

Between



The Lions

With Elliot Krane Sports Editor

Record Breakers

The West Virginia basketball squad set two records when it played City College in New York last week...

The second record showed that last week's game was the poorest Garden showing for the Mountaineers since DePaul trounced the Pattonmen in the 1945 N.I.T.

Coach Gross has already upset the once-mighty Gold and Blue team in the Dixie Classic during Christmas vacation. It seems that not even the veteran combination of Joe Duff and Ed Beach could keep the Mounts from having one of their most disastrous seasons in recent years.

Oops

The times in the Washington Star meet Saturday night were terrific. The milers were approaching and breaking the world's records. The relay teams were slicing seconds off every available mark...

Suddenly someone measured the track. It was 53 feet off! The officials went into a confab and after an hour's debate decided to leave the course as it was but to add time to each event.

Jim Gehrdes' time of 8.4 seconds for the 70-yard high hurdles was accepted as a new track mark, but every distance over 100 yards was discounted.

One official said, "In my 53 years of running this event I've never seen anything like this."

One consolation is that the new world's record for the 1/8 of a mile and the mile and 1/2 was established and they should stand for a long, long time.

Still No Snow

It looks like the weatherman just doesn't want to co-operate with ski Coach Sherm Fogg. Last week this notice appeared on the Rec Hall ski bulletin board, "Ski meet at Paul Smith's cancelled! Let's continue to pray for snow. Maybe we can get some by next week. Keep working."

Some of the members of the team, chafing at the bit from the lack of action, added a few lines to the notice.

The first stated, "Weatherman's report: No snow for the month of January."

The second was, "Crying towels available in locker room."

But the third took the prize. It was a notice calling a prayer meeting for all squad members in Sherm's office nightly at 5:00 p.m.

And while the snowless skiers look skyward, they continue their deep knee bends and push ups in anticipation of the white matter which will give them a chance for some competition before spring.

Gehrdes, Relayers Compete in Boston

Captain Jim Gehrdes and the two relay teams will be the lone Lion track team representatives at the Knights of Columbus meet in Boston tonight.

Coach Chick Werner's Nittany thinclads competed in the Inquirer meet in Philadelphia last night but the results were not available at the time the Collegian went to press.

Comprising the mile relay team is Wil Lancaster, John McCall, Guy Kay and Bill Lockhart. The two mile team is made up of Bob Parsons, Bill and Don Ashenfelter and Bob Freebairn.

Pittsburgh, Western Maryland To Meet Lions Rec Hall Bill Features Boxing, Basketball Teams

Acting Coach Eddie Sulkowski's mittmen will be out for their first win of the season in the opening contest of tonight's double-header at Rec Hall.

The boxing match will begin at 7 p.m. with the Lions pairing off with the Terrors of Western Maryland.

At 8:30 coach Elmer Gross' cagers will take the floor in the nightcap in quest of their seventh victory against four defeats. The Nittanians are favored but in the traditional battle with the Pitt Panthers, no stock may be taken in comparative records.

Costa and McCrossin Scoring Duel Expected

Penn State will attempt to add Pittsburgh to its growing list of Rec Hall court victims tonight.

Fresh from Wednesday's, 74 to 54, win over American U., the Nittany passers will be shooting toward their seventh victory in 11 starts. To date Pitt has accumulated a two won and five lost record.

Tonight's battle may turn into a personal scoring duel between the Lions' 6-foot 8-inch Marty Costa and George McCrossin, 6-foot, 170-pound Panther captain.

HOT HAND

McCrossin registered 35 points in his team's 84 to 51 conquest of Grove City Wednesday night to approach within two of the all-time Panther mark of 37 established by Dodo Conterna. Costa's 32 points set the Rec Hall all-time, individual standard the same night.

Once the Lions get the ball into scoring position, Costa's hopes of outscoring his smaller rival will center mainly on the accurate passing of Joe Tocci, Lou Lamie and Hardy Williams.

Wednesday, Coach Elmer Gross had his fast break working to perfection as Tocci, Williams and Lamie consistently got the down-floor jump on a tall American U. outfit. Penn State should rate the nod in backboard superiority tonight only four Pitt dribblers reaching the 6-foot 3-inch mark. Of these four only one, Ted Gernemsky, has had previous varsity experience.

"WIN 'EM ALL"

Nittany fans can expect to see Coach Doc "Win 'Em All" Carlson employ his weaving figure eight. Carlson is one of the most colorful mentors in the game today and his friendly feud with John Lawther, former Lion mentor, frequently turned the spectators attention from the ball game to their bench maneuvers.

Penn State-Pitt court relations are knotted at 35-all but in the time that Carlson has wielded the whip the Jungle Cats have copped 29 while losing only 19.

Gross has been alternating between Williams and Jay McMahan in the last three games and at the moment the 6-foot 6-inch McMahan appears to be in line for the starting role.

TINY AT FORWARD

With McMahan operating beside Costa at guard, Lou Lamie will move up with Tocci as fast break fore-runners. Lee Schisler will attempt to find the range again from the center slot.

With Williams at forward and McMahan on the sidelines, Lamie will be shifted to guard, with Costa, as an added backboard "lift."

Carlson, who proposes the eating of ice cream before all games as a stem to fatigue, will counter with Lou Cecconi and Bill Yurko at forwards, Bill Brehm or George Radosevich at center and McCrossin and John Kendrick at guards.

Lineups: Penn State (Tocci, Lamie, Schisler, Costa, McMahan) vs Pitt (Cecconi, Yurko, Brehm, Radosevich, McCrossin, Kendrick)

Mittmen Seek First; Oppose Green Terrors

Although undefeated in battling this season, Penn State's boxers will still seek their initial win when they square off against a "supposedly weak" Western Maryland ring team at Rec Hall tonight.

Last week the Lions opened fisticuffing by deadlocking Minnesota, 4-4. At the same time, at Army, the Western Maryland sluggers dropped a one-sided 7 1/2-1/2 decision to the Cadets.

Acting Coach Ed Sulkowski, with one exception, will use the same starting lineup tonight that he used against the Gophers last week.

The only change will come in the 155 division where Pat Heims, regular 155-pounder last season, will don gloves. Meanwhile last week's starter Lou Koszarek will move up a weight division.

KOSAREK

Able starting his leather-swinging trail last week against Cody Connel, a National champ, Koszarek, will move up a weight, to 165 pounds. He replaces Paul Smith.

Bob Keller, originally slated to start at 165-pounds, injured his nose in a hectic slugfest recently, and therefore will not step into the ring this week.

Chuck Drzenovich, heavyweight; and Jack Bolger, lightweight; will give the Lions top fighting strength in the upper weights. Both were the most consistent point getters of the ringmen last year.

NEWCOMER

At 125-pounds Joe Reynolds will represent the Nittanians while John Hanby will battle at 130. Both are newcomers to the Nittany ring.

Short Life Expectancy Seen For Two-Minute Court Rule

BY MARV KRASNANSKY

Not even Lloyds of London would risk an insurance policy on the life of basketball's much-abused two-minute rule.

The rule, adopted as an experiment, has already been tossed aside by many conferences, and the odds are that come next season, it will be wiped from the books entirely.

Under the new regulation, if a foul is committed in the last two minutes of play, the offended team takes the shot and is awarded the ball at midcourt.

RELIEVES OFFICIALS

The rule is the result of excessive fouling by the trailing team in the final minutes of a ball game. In effect, the rule takes the pressure off the officials who often had to make the decision whether a foul was committed intentionally or in an honest effort to get the ball. Now, all the official has to do is call a foul, and, whether it is intentional or not, give the fouled team the ball at midcourt.

If the recent Penn State-Colgate fracas was a good opportunity to observe the new rule under operation, then the rule-makers have accomplished their (Continued on page four)

Today's Schedule: Basketball Pitt..Home, Boxing W. Maryland..Home, Wrestling Lehigh..Away, JV Wrestling Lehigh..Away, Swimming Temple..Away

JU, DTD Cagers Win IM League E Games

Delta Upsilon continued to set a blistering pace in fraternity League E as it defeated Phi Kappa Tau, 23-17, Thursday night for its fourth straight win. Mike De-Bone and Bob Hicks paced the winners with seven points each.

Delta Tau Delta, also in League E, jumped back into the win column by trouncing Sigma Alpha Mu, 27-13. Dick Masters netted 10 for the victors. Pi Kappa Alpha, last year's champion, won its second game at the expense of Alpha Sigma Phi, 14-11.

In League F, Beta Theta Pi forced a first place tie with Tau Kappa Epsilon by nosing out Delta Theta Sigma, 14-13. In the same league, Omega Psi Phi handed Alpha Tau Omega its third loss by edging the ATO cagers, 11-10; and Kappa Delta Rho dropped a protest game to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Phi Epsilon continued to fight it out for second place in League D as each grabbed its third win. Both teams trail unbeaten Theta Chi.

Alpha Gamma Rho, led by Don Watt's 11 points, dunked Sigma Nu, 26-13, while SFE squeezed by Alpha Chi Rho, 15-14. In the remaining League D contest Theta Xi downed Pi Kappa Phi, 22-19.

All-Around Performer

Gymnastics' captain Mike Kurowski, a senior from Philadelphia, is top man on Coach Gene Wettstone's muscle crew this winter. Kurowski will perform on the sidehorse, the horizontal bar and the parallel bars.

Student Employment

All students who registered with the student employment office this semester and who still are interested in employment in the spring semester should come into the office and fill out new schedule cards as soon as possible.

Matmen Face Stiff Test At Lehigh

Both the Jayvee and varsity teams put their undefeated records on the block tonight at Bethlehem when they meet Lehigh University on the mats.

The Lion and Lehigh first teams have unbeaten streaks to protect. The Engineers were last defeated by Navy in 1949.

Coach Charlie Speidel's Nittany Lions last upending was suffered at the hands of this same Brown and White aggregation last year, 14-11. The Nittanians ended the 1949 campaign with wins over Temple and Navy, and have added Virginia and Cornell to that string this season.

The lineup for the Speidel will be the same as last week. Johnny Reese, at 121 pounds, will run smack into Mike Filipos, EIW kingpin. Dean Harbold, 128-pounder, has drawn the assignment of trying to stop wildcat George Feuerbach, sensational sophomore who is unbeaten.

Another Eastern champion, Captain Dick Kelsey, is Don Maurey's opponent at 136 pounds, while Captain Jim Maurey will tangle with John Mahoney, who owns a clean slate at 145 pounds. Cec Irvin, 155; Bill Santel, 165; Mike Rubino, 175, and Homer Barr, heavyweight, complete the Lions' lineup. One of the eve- (Continued on page four)

Ski Meet Cancelled; Army Next

The skiing meet scheduled for today with Cornell and Colgate at Ithaca, N.Y., has been cancelled. Next week the team is scheduled to go to West Point, N.Y., to face Army's cadets. This is the third week in succession that a skiing meet has been cancelled. Coach Sherman Fogg and the team have yet to taste competition for the 1950 season.

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