

## Between The Lions



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### Topnotch

Most of the current season is still left to play and Colgate's basketball co-captain Ernie Vandeweghe, who'll perform for a bulging Nittany house-full tomorrow night, has already scored 1007 points in three seasons of varsity competition. With freshman no longer eligible for varsity play (as he was three years ago) Vandeweghe's mar will probably stand forever in Colgate's books.

They tell us he's a cinch to pass the 1300 mark during the Raiders' 19-game current schedule.

### From the Morgue

Warren Davis, crack Colgate football center who made the Nittany all-foe team, has been elected captain of next year's Colgate eleven even though he'll be a junior.

This fellow who the Lions called their top opposing center of '48 will be the first non-senior to be elected in Colgate since 1910. So Penn State is not the only school to recognize Davis' ability. . . . Syracuse has released its '49 football slate, which includes Penn State at State College October 29. . . . Lion card is still incomplete.

## Lions Slate 6 Gym Meets

Lion gymnasts will engage in six tilts including the Eastern Intercollegiate at Philadelphia, according to the official schedule released during the Christmas vacation.

Michigan State's Spartans will help Gene Wettstone's charges inaugurate the 1949 gym season at East Lansing, Mich., February 7.

The Lions will not have an opportunity to defend the NAAU title won last year since they have not been scheduled to compete in the meet.

Only two opponents, Army and Temple, will appear in Rec Hall. All other meets are slated for foreign soil.

The complete gym schedule follows:

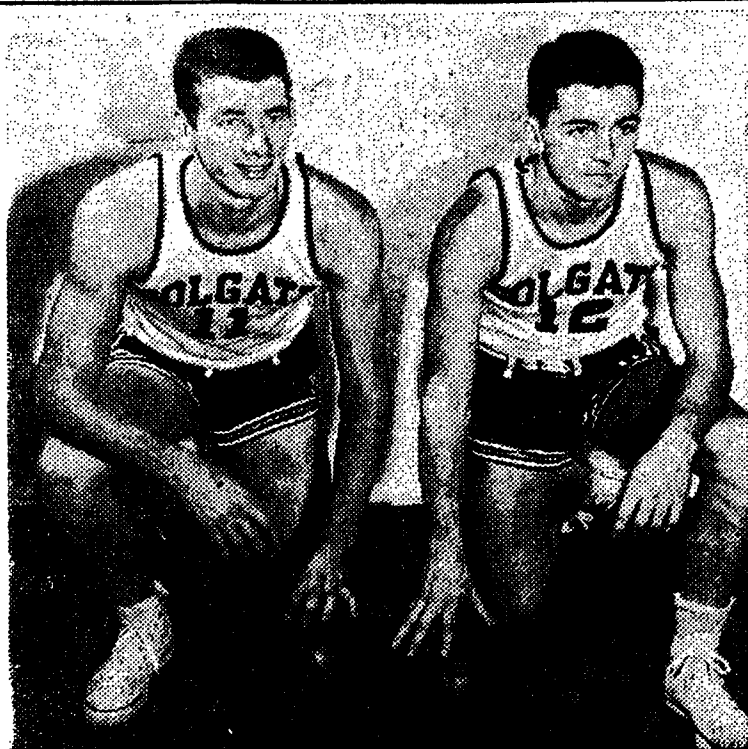
- Feb. 7—Michigan State, E. Lansing, Mich.
- Feb. 12—Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.
- Feb. 19—Army, State College
- Feb. 26—Navy, Annapolis, Md.
- Mar. 5—Temple, State College
- Mar. 12—Intercollegiate, Philadelphia, Pa.

### No Swimming

Recreational swimming today in Glennland pool has been canceled, according to Varsity Swimming Coach Bill Gutteron.

### Best Time

Best two-mile of the 1948 college year was the 9:13.2 posted by Penn State's Horace Ashenfelter.



Colgate Co-captains  
ERNIE VANDEWEGHE and ED BRETT

## Lawther Primes State Cagers To Stop Colgate's Vandeweghe

**STOP VANDEWEGHE!**  
This will be the battle cry of Penn State's collegiate cagers tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Rec Hall as the Nittany Valley hosts don their working clothes in preparation for the invasion of Colgate University and its All-American center, Ernie Vandeweghe.

Coach John Lawther will delegate the unenvied job of holding down the 6-foot 3-inch Canadian-born ace mainly to Marty Costa, who is stationed in the middle of the Lion mentor's zone around which Vandeweghe operates. Flanking Costa, under the Centre Countians' defensive bucket, Lawther will use Terry Ruhlman and Lou Lamie.

The Lion boss-man's biggest headache—and largely responsible for his team's one-and-three record—is still the absence of rebound strength. Unless the much-needed backboard control is found, the chances of the green Lion varsity against the experienced Hamilton, N. Y., outfit are considered doubtful.

In one of last year's frays (which Colgate copped 61-60) the New Yorkers captured 50 per cent of their own offensive rebounds.

Card Nordblom, not expected to scrimmage against the Red Raiders because of a sinus infection earlier this week, has returned to school and will probably be in uniform, but his chances of entering the fray are doubtful. Nordblom was expected to carry a large part of the Valley host's defensive burden.

Lawther will start his two fireball playmakers, Milt Simon and Joe Tocci, at the guard spots. Between the two of them the pint-sized courtsters have tallied 64 points in four games. As usual, 6-foot 6-inch Costa will hold the center slot with Ruhlman and Lamie covering the forward spots.

## Veteran Cornell Tank Crew Engages Nittanymen in Opener

Tomorrow will pit the youngsters against the oldsters when Nittany swimmers encounter the Big Red of Cornell to open the 1949 swimming campaign. The meet begins at 4 p.m. in Glennland pool.

Cornell is bringing a large well-balanced team loaded with veterans from previous seasons, while the State team is made up almost entirely of new and untried collegiate performers. While there are a handful of men who performed for Coach Bill Gutteron last year, just two Lions in the swimming events and one experienced diver can be classed as possible winners.

The invading New York team sports the same strong relay crew which came through with a win in last year's meet won by the men from Cayuga, 52-23.

Much trouble is expected from Zern, Cornell's ace backstroke man who has recovered from the broken hand that kept him out of last year's Lion encounter. He has been posting consistently fast times.

**CORNELL STAR BACK**  
The Big Red's outstanding sprinter, Hill, will also be back to harry Lion mermen. Although a sprint man, Hill participated in the 220-yard swimming race last year.

In the Blue and White camp, Captain Bill Schildmacher and Cal Folsbee, number one diver, are the two most seasoned men on Gutteron's squad. Folsbee captured second place in the 1948 Eastern Intercollegiate tournament. Captain Schildmacher is a sprint man and also competes in the 220-yard event and the four-man relay.

The other man to join Folsbee on the required two-man diving team will be chosen from Sid Manes, Dick Hannah, and Rudy Valentino.

**FIVE BREASTSTROKERS**  
Breaststroke competition is completely wide open at present. Gutteron has five men from whom to choose for this event. Ralph Fritz, Walt Munnhall, Bill Steiner, Ed Sweeten and Gil Goldstein are the aspirants for this event.

A vast improvement is expected in the backstroke event in which Penn State was weak last year. Rod Waters, Bob Conrad, John Bruckner and Jim Woodward have improved fast since the beginning of the practice sessions.

According to Coach Gutteron, there will be room for 150 spectators at the season's opener. Students need not show AA books at the door. Spectators will be seated on the pool floor and in the balcony which is being opened for the meets.

College To Host Gym Loop in '50

Penn State will play host to the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League for its 1950 championships.

Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, is the newly-elected president of the league.

Last year Penn State was the site of the National AAU Gymnastic championships and Olympic gymnastic trials.

## Indoor Track Sessions Open; Schedule Not Yet Complete

Penn State's indoor track team, with competition listed for the winter months still lacking a dual meet schedule, officially opened practice this week in Rec Hall.

Although no dual meets have been scheduled, the team will compete in the Michigan State Relays and the IC4-A meets during the winter. Many invitational meets are on the Nittany agenda beginning with the Inquirer meet on January 21.

"An indoor season is necessary if we want a good outdoor season," said Assistant Track Coach Norman Gordon. "Since we don't have a field house we couldn't practice the events necessary for a regular indoor meet, but the invitational meets will give our runners competition in individual and relay events."

The assistant coach stressed the fact that he and Coach Chick Werner are always looking for new men to appear at practice and that experience is not the prime factor in building a good runner.

Anyone interested in trying out for track should report to either

## Boxers Train For First Foe Of '49 Season

**Drazenovich To Seek Revenge for Defeat**

Laying aside their pencils and scorecards and discarding their roles as judges of the recent intramural boxing tourney, Johnny Benglian, captain elect, and Chuck Drazenovich, defending Eastern heavyweight titlist, have begun the serious work of preparation for the oncoming boxing campaign which opens January 29 at home.

The ring Lions are earnestly prepping for their opening encounter against Western Maryland, which they hope will be the stepping stone to their most successful fistic season since before the pre-war "Penn State golden boxing era."

**REMINISCING**  
The Western Maryland tussle will have special meaning for Drazenovich for it was last year against the Green Terrors that

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