

Between the Lions

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Overlooked by most persons in State's surprising 7-1 cage record is that five of the eight games have been played in Rec Hall, where through the years Lion quintets have been almost unbeatable. Despite his team's impressive early season showing, Coach Elmer Gross still fears the remainder of his 24 game schedule, which lists 15 away games.

Of the remaining 16 contests on the Blue and White's agenda, only four are at home, with twelve foreign tilts. Gross is pleased with his dribblers' play thus far in the campaign, but doubts if his squad can continue their outstanding play on the road.

The Steel Bowl tournament victory which brought the coveted Benjamin Fairless trophy to the Nittany Vale has surprised Gross most this season. The Lion mentor figured Pitt would defeat his quintet in the tourney final.

Pitt's varsity lettermen's club will sponsor a dance on the Pitt fieldhouse floor after Saturday's clash with the Lions. The dance will be the first in a tentatively scheduled series of three. Penn State students are invited to the affair, which will last until midnight.

If Jesse Arnelle, freshman center, continues his 15 point per game average he will break the one season Lion scoring mark of 319 established by cage captain Lou Lamie last season. Arnelle has been improving his average each week, but all he has to do is maintain his present average and he would eclipse Lamie's mark.

State is still ranked third by the Pittsburgh Press in the district basketball race. The Lions follow Duquesne and West Virginia, two of the country's top teams. Duquesne has won 11 straight while the Mountaineers have only one loss in ten starts. About the only way the Nittanians will be able to advance will be to upset the Mountaineers when the rivals play in Morgantown, Feb. 2.

Mark Workman, West Virginia center, still leads the district in scoring, with 228 points in ten games. Joe Richards, of Washington and Jefferson, follows with 185 markers. Mickey Zernich, Pitt's scoring ace, is fifth with 147. State held Zernich to eight points in the Steel Bowl final and will attempt to repeat this Saturday.

College Pigskin De-Emphasis Was '51 Trend

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—(AP)—The outstanding trend, or characteristic, of the 1951 sports season was the nationwide cry for de-emphasis of college football, in the opinion of a majority of sports writers and radiocasters who participated in the Associated Press year-end poll.

The leading development was the disclosure that some of the finest college basketball players in the land had been guilty of throwing games or shaving points, with the consequent public loss of confidence in the sport.

These two facets of the campaign just ended were mentioned on nearly all of the several hundred ballots sent in. The "cribbing" scandal at West Point, which resulted in the expulsion of 90 athletes, also placed high in the memories of the men who record the sports scene.

Typical of the comments about the campaign to cool off college football were the following:

"It is an attempt to settle college football into a more common sense operation and remove the stigma of subsidization."

"Unfortunately the trend was toward one of suspicion, also a clamor for greater restrictions."

"Moral rot and corruption. Driving of outstanding men from the coaching field by infantile in-or-else alumni wolves."



Inquirer Meet Next For Lions

Friday night will mark the first of the winter's indoor track and field carnivals on the banked tracks of the East's major indoor arenas, as the Philadelphia Inquirer classic plays host to the nation's leading spiked shoe campaigners.

Relay groupings in the one and two-mile relays find Penn State meeting formidable opposition. Pitt, Princeton, Columbia, and Cornell are the other teams in the mile-relay, while Syracuse, Princeton, Michigan, St. Johns, and Fordham are the competition in the two-mile race.

Performances in this afternoon's time trials will be important factors in selecting relay-team representatives. Bill Ashenfelter will be out to regain a spot on the two-mile team, as will Don Austin, Dave Pierson, Bob Roessler, and Jack Horner.

Challenging the foursome who ran in the mile relay at Washington—Ollie Sax, Bill Polito, John Lauer, and Bill Kilmer—will be Skip Slocum and Tom Younkens.

High-jumper Jim Herb, pole-vaulter Dan Lorch, and hurdlers Lew Waddington and Ed Snodgrass are the other entries.

Having taken advantage of the good weather for the past few days, Coach Werner's men have been getting the feel of running on a banked track by practicing on the outdoor track next to Rec Hall. Previous workouts had been confined to the Rec Hall balcony track.

Gridders Are 13th In Pass Defense

Penn State's football team finished 13th in the nation in pass defense and 12th in pass interceptions, according to final statistics.

It marked the sixth time in ten years that the Lions were able to finish among the leaders in pass defense. Rip Engle's gridgers allowed nine opponents 88.8 yards per contest.

Bob Pollard, Lion halfback, set what is believed to be a new Penn State record by grabbing six of the Lions 16 interceptions. Chuck Peters had the previous record of five set in 1940.

Co-Captains Again

Stew Scheetz, a defensive tackle, and Joe Gratson, a defensive linebacker, will co-captain the 1952 Nittany Lion football team.

Assaulting Court Point Records Old Story for Jesse Arnelle

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Hugh (Jesse) Arnelle, freshman center of the Penn State basketball squad, is an old hand at assaulting court scoring records. And it comes as no surprise that the rangy pivot man is offensively leading the Grossmen in his first campaign.

A graduate of New Rochelle High School, N. Y., the six foot, five inch yearling was the greatest point gatherer in history of the school. In his senior year, Jesse scored 607 points in 20 games for an average of more than 30 per game.

All-Around Athlete

The New Rochelle product also set innumerable records, the most important being a school record of 52 points in one contest. He was the first Huguenot cager ever to score 1000 markers, having netted 1124. During his senior year, in which the Purple Wave won 18 of 20 games, Jesse scored more than half of the team's points and was largely responsible for the team record of 1144 in the season and 908 in WIAA play.

The towering center also attracted considerable attention in other sports, having been named all-state in basketball and football, respectively, and all-county in basketball, football and track. For a big man, he is exceptionally fast and has a 22.1 record, 180-hurdle race credited to him, along with a 50.1 quarter mile.

Although he stands five inches over the six foot mark, Jesse often gives away a few inches in height to opposing centers. Despite this handicap he has rarely been outjumped by an opponent. As a result, the elongated pivot man insures consistent scoring strength and possession of the ball by virtual control of both boards.

Arnelle demonstrated himself as a court leech by holding high-scoring Ed Miller, who was averaging over 25 points per game, to a meek six tallies. Incidentally, the six foot, seven inch Syracuse captain is also a graduate of New Rochelle High School. However, Arnelle never played on the same team, as "Big Ed" was graduated when Jess was a sophomore. Ironically, every record that Miller set, Arnelle managed to break.

Team Man

His most feared weapon is a fine overhead hook shot, which has garnered him 123 points in eight games for the Statesmen.

Although he is a big gun in the Lion arsenal, he is not an individualist, that is, a "single" who likes to shoot for the bows that go with high scoring. He shoots only when set up in Coach Elmer Gross' fast-break system.

FOUL CHATTER... likes swimming, tennis, fishing... doubles in football and basketball for the Lions... lives in McKee Hall... father's first name is Hugh, but he is called by his mother's middle name.

Duquesne Five Moves to 7th In Cage Poll

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—(AP)—Duquesne's fast improving and unbeaten basketball team moved into the top ten for the first time this season in the Associated Press poll as Kansas held on to its No. 1 ranking by a narrow margin over Illinois.

Duquesne (11-0), Kansas (13-0), Illinois (11-0), Iowa (11-0) and St. Bonaventure (9-0) are the only major college teams still able to boast perfect records. All five are in the top ten as Duquesne jumped from 16th to seventh place.

The law of averages caught up with previously undefeated Indiana and Seton Hall during the week. Indiana was beaten by both Ohio State and Iowa while Siena knocked off Seton Hall. Indiana dropped from 4th place to 14th and Seton Hall slipped from 9th to 12th.

West Virginia edged into the first ten, advancing from 11th to 10th by beating Pittsburgh and Wake Forest.

Frosh Star



Jesse Arnelle

Ineligible Player Costs Helots League G Lead

The Terrapins are resting on top of League G and are still unbeaten, thanks to the Helots' use of an ineligible player in Monday night's IM basketball feature.

The Helots had defeated the league leaders, 31-21, but they had been using the service of a player who had performed for another IM cage team earlier this season. The forfeit victory set the Terrapins' record at 5-0, and moved them one-half game ahead of the undefeated Wildcats, who don't play until tonight.

League E Leaders

In the only other League G game, Penn Haven overcame an 11-5 halftime deficit to edge the Globetrotters, 17-16.

The Junior Rovers and Trace A.C., leaders in League E, continued unbeaten by posting their fifth victories Monday night. The Comets fell before the Junior Rovers, 22-19. Trace A.C. had a somewhat easier time in its tussle with the Clippers as it swept to a 49-13 triumph after piling up a commanding 31-6 halftime lead. Bob Vanner led the winners with 12 points. The other game in League E saw the Eroonies topple the Lions, 27-24.

The Foresters continued their winning ways in League F by taking a forfeit win over the Samettes. It was the fifth straight triumph for the Foresters.

Altoona and the Stars kept within one game of the Foresters by taking wins over Dorm 34 and Dorm 27, respectively. Altoona, led by Ed Parrish with 16 markers and Frank Leader, with 12, romped over Dorm 34, 38-21. The

Stars racked up their fourth win against one loss by tripping Dorm 27 by a 34-22 margin. Gordon Dagher of Dorm 27 led the scorers with 10 points.

The Lords and G.F.O. rounded out the action in League F with another close game. The Lords emerged victorious by a 16-13 score and, in so doing, raised their record to two wins and three setbacks.

Teacher-Coach

Joe Tocci, former Penn State basketball and baseball star, is now teaching and coaching at Blairsville High School.

Boxing Captain

Johnny Albarano will captain Coach Eddie Sukowski's Lion boxing squad in the 1952 season.

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