of the strongest wrestling teams in the collegiate world will compete, namely, Columbia, Cornell, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Penn State, and one of these teams will emerge the victor on Saturday afternoon. This team will then be intercollegiate champion for the coming year until it is called upon to defend its title in 1920 on some floor to be selected from among the teams mentioned above. There will be a great many visitors here for the intercollegiate meet and not a few of these will be Penn State alumni, who are coming back to see whether Penn State can duplicate the feat she performed last year at Brooklyn.

The preliminaries and semi-finals of the first intercollegiate wrestling meet ever held at Penn State will take place on Friday

### BASEBALL SQUAD MAKING PROGRESS

#### Candidates for Season's Nine Showing Up Well—Bezdek Completes Year's Work at State

The fine weather of the past week has given the baseball squad a good chance for continued outdoor practice for the first time this spring. The men are working hard, but of course, the weather has not warmed enough as yet to show them in their real form. The squad has been cut considerably and now consists of about thirty men, most of whom will probably remain with it for the rest of the season.

In the pitching squad, the following men look good: (1) W. Elchelberger '20, Gil '20, E. T. Gramley '19, J. R. Hunter '22, A. J. Kross '22, H. R. Michener '22, M. L. Thomas '21, J. R. Tiephoner '22, Wagner '21, and Zoller '21. Gramley, '19 is the only old pitcher back.

As catchers, the following are working out well: W. R. Craig '19, R. B. McDuff '19, Rothenbery '21, and H. G. Rieber '22. Killinger is also being developed for this position.

Among the infielders, D. C. Dunbar '20, G. S. Gress '19, A. L. Kester '22, Knapp '22, N. R. Korb '21, J. F. Shennam '22, G. R. Slattery '22, G. W. Wolfe '20, and O. L. Baublitz '19 are working in good shape. Korb '21 is playing an excellent game, and is practically sure of a position.

The outfielders are W. B. Mullen '20, J. H. Detwiler '20, Friedman '21, Long '21, McMillan '20, H. H. Hille '21, Kain, Haynes, and Yocum. Mullen '20 is the only old man in this list.

The practice so far has consisted mostly in batting and in a little sliding. A short practice game was played last Saturday.

Coach Bezdek left on Thursday, March 20, and will probably not be back for the rest of the season. G. W. Wheeling '15 has entire charge of the coaching and will be head mentor for the remainder of the year.

### FRATERNITIES WILL FORM BASEBALL LEAGUE

At a meeting of representatives of the various fraternities held last Monday evening preliminary plans were made for an inter-fraternity baseball league to be very similar in nature to the basketball league which proved so successful. A committee was appointed to take care of the arranging of schedules, to secure fields for playing and to secure equipment.

All fraternities and boarding and rooming clubs that wish to enter the league should register at Neil Fleming's office before five-thirty tonight. It is essential that all register at once so that the schedule may be finished at the earliest possible date. If the smaller boarding clubs are unable to get up a team, several houses will be allowed to go together and furnish men for a single team.

The teams will be divided into three divisions. It is planned to play three games every evening and the champions of the league will receive a trophy cup. Men playing on the interfraternity baseball teams will be excused from drill when the latter conflicts with the games.

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS HELD BY COLLEGIAN STAFF

With last week's issue, the present year for the COLLEGIAN came to a close, and a new staff was elected last Thursday night to take charge of the publication for the coming year. The members of this staff are as follows:

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night, beginning promptly at seven o'clock. There will be two mats and one bout will be run off after another as quickly as possible. On this evening, there will be approximately twenty-eight bouts, and the winners of these will be eligible for the finals on Saturday afternoon. It is undecided yet as to which teams will wrestle against each other, or against what opponent each man will engage. This matter will probably be decided either tomorrow or Friday by a toss of the coin or some such similar method.

The finals of the meet will be held on Saturday afternoon, beginning at half past two and in these some of the cleverest wrestling ever seen in the Armory should be witnessed. In this match, there will also be about twenty-eight bouts, since it will be necessary to decide first, second and third places on this day.

#### Meet Doubtful at First

When the colleges resumed normal work after the disbanding of the S. A. T. C. about January first, there was very little doubt in the minds of many that it would be possible to hold the championships this year. Several of the members of the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association had not organized teams and did not expect to do so until next year. It was then the plan of the Penn State athletic authorities to hold a meet between those members of the association which had teams, although no championships would have been decided in that case.

However, as time went on, and conditions in the various colleges became more settled, it was learned that the members of the league would all have teams. The attitude of Cornell and Princeton was doubtful, however, but the former decided to enter a team provided the meet was held on March 23rd and 24th, instead of March 21st and 22nd, as originally planned. This was easily arranged, and only a few weeks ago Princeton decided also to enter a team.

#### Many Visitors Coming

Many Penn State alumni and a great number of other visitors are going to be present for the meet. The seating arrangement in the Armory will be very similar to that used in the meet with Penn on Washington's Birthday, and from all indications, one of the largest crowds on record will be at State College the last two days of this week.

Tickets, which have already been placed on sale, will also be sold tonight and tomorrow night at the Co-op from 6:15 to 8:15, and also at the doors of the Armory on Friday and Saturday, just preceding the bouts. The general season ticket of the athletic association will not admit the holder to this wrestling meet, as this is not considered a part of the regular season. Moreover, because of the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association ruling, which prohibits the use of complimentary tickets, the athletic association finds that it will also be unable to extend this privilege for this meet.

#### Lehigh or State Should Win

From present appearances, and from what has been seen of the teams all season, it is almost certain that either Lehigh or Penn State will be the winner of the championship belt. Cornell, however, will also be a strong factor, although the strength of this team is not known. It has not engaged in any intercollegiate meets this year, and it will open and close its season on Friday and Saturday. The big red team was selected over a week ago from a large field of candidates.

The preliminaries, semi-finals, and finals were held in the form of an all-university champion wrestling meet, and it can be gathered from this that only the best men will represent Cornell in the intercollegiates. It is also quite probable that there will be several old men in the Ithacans' line-up, and these will add greatly to the strength of their team. They will be somewhat handicapped, however, in that this is their first meet, for some of their younger grapplers will undoubtedly lack that confidence which comes only after a long period of wrestling. Cornell was the intercollegiate champion until Penn State entered the league last year and took that honor away from her.

The Penn State team, which was selected last Saturday, will be the strongest that has represented the Blue and White in any meet this season. It was found advisable not to depend too much

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on the outcome in the trials, and Coach Yeiger has picked the men for the team who have showed up best in the meets in which they have participated this season.

In the 115-pound class, Garber will wrestle. This little grappler has contested in three meets, and he has been successful in winning his bout twice. Babcock, who wrestled in the 135-pound class all season, has come down to 125 pounds. It is quite probable that he and Bevier, the Lehigh star, will meet, and should such prove to be the case, one of the best bouts of the season will be witnessed, as both men are about evenly matched. Mills, a former varsity wrestler, will compete in the 135-pound class, and he should come through without much difficulty. He has been out of the game all season on account of injuries, but he will undoubtedly be at his best in the coming meet.

Mowrer will wrestle in the 145-pound class. He has been on the team all year and has only lost one bout, which was the one with Swafford, of the Navy. Captain Brown, the 158-pound intercollegiate champion, will again wrestle in this class, and the prospects are that he will repeat his performance of last year. Blick, who has been a heavyweight wrestler, will compete in the 175-pound class, and this will strengthen the team to a great degree. Locke will wrestle in the heavyweight division. The two weaknesses which have been evident on the team all season were the 125 and 175-pound classes, Penn State losing these bouts in virtually every meet. However, now that these two classes are well taken care of, Blue and White supporters are confident of the outcome on Friday and Saturday.

The Lehigh team, which has been going strong all season, also has high hopes of winning. Victories have been registered over the Allentown Y M C A, Pennsylvania, and Penn State, while defeats were suffered at the hands of the latter and at the Navy.

It is quite probable that the Brown and White team will consist of the men who wrestled against Penn State almost two weeks ago. Reynolds, who took second place in the intercollegiate last year, will wrestle in the 115-pound

class, and Captain Bevier, the intercollegiate champion, will compete in the 125-pound class. Bertolett and Looser will wrestle respectively in the 135 and 145-pound classes, while Bergdoll will appear in the 158-pound division. Manley will likely wrestle in the 175-pound class, and Booth will compete in the heavyweight division for Lehigh.

Of the three remaining teams of the league, little can be judged. It is quite probable that Penn will use the same team that represented her here on Washington's Birthday. Should this prove to be the case, the following will be the line-up: 115-pound class, Hovies; 125-pound class, Captain Rhonda; 135-pound class, Fell; 145-pound class, Douty; 158-pound class, Pendleton; and 175-pound class, Kraus. The Penn team was defeated by Lehigh, Navy, Penn State and Princeton, its only victory this season being won from Columbia.

The line-up of the Princeton and Columbia teams, as well as that of Cornell, had not been received at the time of this writing. Princeton, however, won from Penn, but lost to Yale. Little can be judged from this, since the latter has not met any other teams who will participate in the intercollegiate. Columbia is probably the weakest member of the league, since it lost to Penn, and little need be feared from that team.

Apparently, the Navy has not been successful in securing admittance to the league this year. Had it accomplished its object, there is little doubt but that it would have easily won the championship, since it triumphed by overwhelming scores over Penn, Lehigh, and Penn State.

## BAND TO RENDER LAST OF SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

The last of the series of Sunday afternoon concerts will be given at 3:30 next Sunday in the Auditorium when the military band, under the direction of Bandmaster W. O. Thompson, will present a varied and entertaining program.

The Sunday concerts started on January 12th and one has been given each week since then. Including that of next Sunday, there has been a total of twelve, of which number nine were given by the band and orchestra, two were organ recitals by J. L. Wilsbach '21, and one was given by the college chorus. There were also two community song services, which were accompanied by the band.

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