

Between The Lions



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On the Foes' Front

Through countless morsels of info dispatched by a breed of mankind called sports publicity directors, we shall today take a quick jaunt around the circuit of Penn State sports opponents.

First, let us interpose a point, as Parlee Mentary, our admiring fraternity brother, is always doing. Penn State is not without its athletic publicity man. Of that ilk is Jim Coogan, who is responsible for many Lion sports articles one reads in State-wide papers, but one of the best things we can say about Coogan is that he serves free tuna fish sandwiches in the press box during Penn State home football games.

Spartans Strong

At Michigan State, where the Nittany boxers will appear next month, the Spartans anticipate a crackerjack fight record this year. Back this year are Chuck Davey, three-time winner of a National Collegiate crown, and Ernie Charboneau, NCAA 122-pound titlist.

All but five members of the Michigan State football squad which last season won six, lost two and tied two, will be back next year to play host to Penn State. Among the missing will be three starters. . . . George (Little Dynamite) Guerre, graduating backfield star of the football team, has been named assistant alumni director at the school, to take effect after the current term.

Plaid Praise

Carnegie Tech, which invades the Lion cage balliwick this weekend, is touting its basketball captain, Mike Theodore, as one of the all-time basketball greats in Tech history.

Up in Syracuse, the Orange cagers have squeezed seven wins out of their first eight games, and Coach Lew Andreas, now in his 24th season, has a deep squad which is sprinkled with a good assortment of speed and height, veterans and sophomores. . . . Syracuse accepts Penn State hardwood hospitality February 5.

The Orange's wrestling squad is expected to be one of the nation's leaders this winter. . . . Pascal Perri and Jimmy Rollier, 165-pound intercollegiate wrestling and boxing champions respectively, are both juniors at Syracuse.

Army "Unknown"

On the military front, Army's boxing team, which last year won six and lost two meets, is

Lawthermen Seek Second Win, Encounter Carnegie Cagers

Carnegie Tech will provide the opposition for Penn State Saturday night at Rec Hall, when the two basketball clubs hook up in the 53rd renewal of their annual cage hostilities.

The Skibos, under the tutelage of Bill Donohoe, sport an unimpressive record to date, their only claim to distinction being a stubbornly-fought 48-43 defeat by a better-than-average Pitt five.

A better appraisal of the Plaid's prospects against State will result from last night's Tech-Washington and Jefferson battle. Penn State eked out a 40-38 pre-Christmas win over the Presidents.

THREE WINS

To date Carnegie has posted victories over St. Vincent, Bethany and Grove City in compiling a three-and-six record. The Pittsburgh school has dropped decisions to Lawrence Tech, Steubenville, Waynesburg, Westminster, Bradley Tech and Pitt.

The Plaid won its last time out, Saturday night, against Grove City by registering its highest score of the season, 72-52. Mike Theodore led his mates by scoring 33 points against the pill-city boys.

Carnegie Tech will bring to Penn State the Pittsburgh area's highest scorer in the dangerous Theodore. The Skibos' 6-foot 2-inch center has notched 159 markers, not including last night's game, for a game average of 17.2. Also considered as threats are Forwards Jack Riehl and Joe Matsey.

FAST BREAK

Coach Donohoe's Tartan squad is made up of 12 dribblers of whom only two are seniors. The Plaid uses a modified fast break, somewhat resembling Colgate's, on the offense, and a man-to-man defense. Tech's team is only of average height, its biggest men, Conrad Hammann and Matsey, reaching only 6 feet, 3 inches.

State appears to have the Indian sign on the Tartans, not having lost a game to them since 1940 when the Lions were outlasted, 35-33. Last year State took a 47-39 contest.

Donohoe will probably start the same crew that brought him his last victory. Riehl and Matsey are

Ewell Loses Status As Amateur Athlete

A gift of a furnished house from his friends in Lancaster, Pa., has ended the amateur career of Penn State and Olympic star, Henry Norwood (Barney) Ewell. Frank N. Percival, secretary of the Middle Atlantic A.A.U. announced that the 31-year-old sprinter was declared a professional after accepting the gift.

currently an "unknown quantity" resulting from the loss of six lettermen. . . . The Cadets outboxed Lions last year, 6-2.

slated for the forward posts, Theodore in the center spot, and Mart Chetlin and Hammann or Bob McCullugh at the guards.

State To Host EIGA Tourney

Penn State has accepted an invitation to serve as host to a sectional round-robin tournament of the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association, Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced.

Army, Cornell, Penn State and Pitt will compete in the two-day tournament May 6 and 7. Penn State, winner of the sectional tourney for two successive years, also is the defending champion in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association.

Three like tournaments will be held elsewhere in the East and the four survivors will play later for EIGA title honors. Only team honors are at stake in this annual tournament.

Lion Skiers Need Snow

The possibility of Penn State's realizing its first home ski meet in history Saturday is slim.

Nothing short of a good snow-storm of four inches or better could provide the course over which the meet with Colgate is to be run with sufficient snow for skiing. Weather reports state that snow isn't due until Saturday, and then only a total snowfall of one-quarter of an inch is expected.

In the event the ski course at Boalsburg is not sufficiently packed for skiing, Colgate will be notified by phone Thursday night to assure its not making an unnecessary trip.

Nittany Coach Sherman Fogg expects that the deadline for Colgate's notifying Penn State about the possibility of a meet at Hamilton, N. Y., to be 11 a.m. tomorrow, since a trip between State College and Hamilton requires about eight hours.

Should Colgate report enough snow for skiing, the Athletic Council, governing body for all athletic contests in which Penn State takes part, would have to approve the trip to Hamilton, and the ski team would depart tomorrow noon. Fogg indicated.

'48 Court Turnouts Crack IM Record Of Last Year

More than 1200 players are currently engaging in intramural basketball competition at Recreation hall, Eugene C. Bischoff, IM athletic director, pointed out this week.

The figure marks a new high, topping last year's record of 98 teams and 1194 players.

Over 12,800 students engaged in 17 intramural tournaments during the last year. Basketball and softball were the two most popular sports, followed closely by touch football which attracted a sizeable following last fall. Volleyball enjoyed unusual success during the winter months.

Other sports on the year-around program were wrestling, boxing, handball, track, golf, tennis, badminton, soccer, swimming and horseshoes.

ATO, DU Cagers Win Tussles

Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Upsilon, both clinging tenaciously to second-place honors in fraternity league "B", needed last-half splurges to pull IM cage games out of the fire at Rec hall Tuesday night.

The ATO's, behind Zeta Beta Tau, 9-6, at the rest period, suddenly came to life with a stirring rally that boosted them to a 14-12 win, their fourth against one loss. Delta Upsilon kept pace in the runner-up race battling out 14 markers in the second half to douse Pi Kappa Phi, 22-4.

Meanwhile, Phi Delta Theta, coasting along with the league leadership in its mitts, chalked up win number five with a booming 25-10 triumph over Alpha Chi Rho.

While the fight in league "B" was winning attention, action was furious on other courts likewise. The Rummies had plenty of what the Gazelles evidently needed as they battered the lightning-runners, 28-2; Kappa Delta Rho sneaked across a point to upset Phi Kappa Psi, 21-20; Alpha Epsilon Pi whipped Phi Kappa, 16-9; Phi Sigma Delta eked a win over Phi Gamma Delta, 17-16; Pi Kappa Alpha bounced Sigma Chi, 29-20; and Sigma Alpha tripped Tau Phi Delta, 16-5.

Tonight's schedule is:
8:45 p.m.—Triangle vs. Phi Kappa, court one; Alpha Chi Sigma vs. Sigma Nu, court two; Chi Phi vs. Pi Lambda Phi, court three.
9:25 p.m.—Phi Kappa Tau vs. Sigma Phi Alpha, court one; Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Delta Chi, court two; Alpha Phi Alpha vs. Alpha Sigma Phi, court three.
10:05 p.m.—Alpha Gamma Rho vs. Acaia, court one; Sigma Phi Sigma vs. Phi Kappa Sigma, court two; Delta Theta Sigma vs. Sigma Pi, court three.

Trackmen Run In Star Meet

The problem of organizing a track team to represent Penn State in the Washington Evening Star meet Saturday will face Assistant Coach Norm Gordon this weekend as the Nittany Lion runners strive to round into competitive form.

PRACTICE

"We've only had eight days of actual practice," said Gordon who is leading the team while Coach Chick Werner is attending the National Collegiate Athletic Association's conference. "Our time trials have to be held outside Rec Hall since the indoor track is too narrow," Gordon continued, "and I can't say how the team will do until I see it in actual competition."

Heading the list of Penn State runners slated for Saturday's meet is Jim Gehrdes, one of the nation's outstanding hurdlers. Gehrdes, who won the opening race of his 1948-49 season at New Orleans by taking the 120-yard high hurdles against a star-studded field, will run in the shorter 70-yard race Saturday.

Ed Duggar of the Dayton A.C. will provide the major competition for Gehrdes.

RELAY TEAM

In the Nittany mile relay team, Wilbert Lancaster, Paul Koch and Ike Evans are listed as starters with the fourth place still open. The two-mile relay is still a wide-open event as is the mile run, although John McCall may run in the mile pending further time trials.

Two other events, the pole vault and high jump will include Nittany men with Ron Coder handling the bamboo pole and either Dick Reynolds or Victor Fritts aiming at the high jump bar.

Two Penn State alumni, Jerry Karver and Curt Stone, are also slated to run in Saturday's meet. Karver will run in a fairly weak mile field, and Stone will run in the two-mile against Bob Black, triple crown cross-country runner and Fred Wilt who defeated Stone last week at Madison Square Garden.

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