

The Lion's Lair

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Well, here it is—the Michigan State game. This is the one we've been waiting for. The Spartans are rated one of the top teams in the country. A win for the Nittany Lions in this game would put Penn State right back in the football limelight.

The Spartans have one of their best teams in Michigan State history, if not the best. Undefeated in four contests, the Spartans have beaten Oregon State, Michigan, Ohio State, and Marquette.

Marquette gave Coach Biggie Munn's squad the scare of its life Saturday when it forced the Spartans to go all out in the last quarter to avoid being upset. Michigan State is great, but can be beaten.



We have no way of comparing Marquette with Penn State's team, but we feel sure that if Marquette can give Michigan State a rough time, an inspired Nittany Lion team can whip the Spartans with a few breaks.

As one fellow put it, "It's not wishful thinking to say that Penn State can beat Michigan State. But it'll take more than wishful thinking to do it."

If State is to beat the Spartans, the Lions are going to have to be at their best. They're going

to have to have their spirit at a higher pitch than it has been all season. Michigan State is not going to give Penn State any breaks. You can bet on that. After the scare Marquette gave the Spartans last Saturday, Munn's crew is going to be fighting mad this week.

There is one thing that is going to stand in favor of the Lions. Beaver Field is going to be packed with partisan Penn State alumni and students. A record crowd is expected to watch the Homecoming affair. It's going to take more than a partisan crowd to down the Spartans but it should help the Lions.

So far, this week, the students have shown almost no spirit toward Saturday's contest. It's about time things get stirred up around here. If we're going to whip Michigan State we've got to get a head start on the Spartans.

Beat Michigan State!

Fireballs Win, 39-0, As Lenz Tallies 4

The high-scoring Fireballs unleashed another smooth-running aerial attack to outclass the Browns, 39-0, in a second round independent IM game last night on the IM field.

Howie Lenz scored four times in the six-touchdown melee, and Paul Klembe added his left-handed touch to the scoring parade by passing for scores five times. The score at the half was 12-0.

The Fireballs ran roughshod over the rattled Browns in the final half, scoring on a series of 35, 30, 23, and 25 yards with three extra points. Harry Martin, Bill Warriner, and Jack Griner all figured in the second-half scoring.

Hazlewood Scores

A late second-half 50 yard pass from Charles Russo to Lew Hazlewood materialized into an 82 yard scoring play for the only tally of the game and the second round win for Dorm 25 over Penn Haven. The score was 6-0.

The winning play occurred just inside the final three-minute mark and busted up the tight defensive game employed by both sides.

The only real threat before the quick TD came in the final half when Dorm 23 recovered a loose ball on the Penn Haven 24 but could not capitalize.

SPA Wins, 7-6

Sigma Phi Alpha took a full half and then a part of another to get warmed up but still squeezed out a 7-6 overtime decision over Sigma Pi in a fraternity football grid contest last night.

A two-yard flip from Don Mercer to Chuck Crispens plus a five-yard offside penalty called against Sigma Pi were the two factors that eliminated the Sigma Phi's from further competition and advanced the SPA club to the third bracket.

Sigma Pi scored first on a looping 43 yard pass from Bill Wallis to Tom Cook to take a temporary halftime lead, 6-0. Steve Phillip's 34 yard toss midway in the final half to Mercer in the end zone sent the game into overtime.

Rich Steals Show

Frank Rich was the whole show as Sigma Chi shutout Phi Kappa Psi, 14-0. Rich uncorked a pass that traveled 55 yards in the air to Jack Stozenski on the Phi Kappa Psi 25 yard line. The entire play covered 74 yards. Two plays later, the same duo teamed up for the TD. Rich then flipped to Lew Riggs for the extra-point. Rich got a late first-half drive underway that carried to the enemy 8 yard line but time ran out.

The final Sigma Chi marker was again started from the talented right arm of Rich. Dick Reed was on the payoff end of this one, a one-yarder.

Werner Statements Point To Terrific Harrier Race

Nittany cross country coach Chick Werner made two statements yesterday, which added together, gives every indication that Saturday's Lion-Michigan State five-mile run will be a terrific, anybody-can-win race.

First the Lion mentor admitted that on paper the Spartans rated the edge on his harriers, but Chick was quick to add that his team is "improving very fast."

On seasonal records there is little to choose between the two. Michigan State had no trouble whipping Purdue 20-41 last week in their opener. The Nittanians decisively trounced Pitt, 19-36, in their opener, and just last week added a second straight victim, Cornell, by a 16-47 count.

Easier Spartan Course

Any material disadvantage the Lions may have, should be evened up by the fact that the Spartans will have to run the Nittany course.

Back home the Spartans have an almost level four-mile course. They therefore have a slight disadvantage when they come up against the comparatively much more difficult—on a hill basis—Lion course.

Coach Werner has named the 12 runners to tangle with the Spartans strong squad.

Heading the list is Bill Ashenfelter, the fellow who led the Lions to their win over the Spartans last fall. Bill doesn't as yet appear up to his year ago time of 25:56. But last Saturday he ran five miles with a 26:48 clocking which was a vast improvement over his opening race of the season run in 28 minutes.

Three for Three

Out to win his third x-country race of his life in as many attempts, Lamont Smith is certainly a threat to Spartan aspirations. Word from Bill Ash—who should know—is that Smitty was holding back against Cornell. Saturday should satisfy everyone's curiosity as to how good the freshman really is.

Jack Horner and Red Hollen, the other two winners last Saturday, will be out to repeat against the Spartans.

Fifth Lion finisher last week, Dud Foster, has recovered from the cold which bothered him against Cornell, so he may be more trouble for Michigan State.

Seventh against Cornell, Pete Judd and Pete Sarantopoulos will have to hustle to do as well against the Spartans.

On the strength of 10th and 11th place finishes last week, Carl Godshall and frosh John Chillrud will go again Saturday.

Three new Lion runners have broken into the varsity starting lineup by virtue of good clocking in a junior varsity time trial run last Friday. Winner of that race, frosh Jim Hamill, runnerup Dave Pierson, and third finisher Bob Gehman will get the shot at the Spartans.

Ruel Named New Tiger Farm Boss

DETROIT, Oct. 17—(AP)—Harold (Muddy) Ruel took over today as farm director of the Detroit baseball club in the third Tiger front office shakeup in three months.

General Manager Charlie Gehringer, himself a newcomer, confirmed Ruel's appointment a few hours after former Farm Director Ray Kennedy announced he had been "fired."

Ruel, once a major league catcher, coach, manager, and assistant to former Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler, quit as the Cleveland Indians' farm director Sunday while rumors circulated he would move to Detroit.

Owner Walter O. Briggs started the shakeup July 8 when he fired General Manager Billy Evans as the Tigers were staggering through one of their worst two seasons in 20 years.

Recently Briggs replaced Traveling Secretary Clair J. Berry with Charles B. Martin.

One of the few top officials to hang onto his post is Manager Robert A. (Red) Rolfe whose clubs finished fourth, second and fifth since he took over. And Gehringer has indicated that Rolfe can return next year if he wishes.

He's Lion Standout

Chief ground gainer and main offensive threat of the Penn State football team is halfback Ted Shattuck, of Warren, Pa.

PiKA, SAE, Sigma Nu Win Intramural Swim Matches

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Churning the green waters of Glennland pool into a white froth, swimmers from Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu splashed their way to first round triumphs last night.

In scoring a 31-10 win over Triangle, the PiKAs got off to a fast start as Bob Brumbagh covered the 60-yard free style course in 33.7 seconds. Although Triangle won the backstroke, PiKA's breaststroker, Skip Schuman, came back to win the next event in 46 flat. The PiKA merman continued to add up the score, winning the 120-yard relay and fancy diving.

Paces Win

With Bob Meyers pacing his teammates, SAE vanquished Phi Kappa Psi, 27-14. Taking a first place in all the events, except the backstroke, the SAEs piled up an early lead.

Meyers won the 60-yard freestyle in 37.6 seconds, and swam on the winning relay squad. Ted Wright stroked a 51.6 in winning the breaststroke. Tom Bradrick, SAE diver, copped his event easily.

By capturing first place in every event, the Sigma Nu splashers were easily able to overpower Sigma Phi Sigma, 34-4. Whitey Miller splashed to a 35.4 second victory in the 60-yard freestyle for SN. After winning the backstroke, SN's Jim Gracey added to the feat by swimming a 50.1 time in the 60 breaststroke. Combining their talents on the 120 yard freestyle relay combine for SN, John Hoerr, Gracey, Miller, and John Hessel covered the distance in 1:08.3 seconds.

Repeat Performance

Last year all of yesterday's winners posted first round victories. All are scheduled to resume activity next week. On tonight's card six teams are pitted against each other. Sigma Chi, last year's champions, will engage Delta Chi; Kappa Delta Rho will swim against Sigma Alpha Mu; and Delta Upsilon will oppose Alpha Chi Rho.

Since 43 fraternity squads are entered in swimming competition this year, it will be necessary to hold meets daily Monday through

Robinson in Net Quarter-Finals

Defending IM independent tennis champ Dick Robinson swept through two matches, dropping only two games, to reach the quarter finals of the 1951 independent IM net tourney.

Robinson beat J. Kemper in love sets 6-0, 6-0, in the opening round, and turned back J. Morris, 6-2, 6-0, in his second round match. Morris had ousted R. Gayley earlier to reach the second bracket.

Four other men advanced to the round of eight. Baird Hammonds eliminated R. Mertz, 6-4, 6-3. Mertz was a one set victor over J. Ingos in the opening round, 7-5. D. Hetzel breezed past M. Unger, 6-0, 6-2 in a second round match. A three-set affair found E. Rea outlasting W. Exley, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, while R. Williamson beat J. Karfunkle, 9-7, 6-0, also in second round play. Scores of the Exley-Reid and Karfunkle-Bond, first round matches were not available.

IM Cage Entries

Today is the last day in which IM basketball entries, both independent and fraternity, will be accepted. All those still to enter teams must submit their names to the IM Office in Rec Hall before 4:30, in order to be included in the 1951 cage schedule.

Wrigley Sees New Big League

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—Phil Wrigley, who owns the Chicago Cubs and the Los Angeles baseball teams, said today he thinks the Pacific Coast League may become a third major league "in a reasonable length of time."

Wrigley didn't say how long "a reasonable length of time" may be.

This question was put to him when he appeared before a House judiciary subcommittee studying baseball's complex organization: "If it (the Pacific Coast League) were exempted from the draft, do you think in a reasonable length of time it would become a major league?"

Wrigley's reply: "I do."

A Monopoly

The subcommittee is trying to find out whether baseball violates monopoly. The Pacific Coast when Dorm 25 recovered a loose League question has bobbed up at almost every session.

The coast league particularly dislikes the draft.

This enables the major leagues to claim one player from each club at the end of each season for \$10,000. The coast league insists that this causes it to lose valuable talent at a fraction of its worth.

Deserve Chance

The other side of the argument: if the draft didn't exist, a minor league club owner could keep players on his club who really deserve a chance in the majors.

Wrigley said he thinks a compromise can be worked out whereby a player can decide whether or not he wants to be drafted.

He also knocked down another argument that has been presented against the coast league: their parks are too small.

"It's better," Wrigley said in rebuttal, "to have a small park filled regularly than a large park that is filled only occasionally."

Looms As Mile Ace

Lamont Smith, frosh miler, of Lehigh, Pa., is tabbed for future greatness by his coach, Penn State's Chick Werner.

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