

Lions Host Unbeaten Army Gym Forces

By Red Roth

What slim chances the Nittany Lion gymnasts possess of retaining even a partial hold on the Eastern Intercollegiate gym title will be put to a severe test tomorrow afternoon.

The Lion gym aggregation will play host to Army's unbeaten Cadets at 2 p.m. in Rec Hall to start off Saturday's parade of sports events. The soldiers, who are rated an excellent chance to annex the crown themselves, will be out to put a damper on Nittany hopes of sweeping their remaining three meets and emerging in a tie for the championship they won last year.

UNBEATEN

So far this season Army has trounced five foes in dual meets. Only one of the five, Syracuse, is a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Conference.

This same Syracuse team which bowed to the Black Knights two weeks ago snapped a victory string of 13 consecutive dual meets without a loss when it downed the Blue and White gym aggregation, 55-40, at Syracuse last Saturday.

Despite this evil foreboding, Coach Gene Wettstone feels his team has a good chance of upsetting the favored Army crew.

"Syracuse defeated us because they had at least one outstanding man in each of the six events," Wettstone said. "Army, on the other hand, has no tumbler in a class with Valentino and Meade. This bulge we possess in the tumbling competition may give us a better chance to beat the Cadets than we had to trounce Syracuse last week."

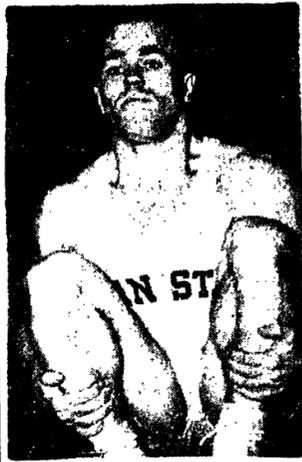
WEAKNESS

That old bugaboo, weakness in the rope climb event, will hamper Lion chances again tomorrow. All three of this year's men in the event are participating in their first year of rope climb competition.

This inexperience, which had a major part to play in last week's loss to the Orangemen, may prove disastrous.

Army returns to Rec Hall tomorrow with virtually the same squad that lost a 55-41 meet to the Lions last year.

The difference this season is that while Coach Thomas E. Mal-



BILLY MEADE
Nittany Tumbler

oney's men now have an added year's experience under their belt, the Nittanyites have lost practically all of last year's squad through graduation.

The best of the Cadet crop is Louis Jamison, Eastern champion on the flying rings. Jack Hodges, who placed second in the championships in 1948, is an outstanding competitor on the horizontal bar.

LINEUP

For the Lions the same 12 men that participated in the Syracuse meet will be entered again. Four of these men, Captain Bill Bon-sall, Rudy Valentino, Bill Meade, and Mike Kurowski, will carry the big load in tomorrow's dual competition.

Should Army conquer Coach Wettstone's gymnasts, the Cadets meet next week with undefeated Temple would probably decide the next Eastern Intercollegiate titleholder.

Following the meeting tomorrow, the Lions must still face two other Eastern foes, Navy and Temple, on successive weekends.

Jayvee Lineup

Following is the boxscore of the recent Navy-Lion Jayvee game:

NAVY				Penn State			
G	F	T		G	F	T	
Murphy	5	2	12	Shuptar	2	0	4
Dalley	3	1	7	Tegtmeyer	0	0	0
Olson	2	2	6	DeBane	7	3	17
McLernan	0	0	0	Meisel	0	0	0
Lansill	1	1	3	Lawther	0	4	4
Renneman	0	1	1	Kokoska	1	2	4
Cornwell	4	0	8	Clark	0	0	0
Minnis	0	0	0	Storer	2	3	7
Simmons	2	0	4	Laganosky	0	1	1
Nchez	0	0	0	Amprim	1	1	3
Totals	17	7	41	Totals	13	14	40

Hoopsters Eye Revenge Against Pesky Panthers

By Ray Koehler

Pittsburgh's pesky Panther, which seems to delight in twisting the Lion's tail, will bid for its second victory over Penn State's cagers this season when the two ancient rivals collide on the Rec Hall boards tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The Skyscraper U. quintet, recently returned from a disastrous road trip through the West, during which it suffered a skein of eight consecutive setbacks, tangled with a hot West Virginia club Wednesday night. The Pittmen dropped a 54-51 decision.

After his team embarked on the 1948-'49 season in grand style, copping 8 of his first 11 starts, Coach H. C. "Doc" Carlson. "win 'em all" cry was quickly muffled by the Panthers' lack-lustre showing in the western badlands. Carlson figures, however, that with a few breaks, six out of the eight games might have resulted in Pittsburgh victories.

POTENTIAL

From the coach on down, the Nittany team recognizes the potential explosive power of the Smoky City outfit, which has won nine while losing eleven this season. In the Lions' first venture at the Pitt Stadium, the home team edged out a close 40-33 win.

Penn State, Bethany, Miami, Florida (twice), Carnegie Tech, Allegheny, Army and Westminsted have all received their come-uppance at the hands of Pitt.

One glance at the "loaded" opponent chart of the western Pennsylvania school is enough to tell the story of most of its upsets. Among the teams which have defeated Pittsburgh are Michigan, North Carolina State, Miami, Bradley, Denver, Utah, California, Stanford, Loyola, U.S.C. and Arizona.

Carlson has three starting varsityites returning from a team that won 10 and lost 11 last year. They are co-captains Sammy David, Oland Canterna and center-man Mort Lerner.

With Lerner, who at 6 feet, 3 inches, is the tallest man on the squad, Pitt will be forced to rely on fast ball-handling and a new fast-break offense to make up for the loss of height under the basket.

David, cashing in with 14 points against the Lions in the first clash, has been drawing rave notices from partisan Pittsburgh scribes and fans alike. On Wednesday the six-footer broke Charley Hyatt's 18-year rule as scoring monarch at Pitt by tallying 18 points against West Virginia. David has annexed 318 points so far this season.

Teaming with David at forward is "Dodo" Canterna who, in 47 games with the Skyscrapers up to the beginning of the season, has maintained an eleven-point average.

EXPERIENCE

Opposing State's Marty Costa will be the rugged, 205-pound Lerner who, like Costa, had no high school experience before stepping into a varsity job last season in his first year.

George McCrossin and Lou Ceconi, more renowned for his antics on the gridiron than on the wooden way, will set up Pitt's figure-eight offense from the guard spots.

Pittsburgh took a 35-34 edge in the 52-year-old collegiate cage rivalry between the two schools with its earlier win. In 20 performances this year the Pitt five has averaged 49 points while allowing its opposition 52 counters per game.



DOC CARLSON
Pitt Coach

Intramural Standings

Following are intramural basketball standings through Wednesday, February 18:

League "A"	Won	Lost
Phi Epsilon Pi	5	2
Tau Kappa Epsilon	4	2
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	4	2
Theta Chi	4	2
Delta Sigma Phi	4	2
Alpha Zeta	3	4
Alpha Phi Delta	1	6
Omega Psi Phi	0	7

League "B"	Won	Lost
Pi Delta Theta	6	0
Delta Upsilon	6	1
Alpha Tau Omega	4	2
Pi Kappa Phi	3	3
Zeta Beta Tau	3	4
Alpha Chi Rho	3	4
Sigma Alpha	1	5
Tau Phi Delta	0	7

League "C"	Won	Lost
Sigma Pi	7	0
Phi Kappa Sigma	6	1
Alpha Gamma Rho	3	3
Sigma Phi Sigma	3	3
Delta Theta Sigma	3	3
Alpha Phi Alpha	3	4
Acacia	1	6
Alpha Sigma Phi	1	6

League "D"	Won	Lost
Sigma Nu	6	0
Chi Phi	5	1
Pi Lambda Phi	4	3
Pi Kappa Tau	3	3
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3	3
Delta Chi	3	4
Alpha Chi Sigma	2	5
Sigma Phi Alpha	0	7

League "E"	Won	Lost
Beta Sigma Rho	6	1
Theta Kappa Phi	6	1
Kappa Sigma	5	2
Delta Tau Delta	3	3
Pi Sigma Kappa	3	3
Beta Theta Pi	1	5
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	5
Theta Xi	1	5

League "F"	Won	Lost
Pi Kappa Alpha	7	1
Phi Sigma Delta	6	1
Sigma Chi	6	1
Alpha Epsilon Pi	4	3
Phi Gamma Delta	4	3
Kappa Delta Rho	3	4
Pi Kappa	1	6
Phi Kappa Psi	1	6
Triangle	0	7

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

Rather Consistent

We prodded Lacrosse Coach Nick Thiel on the matter of previous lacrosse experience of Penn State lacrosse players. Nick, who has 78 out for this year's team, says: "During 15 years of coaching, I've had no more than one boy at a time who played lacrosse before coming to Penn State."

That 1.3 percent of the current squad with pre-Penn State experience is Ed Belfield, from Swarthmore, which is a lacrosse hotbed.

About Doc

Doc Carlson, dynamic coach of the Pitt Panthers who'll be in town tomorrow, is (among other things) a coiner of slogans, a student of fatigue in basketball players, a medical doctor, a lover of ice cream, a former 12-letter Pitt athlete, a writer of books on the hardwood game, veteran of 25 past seasons as Pitt skipper, and a crowd-pleasing personality on the basketball bench.

His "Win 'em All!" basketball brood is weened on ice cream. Not only a connoisseur of ice cream himself but a firm believer in its value as a part of the daily diet, the Doctor stages few Pitt practices without it.

In the past several years he has done extensive experimenting with the effects of fatigue and the best way of combating it, and has insisted that his players do better if they go "all out" for short periods with frequent rests, instead of pacing themselves.

Not once has Doc Carlson advocated any sort of rules change. He has been content to let others make the rules, and then go after wins. His all-time record to date at Pitt is 322 wins and 187 losses.

He is recognized as one of the most inventive coaches in the history of the game, and has seen his "figure eight" and "continuity" ideas adopted by virtually every team today in one form or another.

Doc's seemingly zany antics on the court stem partly from his pet peeve, basketball officiating. Pitt fans tell of a game some years ago with West Virginia, in which Carlson staged what is now a legendary performance.

The decisions, from his point of view, had been bad, so near the end of the game Doc decided to act.

Gathering up all available sweat suits, the water bucket, all the gear in sight on the Pitt bench, he staggered out on the court. Then he dumped all the gear at the feet of a surprised referee and boomed:

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