

# Lion Cagers Working On Offensive Punch For Opening Contest

With but four short days left until the season opener with Ithaca college, Coach Elmer Gross has his Nittany Lion basketball squad working on their offensive plays in an attempt to acquire more scoring punch which has been missing in the pre-season drills.

The Nittanians concluded their tune-up games last night when they played a return engagement with Bloomsburg State Teachers on the Bloomsburg court.

The Lions fared pretty well in the first six scrimmage games, coming off with four wins and two losses. Gross' charges scrimmaged St. Francis of Loretto twice and Hazleton center, Juniata, Lock Haven and Bloomsburg once each. This does not include last night's game.

### Lose Three

Having lost three of last year's first five men, Gross is faced with the task of moulding a squad which can successfully work Penn State's shifting zone defense.

With six sophomores on the squad, Gross has been having trouble indoctrinating them into the tricky defense and the Lion offensive plays.

Ted Panoples, Frank Moore, and Hardy Williams will work the outside line for the Lions while Captain Lou Lamie and Tiny McMahon will work the inside on the first five.

Gross' big worry is the lack of

height on the first team. Although the whole squad averages a comparatively small team average, 6 feet 2 inches, the first five barely averages 6 feet. Lamie at 6 feet 2 inches and McMahon at 6 feet 7 inches are the only 6 footers on the starting team. Whether the lack of height can be made up in speed and aggressiveness remains to be seen. In any event, the Lion will be at a disadvantage more times than not.

### Syracuse Next

After taking on the Bombers of Ithaca Wednesday night, the Lion cagers will entertain one of the best teams in the East Saturday when Syracuse invades the Lion's lair.

The Orange five will probably be the best team to display their wares in Rec hall this season. Quarter-finalists in the National Invitation tournament last year, the Orange team is loaded with talent this season their big gun being Jack Kiley who is being boomed for all-American honors already.

## Lion Annie Oakley



Varsity Rifle Coach, Felipe Vias, helps Betty Champlin, prospective 'Annie Oakley,' train her sights. The crack feminine dead-eye is making a unique bid for the men's rifle team.

# Feminine Sharpshooter Aims For Rifle Varsity

By CLARICE LUNCH

Heralding the return of the days of Annie Oakley is the sight of a female at the try-out practice sessions of the men's varsity rifle team.

This sharpshooter is Betty Champlin, a slim, 5-foot 4½-inch brunette who prefers a man's model gun, the heavy barrel Winchester 52.

Betty began shooting when she was 13 years old and has already acquired distinction in the field. In 1949 she took second place in the girls' national matches when she was a high school senior. She came in first in a match between Pittsburgh and Detroit.

Betty fires in the more difficult off-hand and kneeling positions, as well as in the ordinary prone position. (The girls' team here uses only the prone position.)

### Shoots With Men

Whether or not Betty shoots with the men's varsity, she will definitely be with the girls' rifle team and will shoot in the men's intramurals.

Betty likes to hunt, but she has no favorite game. She says, "I am just an old woodchuck hunter from way back."

Betty spends most of her spare time, when she isn't shooting, in

intramurals, and playing ping-pong or canasta. She's an avid canasta fan.

Not confining all her target practice to rifles, although she prefers them, Betty sometimes uses pistols. She likes 22's and 15's best.

In spectator sports, Betty likes ice hockey, but baseball runs a close second. In spite of their poor showing, she's still a Pirate fan since she hails from Pittsburgh.

"I'm crazy about Rosey Roswell," she said. "His home is near mine, so I know him. He's a nice, down-to-earth guy."

Betty's father, who at one time shot with the Binghamton, N.Y., police rifle team, taught her to shoot. Her brother, a sophomore in high school, is following in the tradition of expert marksmanship.

A sophomore majoring in psychology, Betty hopes to work in clinical psychology when she completes her formal education.

## IC-4A Winners



Slightly tired, but happy, these cross-country runners catch a breath after galloping over the five-mile Van Courlandt IC-4A course on Nov. 20. In order of finish, l. to r., Dick Shea, Army; Penn State's Bill Ashenfelter; Bill Lucas,

Manhattan; and Warren Dreutzer, Michigan State. Nittany Lion Bob Freebairn, not shown, took fifth. Werner's harriers won this meet and the national championships the following week to finish an unbeaten season.

# Lion Soccermen Show Impressive Scoring Record For Nine Contests

The soccermen of Penn State, acclaimed as the top team in the East in 1950, tallied an impressive total of 36 goals in the nine games played this season.

The four-per-game average eclipses the all-time average of 3.5 points a contest.

Eight men contributed to the attack that submerged all but West Chester State Teachers. Leading the team in the all-important column was Joe Lane, center forward, who holds the individual scoring record for Penn State players by virtue of a seven-goal outburst against Bucknell in the first game of the year. Lane ended the year with 11 goals.

### Buss Runner-Up

Clarence Buss, one of the fastest wingmen to perform for Coach Bill Jeffrey in many years, was runner-up in the scoring division with eight tallies. Buss was especially valuable since his tallies often came in the clutch against strong opponents.

Captain Harry Little rolled up five counters in his final season with the Lions. His play-making ability was responsible for many more scores during the year, and by far he led the team in assists.

### '51 Spearheads

Ron Coleman, a junior, and Ed Smith, a sophomore, were credited with four each. These men will be the spearheads of the 1951 assault.

Gus Bigott, who spread out his playing career from 1938 to 1950, scored twice. Two more sophomores, Kurt Klaus and Gary Nugent, got one tally apiece.

Klaus was the only halfback to hit the opponents nets all season, and promises to become a threat from that position in future years. Nugent will see action on the forward line next season.

There will be no bowling in the AIM bowling league Monday night because of registration. Action will begin again the following Monday.

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## Jordan Hall, Sinkers Post High Scoring Wins In IM Cage Play

The Sinkers and Jordan Hall hit highs of 36 points this week in the intramural independent loop, as they whipped the Architects and the Black Sheep, 36-9 and 36-6, respectively. Ted Shattuck banked 11 points and Ross Keith 8 for the Sinkers, while Redmond garnered 12 and Smoot and Roberts 8 apiece for Jordan Hall.

In league J, the Olympians topped the Skashers, 22-18 as Gordon hit for 10 markers, while Dave Colton's 12 tallies were high for the losers. The Jeeps edged the Zone 3 men in a low-scoring affair, 13-11; McElwain Hall lost an 8-6 halftime lead to bow to

the Basketeers, 17-16; and the Mountaineers dumped the Ramblers, 22-11.

Cage tilts in league K saw Walsh score over half of his team's points as the Schmoos turned back the Sportsmen, 20-12; the Abees' rally fell one point short in the second half as they succumbed to the Rebels, 14-13; and the Mite, behind 6-4 at half, rallied to beat the Big Five, 14-11.

In spite of the fact that there is no school Monday and Tuesday, there will be regularly scheduled intramural court battles for both independent and fraternity squads.

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