

Lion Cagers Meet Colgate, Syracuse On Crucial Trip

By ERNIE MOORE

Penn State's basketball team left for Hamilton, N.Y. this morning on the first leg of what is probably the most important trip of the year for the Lion cagers.

Coach Elmer Gross's courtmen will play Colgate tonight before moving over to Syracuse for a contest with the Orangemen tomorrow night.

In Colgate and Syracuse, the Lions will be up against two of the three teams which were able to conquer them on the Rec hall court this year.

The Red Raiders, a smooth-passing aggregation, dumped the Nittanians, 55-52, while Syracuse edged by, 61-59. But since these losses, State has come a long way. In fact, it was right after the Colgate defeat that the Lions went on a six-game winning streak and copped eight out of their last nine games.

Two Nemeses

On this two-game trip, the Lions will run into two of their worst nemeses—Dave Alton, of Colgate, and Jack Kiley, of Syracuse. Alton scored 20 points when the Red Raiders beat State, and Kiley dumped in 17 to lead the Orange to victory over the Lions.

Stae and Colgate will go into the fray tonight with identical records. Each team has won 12 games and lost 6. Syracuse has 12 wins and 8 losses. Mentioned as possible tournament timber before the season started, Syracuse has failed to live up to expectations but are currently on a three-game winning streak. One of these wins was a 70-59 drubbing of Colgate.

Some Of Best

But the Orangemen can't be taken on their record alone as Coach Marc Guley's crew has met some of the best of the collegiate crop in Kentucky, Bradley, St. Johns, and Niagara.

However, the Grossmen are currently riding the crest of what could be their best season in years, thanks to the scoring of Captain Lou Lamie and the new bench strength which Gross has moulded in Herm Sledzik, Joe Piorkowski, Whitey Makarewicz, and Doby Lynch.

Gymnasts Battle Orange Tomorrow

Penn State's gym-men will complete the "murderers' row" of collegiate gymnastics tomorrow when they meet Syracuse at New York.

The Orange also has been defeated by the two service schools, Army and Navy, this season, dropping both meets by 49-47, the closest possible score for the sport. The Lions lost to the Midies and Cadets by 15 points.

Televised Match

Tomorrow's match will be televised in Syracuse as the Nittanians try for their third win of the year. They have lost two.

Captain Rudy Valentino will be striving to keep his 1951 record clean, having won all four times that he has competed this year.

Coach Gene Wetstone will use the same lineup that started the season with Tom Campbell as the key performer on the horizontal bar and Jim Hazen the top man on the flying rings.

Dave Schultz will be out to improve his rope-climbing time again this week. Schultz's marks have been constantly improving this season.

Dave Benner will attempt to repeat his last week's win in the sidehorse event. Dave Douglas will strive for the best performance on the parallel-bars.

South America Bound

Jerry Maurey, of Clearfield, and Dick Lemyre, of Merrick, N.Y., both Penn State freshmen, were two of four college plebes selected to represent the United States in wrestling competition at the Pan-American games, Feb. 25 to Mar. 8, at Buenos Aires. The team will be coached by Billy Sheridan, veteran Lehigh mentor.

By RAY KOEHLER

"Sure we'd like to win both games, but I don't know . . . we'll be out there trying, though, and maybe we can scare them a little." Thus—on the eve of Penn State's most crucial basketball tour this season—did the Lions' tight-lipped coach, Elmer Gross, tersely view the climactic Colgate, Syracuse series.

Two factors magnifying the importance of these two weekend road engagements.

First, should (and if) the Roaring Lions overcome Colgate tonight and Syracuse tomorrow they will have accomplished a feat which has stone-walled other local cage teams since 1943—that of surpassing the 13-win mark in one season's play.

Outstanding Marks

That year, co-captained by John Egli, the club's present assistant coach, and Herk Baltimore, the Lions attained a 15 and 4 mark. The year before, again co-captained by Baltimore and Gross, the man who today holds the reigns, Penn State pulled out four aces and came through with a heady 17 and 2 year.

Second, the two-day trip offers Lou Lamie his second chance to have his name enshrined among the immortals in Penn State's basketball book of fame.

The rangy "hesitation shot" artist from Arnold, Pa. passed the Nittany 3-year scoring mark against Pitt last week and is now rapidly approaching Marty Costa's 1-year standard of 299 set last year. Lamie's 19 tallies against American U. left him only 41 points from becoming the new titleholder.

Not since the Lions' "Golden Era of Basketball"—in those turbulent early 1940's—has "hoop fever" hit the College with such a resultant contagious effect.

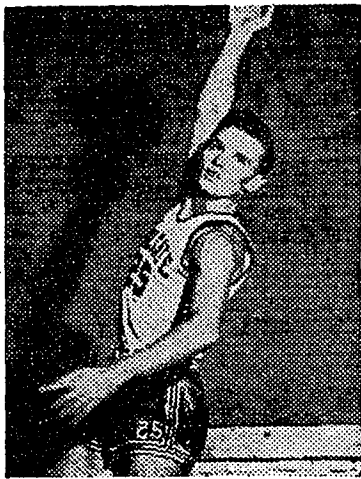
When Gross took over as State's hoop boss last winter the trade locally was in the doldrums. Since then basketball has threatened to burst from its sliding-zone bindings and appears about ready to hit the national spotlight.

Frosh Cagers Play In Altoona Tonight

Having broken its three-game losing streak by tripping Bucknell last Saturday, Penn State's freshman basketball team will try to bring its winning percentage up to the .500 mark tonight when it travels to Altoona Center.

Joe Tocci's youngsters currently sport a three-won-four-lost record. In their first encounter of the season with Altoona Center, the Lions won, 53-38, as Ted Jackson took scoring honors with 16 points. Jackson, at present, leads the freshman scorers with an overall total of 86 counters.

Pivotal Nemesis



Dave Alton

Records Favor Orange Mermen

Jubilant Pitt swimmers heaved their manager into the pool following a victory over State last week, but Lion manager Bill Gordon isn't likely to get dunked for at least another week as the Nittany mermen face unbeaten Syracuse tomorrow.

Doubt of the soaking stems from the opposite and unequal records of the competing teams. Piety Hill tankmen have won six straight while the Lions own a string of seven—all in the loss column.

Beat Rutgers, Columbia

In their headlong dash toward an all-victorious season, the Orangemen have knocked-off strong Rutgers and just last week broke a 25-25 tie by virtue of sweeping the last three events to trip Columbia, 46-29.

Although Coach Ted Webster, twenty years at the Hill swim helm, has lost most of the veterans who wreaked havoc with Glennland pool records last year, his squad balances seasoned swimmers with promising sophs.

Last season Syracuse trounced the Nittanians 53½ to 21½, but Cas Borowy grabbed the headlines for State with a great 54.3 record-breaking effort in the 100-yard freestyle.



The CITRUS Dope

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

There was an indication yesterday that baseball's greatest natural hitter, "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, might be reinstated into organized baseball.

The action was taken by the South Carolina Senate in an effort to bring back into the annals of baseball the name and records of the famous outfielder.

Jackson, who patrolled the garden for the Chicago White Sox for 13 years before his expulsion from the national pastime in the famous "Black Sox scandal" of 1919, rates with Ty Cobb and Rogers Hornsby in top lifetime batting averages.

General Manager Hank Greenberg failed again to sign the Cleveland Indian's ace righthanded pitcher, Bob Lemon, to a 1951 contract.

Greenberg pulled into the Indian training camp at Tucson, Ariz., yesterday after

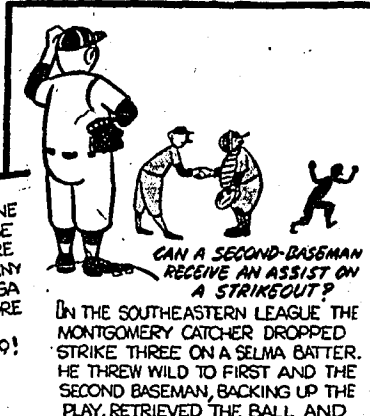
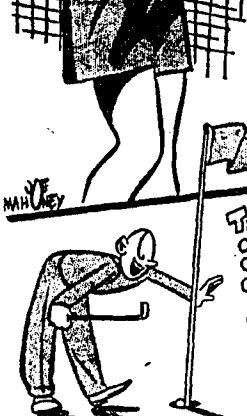
spending much of the previous night at San Diego "talking turkey" with Lemon. The strapping slider artist, who was converted from an infielder to a pitcher, said that he was asking for \$50,000 this year. The Tribe is believed to be offering him \$40,000.

Other Indians unsigned are pitcher Mike Garcia, second baseman Bobby Avila, and outfielders Dale Mitchell, Thurman Tucker, and Allie Clark.

The Chicago Cubs yesterday announced the signing of star outfielder Hank Sauer, thereby completing the list of Bruins to come to terms.

LAURA LOU JAHN

ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST PROSPECTS ON THE WOMEN'S TENNIS HORIZON, WON HER FIRST NATIONAL TITLE, THE GIRLS INDOOR CROWN, AT 14, AND NOW AT THE AGE OF 17 SHE RANKS NUMBER 2 IN THE GIRLS BRACKET AND EARNED NUMBER 20 ON THE WOMEN'S LIST!



THE HOLE-IN-ONE CAN HARDLY BE CALLED A RARE OCCURRENCE ANY MORE. THE PGA RECORDED MORE THAN 5000 DURING 1949!

CAN A SECOND-BASMAN RECEIVE AN ASSIST ON A STRIKEOUT?
IN THE SOUTHEASTERN LEAGUE THE MONTGOMERY CATCHER DROPPED STRIKE THREE ON A SELMA BATTER. HE THREW WILD TO FIRST AND THE SECOND BASEMAN, BACKING UP THE PLAY, RETRIEVED THE BALL AND THREW IN TIME TO NIP THE RUNNER!

State Trackmen Compete In N.Y. IC-4A's Saturday

After a two-week layoff from competition, Penn State's indoor track team will compete in the IC-4A championships at New York's Madison Square Garden tomorrow.

They will leave from Rec hall at 10:45 a.m. today.

More than 65 schools have been entered in the event. This is noteworthy in that the great number of contestants have necessitated preliminary heats in the mile run and the mile relay.

Heavy favorites in the classic are Cornell, Manhattan, and Georgetown. Penn State is classed as a dark horse, along with Army, Villanova, and Seton Hall.

Vic Fritts, defending IC-4A high-jump champion, will be out to defend his crown. Fritts will be hobbled because of a badly bruised heel which was received at the triangular meet with Michigan State and Northwestern two weeks ago.

Herb Also Injured

Jim Herb, a sophomore who jumped 6'7" at the Washington Star meet earlier this year, is also on the medicine shelf and has been receiving steady treatment in the training room for a bruised heel and a bad shin splint. Herb will accompany Fritts in the meet.

The crack mile-relay team of Guy Kay, John Lauer, Bill Lockhart, and John McCall are in their usual good shape. The quartet finished first in their last event, the three-way meet at Michigan State.

Bob Freebairn, who ran a class 4:22 mile on the balcony track at Rec hall last week, and Don Ashenfelter represent Penn State's hopes in the single-mile event.

Doubling the distance are Bill Ashenfelter, who turned in an equally class 9:21 for two-miles under the same conditions as Freebairn, and Jack Horner.

Bladesmen Eye Cornell Victory

Victims of undefeated Navy last Saturday, the State bladesmen return home tomorrow afternoon when they engage the Cornell fencers from Ithaca, N.Y.

The Lions, winless in their three previous starts, will eye the Big Red with stern hopes of breaking into the victory column. Following last week's devastating defeat by Navy, Coach Art Meyer's aggregation surprisingly feel "up" for the duel.

The spearhead of the State contingent will again be Captain Ed Merek in the saber event, according to Coach Meyers. Merek, who suffered his first setback of the campaign last Saturday, will be seeking revenge for the two losses he incurred last year at the hands of the Cornell swordsmen.

In the saber, Merek, Bob Searles, and Jerry Clauser will fence. Joining in the foils will be Ed Kalanik, Joe Kusick, and Tom Taylor. In epee, Pete Ralby, Lou Como, and Bob Whitman.

Wrestlers Engage Navy Grapplers In Sat. Matinee

Penn State's wrestling team, top dog in Eastern wrestling circles this season, will go to the mats with a determined Navy team that has lost only once this season tomorrow afternoon in Rec hall.

Coach Charlie Speidel's men now have won six straight this season, and have a streak of nine over two seasons.

A victory for the Lions tomorrow will put them at least on a par with the championship team of 1942 and last year's team, both of which posted seven dual meet wins during the season, while losing one. The Lions have one more match (with Cornell) after tomorrow's fracas.

Two Matmen Undefeated

Two of Speidel's outstanding wrestlers, Captain Homer Barr, two-time Eastern champion, and sophomore Don Frey, 147-pound grappler, are undefeated this season. Barr will be after his 23rd consecutive victory in dual meets without a defeat, six wins coming this season, while Frey pinned his first four opponents of the season, before settling for two wins on decision. He has no losses.

Starting off for the Lions will be Johnny Reese, who last week, in the 17-9 victory over defending EIWA titlists, lost a decision to EIWA champ Bob Gerbino. Reese has wrestled in only two meets this season. He lost his other match by a fall to Virginia.

Santel After 6th

Following Reese will be either Dean Harbold or Jack Dreibelbis, at 130. Dreibelbis also lost his outing last week. In 137, Don Maurey, who has had his ups and downs this season, tries to get back on the winning side of the ledger.

Powerful Bill Santel goes after his sixth win of the campaign against one loss. Santel now has three straight wins since losing to Jim Conklin at Pitt.

Joe Lemyre will be back at 167 after one win at 177 last week, and Mike Rubino returns to his old stand in the 177-pound class. Both Lemyre and Rubino have 5-1 records for the season.

Penn State's Charlie Speidel rates his freshman coach, Charlie Ridenour, one of the best wrestlers he ever tutored.