

Set Shot Stars Spark W&J's Unbeaten Court Team; Funk Still Out With Grippe

Cagers Crush Susquehanna

After dropping their first home basketball game in two and one-half years to Bucknell 29-26 last Saturday, the Nittany Lion cagers snapped back Wednesday evening to swamp Susquehanna 45-25.

The victory marked John Lawther's 100th win as Nittany basketball mentor.

Previous to the tussle with the Bisons, the Blue and White courtmen had been victorious in 25 straight games finishing up last year's home season with a triumph over Georgetown.

West Virginia was the last team before Bucknell to humble Penn State when they prevailed 35-29 back in February 1941.

Offense Clicks—

But against the Susquehanna Crusaders, the offense perked up as Mac McNary showed the way with 14 counters and Monty Moskowitz followed close behind with 13.

Buck Barron showed the way in scoring for the ragged State five as he counted eight points against Bucknell. Hoeveler and Lefkandinos were high for the visitors with 10 points each.

Konyha, Sterling To Fight With Moskowitz For Long-Range Honors As Lions Face Prexies

Gets Lacrosse Post



DEAN CARL P. SCHOTT, head of the Physical Education School, was named vice-president of the U. S. Lacrosse Association at its meeting in New York City Friday and Saturday. At the same time, Nick Thiel was elected president of the Coaches' Association in the lacrosse organization.

Bud McMinn, rugged basketball guard, and captain of the Penn State varsity court team in 1932, died in Montoursville last week of a lymphatic infection. He has been ill for several years, and at the time of his death was on leave of absence from Clearfield High School, where he was an instructor in agriculture.

Out to duplicate last year's win over a W&J team that went on to amaze the basketball world by toppling top-seeded Creighton before losing a last-minute decision to Toledo in the Madison Square Garden Invitation Tourney, Coach Lawther's combine will be on the lookout for two men.

Paul Konyha, senior letterman from last year's thrice defeated President club, is back this year and is teaming up with Ed Sterling, a frosh star from the same hometown of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, to provide the offensive spark for the downstate squad.

In their first game against Juniata, whom the Lions tackle in Rec Hall January 29, Konyha scored 17 points while Sterling notched 14 counters as the Prexies took the contest 70-34. Against Camp Reynolds last week, Sterling hit the cords for 18 points with Konyha not far behind.

Coach Adam Sander's other three starters will probably all be freshmen who played varsity ball for Mount Lebanon High School last year, Bob Dickson, six-foot five-inch center will start at the pivot spot while Joe Patrone will open at forward and Bob Barbrow at the other guard spot.

Both Konyha and Sterling are set shot artists. With Penn State's Moskowitz and Curran throwing them from mid-court, the game should take on a long-range appearance.

The Lion cagers will probably play without the services of forward Walt Funk, who is still recuperating from an attack of the grippe. The starting line-up for the Lawthermen will probably see Mac McNary again at center flanked by Al Richards and Buck Barron at the forward slots and Joe Curran and Monty Moskowitz on the backline.

Grapplers To Meet Colgate In Opener

Cancellation of the opening wrestling match with Michigan slated for January 15 gives Head Coach Paul Campbell an extra week to condition his squad for the 1944 campaign, which will get under way January 22 against Colgate.

Moving back the opener affords the coaching staff, including Campbell and CSps Sherman and Gedeon, precious time in shaping a team from a squad which boasts only a half dozen experienced grapplers. None of the candidates were varsity regulars last season.

The Lions last year lost only to Navy and Lehigh and placed third in the Eastern Intercollegiate. Both Navy and Lehigh are on the State card this year, with Temple, Colgate and Cornell rounding out the opposition.

BUY WAR BONDS

Hershey Chills Nittany Icemen To Freeze Game In Last Period

Coach Art Davis' pucksters sharpened their skates, but didn't have enough time to sharpen their skating, as they dropped the season's opener to the Hershey Junior Bears, 7-4, Wednesday afternoon. During the past month the Lions have been forced to practice indoors due to warm weather conditions.

However, conditioning again proved to be on the Hershey side of the scoreboard, and on two tallies, went ahead 4-3. "Legs of Steel" Crawford then slid the Lions' final score under the net to again even the close battle.

Seventeen-year-old Canadian-born Gene O'Donnell rolled the Nittany icemen into an early lead when he smashed the puck into the net unassisted for the initial tally, and followed with the second score on a pass from Captain Art Gladstone.

From there on, Davis began experimenting with various team combinations to determine the exact weaknesses and strength of the Lions, only to have the alert Junior Bears score three points in a matter of minutes to bottle the game at 7-4.

Aided with over a month's practice on the ice, the Hershey squad fought back into the game with a pair of scores in the second period to deadlock the game at 2-2. Then, on passes from Roger Nelson and Tubby Crawford, Gladstone spun the 'bird goal past the Beafs' goalie to again push Penn State into the lead.

Paul Ameel from Dayton opened the contest for the Lions, and may prove to be the outstanding Nittany goalie in history, according to Davis. Crawford and Nelson opened hostilities on the wing for the unseasoned Staters, while Jack Foley from Carnegie Tech, and O'Donnell filled the gaps at defense. Gladstone started in his old position from last season, at center.



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