



Royce Newell, 6-foot-8-inch Syracuse center, gets acquainted with Mike Stark, 5-foot-8-inch Orange star who's one of the cleverest passers in the nation. Both will appear Saturday night in Rec Hall.

Lawther Courtmen Encounter Top-flight Syracuse Cage Foe

By Elliot Krane

After absorbing a 52-28 lacing from the West Virginia Mountaineers Wednesday night, the Nittany Lion basketball team will have to forget its wounds and prepare for another powerful opponent, Syracuse, who will invade Rec Hall Saturday night at 8:30.

Keeping to within a few points of the tall Morgantown team in the first period, the Lions were unable to cope with the West Virginia attack led by Captain Fred Schaus and Eddie Beach and dropped behind, 26-17, at the half.

In the third period, the Nittany defense held the Mounts in check and the home team was able to score only three points. But in the final frame, the superior accuracy and height of the victors spelled defeat for the Penn State courtmen.

Only 12 per cent of the Nittany shots went through the hoop while the West Virginia squad connected with 40 per cent.

PAR

"I rate Syracuse on a par with Colgate," said Coach John Lawther. "Syracuse has a tall team and with their height and experience, they will be hard to stop."

Outstanding on the visitors' squad is Royce Newell six-foot, eight-inch Orange center. Newell, who is now in his fourth season with the team, racked up 701 points in his first three years and has hooped 113 so far this season. The towering center is noted for his accuracy and rebound work.

A sophomore scoring star, John Kiley, leads the Orange attack. The six-foot hoopster hit the cords for 31 points against Iowa State earlier this season and is currently leading the visitors' scoring with 173 points.

STICKEL

Second in scoring and a clever dribbler and playmaker, Ed Stickel, is slated for action Saturday. With 123 points this season and 789 for a collegiate total, Stickel is aiming at the 1000 mark this year.

The Syracuse cagers opened their season by trouncing both Toronto and Ithaca in a double-header. Coach Lew Andreas divided his squad in half and neither segment had trouble in trouncing its opponent.

A strong Denver team, featuring Olympic Star Vince Boryla, just nipped Syracuse, 65-63, in the final 15 seconds of the contest. The Orangemen, employing a two-platoon system, used the defensive team against the Pioneers in the final minutes and failed to keep the visitors in check.

SUBS

A fair Quantico Marine squad fell before the big guns of the Orange team, and after six minutes of play, Coach Andreas removed the varsity and substituted his regulars with the second and third squads.

With Kiley again leading the team, Syracuse captured a big lead and held onto it to trounce Cornell, 49-44, but a fast-breaking Canisius squad outscored the

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SPORTS SLATE

Feb. 4-5—Skiing, St. Lawrence Winter Carnival, at Canton, N. Y.

Feb. 5—Indoor Track, Michigan State Relay, at E. Lansing

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Feb. 5—Basketball, Syracuse, at home, 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 5—Boxing, Army, at home, 7 p.m.

Feb. 5—Wrestling, Syracuse, at Syracuse.

Feb. 5—Fencing, Army, at West Point.

Feb. 5—Swimming, Syracuse, at Syracuse.

Feb. 7—Gymnastics, Michigan State, at E. Lansing.

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

Lion Guest

Guest of honor at the 6-2 whipping administered Western Marylander NCAA champ and donor of the Goodman trophy, Frank Goodman. An ex-Nittany fighter, Goodman now is a trophy manufacturer in Philadelphia.

Disappointed

Lion heavyweight Chuck Drzenovich was disappointed over the outcome of his contest with Western Maryland's Joe Corletto. A steadfast EIBA rule cost the Eastern Champ his seventh straight win.

In the dressing room after the bout, Corletto also expressed disappointment when he said: "I sure hope for a return bout in the East. That'll settle the issue for good."

Worried

The exigencies of schedule-making leave us a bit cautious in trying to evaluate the Lion team outlook in wrestling.

According to all results and rating systems, the Speidelmen were "blessed" with what were probably three of their easiest foes of the season in the first three meets—as easy as wrestling foes come, that is. That the Lions copped three straight has resulted in what Speidel himself calls "a general over-optimism."

He declares: "This year it looks like Syracuse, Lehigh, Franklin and Marshall and Navy are about tops in the East."

Since the Nittany Lions battle three of these four in ensuing meets, we laymen can draw some picture of the task before the Speidelmen.

As we see it, a Penn State mat victory over just one of the trio—Syracuse, Lehigh, Navy—would be a tremendous accomplishment.

Our proof for this is simple. Navy won its 49th consecutive dual meet recently by drubbing Yale, 17-9, despite a bumper crop of injuries on the Annapolis roster. Lehigh boasts at least four wrestlers—led by Eric and Edwin Erikson—who are undefeated in their weight classes to date in five meets, and Syracuse's crew is comparable to that of Lehigh. The Orange dropped its only meet to a strong F & M team.

Tigh Tidbit

We received a welcome letter from Jackie Tighe, ex-Nittany boxer now on the athletic staff of the U. of Illinois at Chicago pier.

Penn State never graduated a better booster of everything Nittany than the likeable Tighe, ex-collegiate boxing champ at State. He sends regards to all his friends on campus and says: "I'm hoping I'll be back for the EIBA scheduled for March at State."

From the Morg(u)

Lion fullback Fran Rogel was interviewed over a Pittsburgh radio station this week by Bob Prince, sportscaster. Conversation ranged from the Pitt and Penn games of '48 to the Lions' all-foe team and "Punchy's" pre ambitions.

Ray Conger, director of recreational activities, is author of a popular track and field volume published by A. S. Barnes and Co. . . . Incidentally, watching Conger's movies of Lion wrestling meets is akin to enjoying a mat-side seat.

Joe Bedenk, State baseball coach, recently finished his one-year term as prexie of the National Association of Collegiate Baseball Coaches and joined the executive board of that group.

Villanova Battles State in '49 Grid Opener Here

Penn State's gridders will open their 1949 pigskin season against Villanova's Wildcats on New Beaver field September 24, one week before the Army game, Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced recently.

The addition of Villanova, which defeated Nevada in the Harbor Bowl on New Year's Day and is now under the guidance of a new mentor, Jim Leonard, brought to four the number of newcomers to next fall's grid agenda.

NEW STANDS

Contests with Boston College and Nebraska on New Beaver field, and Army at West Point had previously been announced.

Gilbert, in announcing the complete 1949 schedule of the Lion's, added that the new 30,000 football stands slated for completion in time for the opening grid game.

Construction of the new steel stands, doubling the seating capacity of New Beaver field, had previously been authorized by the College and work has already started on the stands.

The Lions will again play a nine-game slate next fall with the card looming to be one of the most attractive in recent years although the Penn game does not appear on the schedule. Villanova, Boston College, Nebraska and Syracuse are scheduled in home contests.

OTHERS

The Nittanymen will continue contracts with West Virginia, at Morgantown, Temple at Philadelphia, Michigan State at East Lansing, Pitt at Pittsburgh, in addition to Army at West Point.

Missing from last season's slate during which the Lions won seven, tied one and lost one, are Bucknell, Colgate, Penn and Washington State.

Penn State and Villanova last battled in 1936 when the Philadelphians upset the Lions, 13-0, for their only victory in seven attempts. The Blue and White won five times, the first time in 1902, while the 1910 contest ended in a scoreless tie. The schedule:

Sept. 24	Villanova, home
Oct. 1	Army, away
8	Boston College, home
15	Nebraska, home
22	Michigan State, way
29	Syracuse, home
Nov. 5	West Virginia, away
12	Temple, away
19	Pitt, away

Long Haul

Penn State's graduate manager of athletics, Harold R. "Ike" Gilbert, served as assistant graduate manager for 21 years.

Tankmen Meet Syracuse Crew

Apparently it is the Blue and White's fate to meet the foremost in Eastern swimming circles, for Coach Gutteron's nators battle one of the best balanced swim units in the East Saturday when they take on Syracuse in the upstater's home pool.

Both Syracuse and the Lions will be out to break above the .500 mark. The Orange have a one-and-one record, having subdued Hamilton College after dropping their opening meet to Princeton.

The Nittany splashers dropped their opener against a formidable swim array from Cornell and then went on to squeeze by Temple, 39-36.

COACH COMMENTS

"Cornell and Syracuse are the two of the toughest opponents on our schedule," said Gutteron shortly before the team departed for Syracuse. "I don't know what our chances will be but we'll be in there trying all the time."

Gutteron is depending heavily on his breaststroke combination of Walt Munhall, Bob Fritts and Ed Sweeten to bring back the bacon for the Lions.

Recently setting a new Penn State pool record in the 100, team captain Bill Schildmacher is expected to offer tough opposition as he does his stuff in the 50- and 100-yard dashes and on the relay team.

DIVERS

The diving team of Cal Folmsbee, Rudolph Valentino and Dick Hannah is performing regular competition dives and with the veteran Folmsbee leading the way the Nittanymen are hoping for a high point total in the diving events.

Coach Gutteron is pleased with the performances of Jack Senior and Cass Borowy. Both mermen are newcomers to the Penn State pool.

IM Cagers To Renew Action; Bischoff Calls Others Soon

With intramural basketball breaking out into renewed action with nine games on the Recreation hall hardwood next Tuesday, IM athletes gird themselves for a sport-packed Spring semester that will span the indoor season and continue until classes end.

Eleven more nights of cage play are scheduled before league champions are determined, and the IM department plans a post-season playoff for fraternity leagues to choose the fraternity champion.

OTHERS

Four other indoor sports, badminton, handball, volleyball and wrestling, will call for participants in the next couple of weeks, Gene Bischoff, IM athletic director announced yesterday. Wrestling will proceed on a night-to-night schedule similar to last semester's intramural boxing. Instructions on all the sports will be available when the notice for entries appears.

Most of the intramural basketball teams have fought through five of their scheduled seven or eight league games, but in the six fraternity leagues, as in the six independent circuits, no team has yet acquired a large enough first-

place margin to be a shoo-in for the crown.

SLATE

Action next week will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Tuesday's schedule follows:

8:45 p.m.—Berletics vs. Rummies, court one; Kappa Sigma vs. Theta Kappa Phi, court two; Delta Tau Delta vs. Beta Sigma Rho, court three.

9:25 p.m.—Beta Theta Pi vs. Theta Xi, court one; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Lambda Chi Alpha, court two; Speedsters vs. Privateers, court three.

10:05 p.m.—Matilda Chi vs. Ward 2, court one; Smooth Schmoos vs. Q. Quintet, court two; Jordan Hall vs. Red Flasher, court three.