

Nittany Cagers To Battle Strong Syracuse Five In Rec Hall Tonight

Between The Lions

WITH DICK PETERS

It has now been a little over a week since we first asked for action on the little matter of putting Leon Gajecki's picture up in Rec Hall, as Penn State's sixth All-American. . . . Why the delay is just another one of those things. . . . But in case the job needs just a little more push, hear what one College administrator has to say in a letter to this desk:

To: The Sports Editor, The Daily Collegian
Dear Dick:
The controversy over whether Leon Gajecki should rate his picture on the walls of Recreation Hall is interesting, to say the least.

Although I have seen no printed opposition to this from Penn State officialdom, the few random arguments voiced by some appear to be narrow, if not downright silly.

What possible objection could anyone have to this method of honoring a player called by Coach Higgins "the greatest player in the country." Certainly adding one All-American in 16 years to the present group of five is not carrying things too far. Certainly nobody is worrying that the addition of Gajecki to the honored five is belittling to the heroes of the past.

We say, the more the merrier. Naturally this does not mean that every Tom, Dick, and Harry should take his place in the Hall of Fame. But it seems to us that when a football player in these days of hundreds of teams, wins a place on two recognized All-American teams, he is definitely an All-American. Possibly more so, than those gridders in the old days of a more restricted

Ace Orangeman



This highly-regarded Syracuse sophomore, Danny Di Pace, was the leading scorer on the Orange frosh team last year and has won a berth on the varsity first-string despite veteran opposition.

In the final analysis, what does make an All-American? In the hearts and minds of thousands of Penn State students Leon Gajecki will always be an All-American. We believe that Captain-elect Krouse summed up this attitude at the football banquet when he said: "In the future when I look back on my football playing days, Gates will always be my captain."

I do not think it should be necessary to place this question before the student body, but should it be put to a vote we would predict a landslide in favor of placing Gajecki's picture with the other worthy sons of old Penn State. And who owns this Recreation Hall, anyway? Get going, All-College Cabinet."

Interested Administrator
Sport Editor's Note: This just about expresses everything in our minds, and the writer of the above letter can be assured that if the matter is not gone to work on immediately, this corner will go to bat with the All-College Cabinet personally on the subject.

Orangemen Have Lost Only To NYU Violets

A badly battered band of Nittany courtmen return to their home hardwood in Rec Hall at 8 o'clock tonight to meet another topflight opponent in the form of a Syracuse University five which has lost only one encounter this season — and that to familiar NYU.

The Orangemen, who trimmed the Lions twice last year, have one of the biggest teams in the East and Coach Lew Andreas who has five men hitting the six-foot, three mark may use three of them on his starting team.

Biggest scoring threat in the visitor's lineup will be Captain Paul Kartluke, a senior guard who ran up 259 points in 19 games last year. Like State captain, John Barr, the tall Orangeman plays the pivot position on offense.

Another Syracuse senior who is almost guaranteed to cause Lion Coach John Lawther a lot of worrying is Stan Kruse. He's known best as a "clutch" performer and will start at forward.

Teamed with these two will be Chris Kouray, a guard and a fine set shot; Gene Berger, husky, six-foot, three-inch center; and sophomore Danny DiPace, who led last year's frosh outfit in scoring.

State, still recovering from the effects of the loss to Pitt, may do without the services of Elmer Gross for a good part of the game. The junior guard is still hampered by his injured knee and may be replaced by Bob Ramin in the starting lineup.

Otherwise, the lineup will be the same as usual with Barr and Scotty Moffatt at forwards, Herk Baltimore at center, and Dick Grimes at guard.

As a preliminary to the varsity game the Lion freshmen will stage their third pre-season contest, when they meet the Altoona Undergraduate Center at 6:30. The first regular yearling game is with Bucknell at Lewisburg on February 4.

Lion Stickmen To Play First Home Game Saturday

Playing their first home game of the season, the Lion varsity ice hockey team will meet a favored Temple squad here Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. after playing the same team Friday night at Johnstown.

The stickmen, outweighed by the aggressive Temple team, will depend mainly on speed in their defense against a member of the Intercollegiate Ice Hockey League, which has several games' experience to its credit.

With Johnny Dufford and Pee-wee Gates, both stellar men of the team, playing center and right wing respectively in the starting lineup, the pucksters will be able to give the Temple squad stiff competition, and Johnson, left wing man, Wolbert and DeLong, defense men, and Lightbody, goalie will add to the threat of speed that is due the Owls.

After the game Saturday, skating sessions will be held for spectators and others.

W & J Cancels Meet; Intersquad Tilt Slated

An influenza epidemic at Washington & Jefferson has caused the cancellation of their swimming meet with the Nittany mermen scheduled for Saturday but Coach Bob Galbraith will hold an intersquad meet in place of the tilt with the Presidents.

Varsity swimmer Jack Fruchter has been confined to a Philadelphia hospital with an infected eye and may not be able to rejoin the tankmen for some time.

30 Weightlifters To Vie For Titles

Thirty contestants will vie in the six classes of the weight lifting championships in Rec Hall at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

112-118 pound — Joe Sawicke, Vince Sweigert, Bill Stanley.

118-132 pound — Tom McChesney, Henry Wenger, Clair Hess.

132-148 pound — George Cross, Jim Brewer, Carl Nitsche, Joe Garbacz, Bill Vanderlin, Milt Griffith, Walt Hollabaugh.

148-165 pound — Kim Grimm, John McIntyre, Jim Mollenauer, Jim Ziegler, Milt Kuhn, Larry Tate.

165-181 pound — Larry Curtis, Bert Taylor, Jay Hammond, Linn Adams, Harry Bland, Joe Valla, Jim Bachman.

Heavyweight—Dick Marsh.



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Grapplers To Vie For Syracuse Trip

With their claws sharpened and in the peak of condition, the Nittany Lions will wrestle in elimination bouts today to determine the few doubtful starters for the match in Syracuse on Saturday.

"Although we may hold a slight edge over the Orangemen, there are plenty of weak spots that must be ironed out," Coach Charlie Speidel intimated. "The Maryland scrap was just a tune-up for our suicide squadron against Syracuse, Princeton, Army, Navy, Lehigh, and Michigan."

Claire Hess, aggressive senior 121-pounder, will compete against Sophomore Bill Stanley for the starting spot. Stanley pinned his Maryland opponent in his debut.

Another sophomore, Allan Crabtree, 145-pounder, is in danger of losing his position with John Henry, experienced junior matman, and Mike Lorenzo, sophomore, combating against him.

A tough battle in the 175-pound class will be staged between Joe Valla and Bill Bachman. In the pre-Maryland eliminations, Bachman and Valla were deadlocked in points until the final minute. Valla scored a takedown to win the bout.

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