

Nittany Basketball Squad Prepares For Opener With Ithaca, Wednesday

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Like a new moon, basketball is still out of sight but rapidly approaching the waxing phase with less than a week before the sport makes its initial appearance on the Penn State sport scene.

With almost two months of practice by the boards, Coach Elmer Gross' Nittany Lion basketball team is shaping up for the season opener with Ithaca college next Wednesday on the Rec hall court.

With only four lettermen returning from last year's squad, which won 13 and lost 10, Gross and his assistant John Egli have been working hard trying to find replacements for such stars as Marty Costa, Joe Tocci, and Lee Schisler who were lost through graduation.

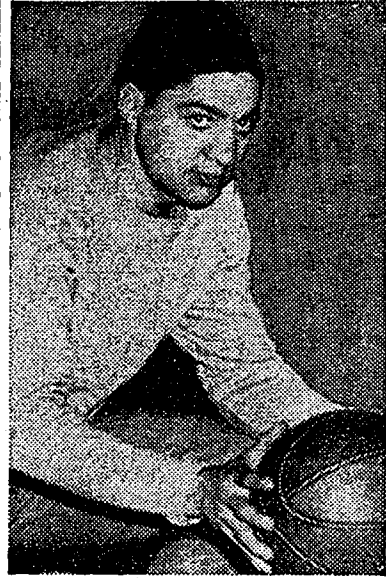
4 Lettermen

Captain Lou Lamie, Jay "Tiny" McMahan, Hardy Williams, and Ted Panoplos are the returning lettermen upon whom Gross must depend in his sophomore year as head coach of the Lion cagers.

"The lack of height is going to hurt us. It helped us to win a lot of games last year, and I don't know whether we can make it up in speed and aggressiveness," said Gross.

The Lions have been in practice scrimmages against St. Francis of Lorretto, Lock Haven, Juniata, Hazleton center, and Bloomsburg State Teachers col-

Penn State Cage Tutor



Elmer Gross

Five Frat Boxers Slug Way To IM Wins; Nine Forfeit

Five more fraternity boxers slugged themselves into the win column last night, on an intramural card that was marred by nine forfeits.

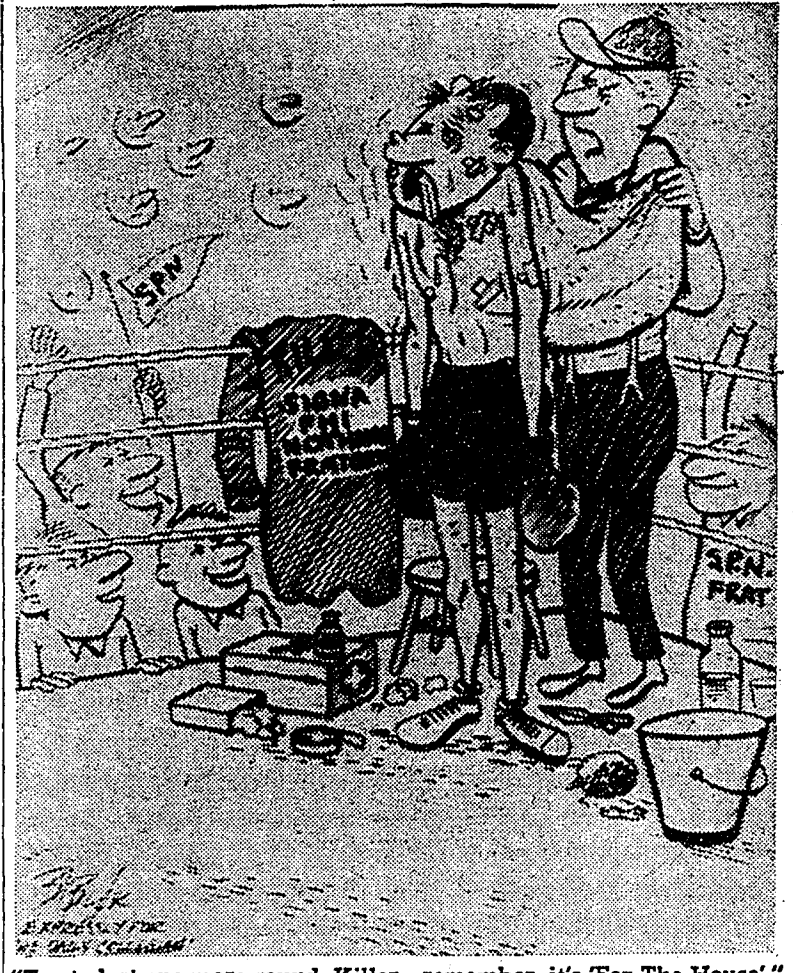
John Dinsmore, of Phi Kappa, opened the evening's festivities by outpointing Bob Lansberry, of Theta Kappa Phi. It was a 135-pound match, in which Dinsmore overcame his opponent's superior height to win.

In a 165-pound battle, Craig Rupp, of Theta Chi, topped Kappa Sigma's Guy Pietz, in a good tight fight. Both boys were evenly matched, with Rupp gaining a squeaky nod from the judges.

Theta Chi scored another victory in the third bout of the evening. In a 145-pound go, rugged Bill Hanley ground out a hard-fought verdict from Freeman Singer, boxing for Phi Sigma Delta. It was a gruelling clash, in which both boys found themselves badly tired in the final round.

Bob Morton, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a husky lad, who looked at home in the ring, outclassed Russ Taptich, of Theta Xi, in a good 175-pound match. Morton

For The House



"Try to last one more round, Killer—remember, it's 'For The House'."

fought a steady, waiting fight, forcing Taptich to come to him, where he greeted him with power-filled socks from both fists.

In the nightcap, a 155-pounder, soccerman Joe Lane, wielding the gloves for Delta Upsilon, battered and banged his way to a win over Howard Guest, of Phi Kappa Sigma. Lane had his victim in hot water from the outset, and though wild and unpolished at times, he landed several stinging haymakers that brought blood from Guest's nose.

It was the best bout of the evening, and though Guest was game all the way, the better-conditioned Lane was just too tough.

The nine men who won by forfeit were Fred Sheridan of Pi Kappa Psi; Al McChesney, of Phi Kappa Psi; Bob Decker, of Delta Upsilon; Wall, fighting independently; Gordon Stroup, Beta Theta Pi; George Yuscavage, of Pi Kappa Alpha; Mike Rubino, of Alpha Phi Delta; Bob Eichenlaub, of Alpha Sigma Phi; and Lemyre, of Sigma Chi.

The Old College Try

This guy Herm Sledzik really wants to play basketball for Penn State!

In a recent scrimmage Sledzik injured his wrist and it caused him considerable pain. But he kept practicing with the wrist taped.

An X-ray did not disclose a thing. But when the pain did not stop another X-ray was taken—this time from a different angle. It was then Herm quit scrimmaging. The X-ray showed the wrist was broken!

lege If weather conditions permit, the Lions will travel to Bloomsburg tonight for a return scrimmage.

Offensive Punch Slow

"We can't get our offensive moving—we don't score like we should. But we're faster and more aggressive than last year," Gross commented.

In the scrimmage, the Lion coach has been running a first five composed of Lamie, McMahan, Williams, Panoplos, and Frank Moore, with Joe Piorkowski also seeing a lot of action.

Moore played on the JVs last season and has impressed Gross with his aggressive play, while Piorkowski, a 6-foot 3-inch junior, is a transfer student who was ineligible last year.

Lamie, who averaged 10 points per game last year, and McMahan, 6-foot 7-inch center, will be looked on to carry much of the offensive punch what with the high-scoring Costa missing from the lineup.

Panoplos Carries Speed

Panoplos, probably the fastest man on the squad, will try to fill the shoes of Tocci, now freshman coach and last year's "Mr. Setter-Upper."

Williams, who played a fine brand of ball for the Lions last season, is having trouble finding the range in pre-season sessions but Gross expects him to come around soon.

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Panther Aerial Attack Will Test Lion Defense

Unless the weather man tries to get into the act once again, the 50th annual Penn State-Pitt football clash could very easily resolve itself into a test of the Panthers' passing game and the Lions' aerial defense.

Having successfully coped with the passing attack of West Virginia and Rutgers in recent weeks, the Lions can expect to have their tough aerial screen given a final probing from Panther quarterbacks Bob Bestwick and Bob Osterhout. Between them, Coach Len Casanova's T-operatives have completed 75 passes for 893 yards. Against Notre Dame Bestwick completed 19 of 24 passers for 252 yards.

Pitt End Nears Record

Pittsburgh also has an outstanding receiver in senior end Nick De Rosa, who is nearing two Pitt pass catching marks. De Rosa has caught 22 passes for 299 yards.

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Smidansky On AP All-State 2nd Team

End John Smidansky, leading pass receiver for the Nittany Lions, was the only Penn State football player to receive recognition higher than honorable mention in the 1950 all-state selections of the Associated Press. Smidansky was named to the second team.

Four Penn State gridders received honorable mention. They were Stew Scheetz, tackle; Ken Bunn, center; Capt. Owen Dougherty, wingback; and Tony Orsini, halfback.

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