

Between the Lions

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Penn State basketball fans should get a better chance to evaluate this season's Lion cage team when Coach Elmer Gross' tall team entertains always-dangerous Bucknell in Rec Hall tonight.

It's almost amazing that despite the comparative sizes of the two schools, Bucknell always manages to give State athletic teams a rough time. The most recent example was last spring when the Bison nine knocked the Lion baseball team out of a possible NCAA playoff position with a 4-3 win.

Last basketball season the Nittanians downed the Lewisburg quintet twice, but not without trouble. In the first contest at Lewisburg, Gross used a "possessive freeze" and the Lions stopped Bucknell's famous fast-break to win 25-15. Bucknell rooters were so agitated they sent letters to the Daily Collegian asking that something be done to outlaw that type of play.



In the return engagement in Rec Hall, Hardy Williams, captain this season, played one of the best games of his collegiate career to spark the Nittanians to a 67-53 victory.

We had the opportunity to watch movies of the second Bison-State encounter with Coach Gross, and every time Bucknell got a rebound they passed and broke for the other basket. One thing the Bisons lacked was height. Although they still won't be able to match the Lions' tall team they have additional help from

Jim Poff, a six-five sophomore. Last year Connie DeLoca, team captain, was a standout under the boards. He's six-three and weighs 220 pounds. The Bison offensive man to watch is forward Joe Gallagher, a three-year veteran, and leading scorer last season. He's a southpaw and shoots every chance he gets.

Bucknell will play in the Boston invitation tournament, Dec. 28-29, Boston College, Holy Cross, and Arizona are the other entrants. The Bisons, like State have a tough schedule this season with 15 of their 24 games away from home. That's exactly the same as the Lions' back-breaker.

Washington & Jefferson, the Lions' Saturday night foe, will be tough on their home floor at Washington, Pa. The Presidents have almost the same team as last season, but have dropped three straight contests. Last year they finished with a 17-3 mark. Buffalo, John Carroll, and St. Johns have beaten them.

Gettysburg, another future basketball foe, averaged 75 points per game last season, and scored 91 in their opener last week.

DiMaggio Quits Baseball, May Become Telecaster

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—(P)—Joe DiMaggio, who ranks beside Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth as one of the greatest of all ball players, announced his retirement from baseball today.

While it was not a complete surprise, the announcement came as a shock to the nation's fans who long had thrilled to the batting and fielding exploits of the brilliant New York Yankee outfielder.

DiMaggio, at a specially arranged news conference in the plush Yankee offices before newsreel and television cameras, said he never would don a baseball uniform again. He said he never had entertained managerial or coaching ambitions and probably would accept a job with the Yankee organization as a television broadcaster.

It is expected that DiMaggio, who collected \$704,769.71 during 13 years playing with the club, would take the post of TV commentator of the Yankees' home baseball games. That post, left vacant when Dizzy Dean transferred to St. Louis to broadcast the Browns' games, reportedly will bring \$50,000 a season.

DiMaggio, 37 years old last Nov. 25, said a series of injuries and mishaps which hampered him throughout his brilliant major league career, all of it with the Yankees, prompted his decision to quit.

"I began to think seriously of retiring last spring," he added. "By the end of the season I had made up my mind definitely. It had become a chore for me to play. I found it difficult getting out of bed in the morning, especially after a night game. I was full of aches and pains."

College Presidents Continue Probe Of College Sports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11—(P)—College presidents studying what's wrong with sports hope to learn tomorrow how many schools permit athletes to concentrate on so-called snap courses in physical education.

The presidents are members of a special committee set up by the American Council on Education.

During their first meeting here last month they discussed general problems in college sports. In their meeting tomorrow and Thursday they expect to be more specific.

They have asked for help from: Lloyd Jordan, Harvard football coach and president of the National Football Coaches Association; Prof. Thomas E. McDonough of Emory University in Georgia, president of the College Physical Education Association, and Prof. S. C. Staley, president of the American Academy of Physical Education.

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The schedule will include Pennsylvania, Texas, and Oklahoma. These teams will replace Southern Methodist, Indiana, and Detroit. Pennsylvania and Texas have been met before, but the game with Oklahoma will be its first with Notre Dame.

Edward W. Krause, director of athletics, today regarded the 1952 schedule as the most difficult ever attempted by a Notre Dame team.

The schedule:
Sept. 27—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.
Oct. 4—Texas at Austin.
Oct. 11—Pittsburgh at Notre Dame.
Oct. 18—Purdue at Lafayette, Ind.
Oct. 25—North Carolina at Notre Dame.
Nov. 1—Navy at Cleveland.

Heavy Duty Backs

Halfbacks Bob Pollard, Berwyn, and Ted Shattuck, Warren, accounted for 60 per cent of Penn State's total yardage during the 1951 football season.

Nov. 8—Oklahoma at Notre Dame.
Nov. 15—Michigan State at East Lansing, Mich.
Nov. 22—Iowa at Iowa City.
Nov. 23—Southern California at Notre

Monongahela Youth Will Train with Buccs

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11—(P)—The Pittsburgh Pirates will take a towering young right-handed pitcher from East Monongahela, Washington County, to spring training camp and send him to New Orleans for the next baseball season.

The player is Ronald Andrew Necciai, 19. He had played with Salisbury of the North Carolina State League and Shelby of the Western Carolina League.

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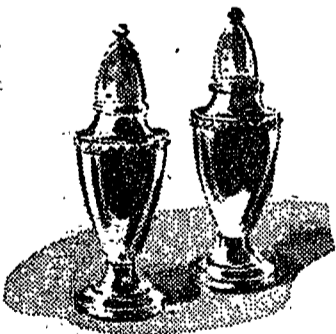
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