

# Between the Lions

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The success of State's basketball team this season has people all over the campus buzzing about a possible post-season tournament bid for the Lions. But despite an impressive 15-1 record, hopes for a tourney invitation aren't too high as yet.

The NCAA divides the nation's collegiate court teams into sections and the sectional winners enter the NCAA's eliminations in New York's Madison Square Garden. Kentucky, number one team in the country, clinched a place in the tournament this week by winning the Southeastern Conference title.

State is in the same district with such court powers as Duquesne, St. Bonaventure, and West Virginia. The Dukes' 69-63 win over the Bonnies Monday gives them the best chance to represent this section. Duquesne is now the only major undefeated team in the country.



The other worthwhile national cage tourney is the National Invitation Tournament. But it opens this season March 8 with a triple-header. The Lions will still be

playing out their regular season then with a contest with Bucknell. Of course, it could probably be arranged to cancel that game if the Nittanians could play in the NIT.

The NIT committee usually nominates teams with some outstanding distinction, or a famous basketball reputation. Because Coach Elmer Gross uses the zone defense, which some sections of the country are trying to ban, State might not appeal to the crowd so much as more colorful teams.

The Lions don't play in New York, and that's another hindrance. West Virginia went to the Garden early in the season and put on a great display by knocking New York University from the ranks of the unbeaten. Because of their 100-75 victory, and billing as "hill-billies" the Mountaineers will receive a lot of consideration when it comes time to pass out NIT invitations.

But before they go to any tournaments, the Lions will have to keep winning and Coach Gross knows that's going to be a tough job. His quintet has five successive road games in the next two weeks. Next week's journey to Penn, Colgate and Syracuse will be extremely dangerous to Lion hopes. All three opponents are capable of downing the Nittanians.

When State does return home it has to face West Virginia and Pitt, who aren't exactly slackers. The Mountaineers are still ranked above State in the national polls. Doc Carlson and his Panthers would like nothing better than to upset their ancient rivals. Then another contest with a sleeper Bucknell team remains.

# Chuck Medlar Named U. S. Olympic Coach

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Charles "Chuck" Medlar, Penn State's head trainer and assistant baseball coach, has been named to the U.S. Olympic training staff, according to an announcement by T. Nelson Metcalf of Chicago University. Metcalf is the chairman of the U.S. Olympic committee on doctors, nurses and trainers.

The Lion trainer will work under the supervision of chief Olympic doctor, Harry K. McPhee of Princeton University. Since 12 or more trainers are chosen, Medlar doesn't know to which sport he will be assigned. This is the second honor bestowed upon Medlar in the past few months. He was also trainer in the annual Blue-Grey grid classic.

The thirty-two-year old Phys Ed major took over as head trainer in 1946 when the late Jack Hulme died. Prior to that, Chuck was at State from 1938-41 when he played tackle for Bob Higgins, pitched for Joe Bedenk, and even played a little freshman basketball.

Medlar was a top-notch athlete in high school, prep school, college, and a professional baseball player. He spent three years in the Navy and just when it seemed he was ready for the majors, his pitching arm began to ail him.

### Fall Finishes Career

Prior to the time that his "old flipper" went on the blink, Medlar started in AA ball with Beaumont in the Texas League, a Detroit Tiger farm club. Then he moved up to Buffalo in the triple-A International League until Uncle Sam beckoned him.

The accident that put an end to Medlar's diamond career happened aboard a ship. Chuck fell on his arm and afterwards discovered that he couldn't throw well. The torn ligament never healed correctly. Even though he gave it another try at Buffalo after the war, the attempt was to no avail.

### Played With Stars

Besides the work Medlar did under Hulme, he spent six months in New York learning how to treat athletic injuries.

### Olympic Trainer



Chuck Medlar

While at Buffalo, Chuck played with many of the Detroit Tiger's recent standouts; among them were Fred Hutchinson, Jimmy Outlaw, Vic Wertz, and Art Houtteman.

When Chuck left State and signed for a substantial sum from the Detroit treasury, it was on the verge of the baseball season on campus. At that time he was 22-years-old, and the whole incident wasn't given much publicity. In fact, it was so hush-hush, though not intentionally, that Chuck's teammates elected him captain for the coming diamond season the day before he left.

# Orange Matmen Regain 1949, '50 Winning Ways

By JAKE HIGHTON

After two prosperous seasons as Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling champions in 1949 and '50, Syracuse ran into a depression last year and suffered its first losing season since Orange mat Coach Joe McDaniel took charge six years ago.

But the Piety Hill grapplers are again on the upswing after their 3-4 deficit record last winter. Already with three straight wins, including a 22-12 victory over Army, Syracuse will present the strongest challenge of the season to the unbeaten Penn State squad when the two clash in Rec Hall Saturday night.

Aside from the win over Army, comparatively equal to State's 22-13 defeat of the Cadets, Syracuse has licked Rutgers and Cortland in three matches.

May Switch Weights Principal reason for the renewed strength of the Orange wrestlers lies in the outstanding array of power in the first three weights which is bolstered by three talented freshman who will go to the mats in the middle-weights.

Bob Gerbino, Lou Tschirhart and Bob Bury will handle the starting assignments for the Orange from 123 through 127 with EIWA places as past recommendations. Gerbino, normally a 123 pounder and Tschirhart, usually a 130 wrestler, can be put down as possible starters interchangeably at 123 and 130.

Rooney Pinned Karns The middleweight freshman trio for Syracuse is Ed Rooney, Lee Martin and Tom McDougal. Both McDougal and Martin are fresh from Tulsa, Okla. high school where McDaniel's brother Paul coached them.

Rooney, from the Metham, Long Island high school which has turned out top notch wrestlers like State's Joe and Dick

Lemyre, scored a second period pin over Army's Jim Karns in his first varsity 147 pound start. The Lions' unbeaten Don Frey decided Karns 6-2 last week.

Drew With Paulekas Freshman Martin at 157 was decided by Army Captain Don Swygert who pinned Nittany Doug Frey last week.

A normal 147 pounder, McDougal moved up to the 167 pound class last week and beat out regular Hank Gobetz for the starting job. He made his first start a winning one in Syracuse's 33-0 rout of Cortland. At Oklahoma McDougal won 9 out of 10 matches in 3 varsity seasons.

Going at 177 pounds for Syracuse is Enzo Marinelli. With an unattractive mark of 1-6 last year, Marinelli must have come a long way since he held Army's rough Al Paulekas to a draw two weeks ago. Paulekas pinned State's Hud Samson last Saturday.

1-1 Record At heavyweight, Syracuse will line up Dick Beyer, five-ten junior, against Nittany Lynn Illingworth. The Lion senior has not lost in five straight matches in taking over for the great Homer Barr. Illingworth has two pin victories and 9-4, 7-0, 8-1 decisive wins.

Beyer, after making the varsity toward the close of last season, won one and lost one.

### Undefeated Lion



Lynn Illingworth

# Giant Slalom Will Open '52 Winter Games

OSLO, Feb. 13 (AP)—The sixth winter Olympic games open tomorrow in snow-starved Norway with the running of the women's giant slalom at Norefjell and the first two heats of the two-man bobsled in the Frognersteren Hills over Oslo.

Contrary to custom, the formal opening ceremonies will take place Friday. But there will be bugle blowing and flag raising at Norefjell, 70 miles northeast of here, and at the bobsled run to start the games going.

Course in Shape In all, 1178 athletes from 30 nations, including Germany and Japan, are competing in this biggest of all the winter Olympics, with a total attendance expected of 750,000.

More than 300 soldiers working day and night have brought the giant slalom course into good shape by shoveling in snow from every nearby gully. The bobsled course is icy and—the Americans contend—dangerous for the four-man sleds.

The Oslo weather man, who has predicted snow before only to be disappointed, timidly suggested there may be some tomorrow. A low pressure area is enroute here from the North Atlantic.

Strong Contenders There is a good chance the first gold medal of these games may go to an American. Mrs. Andrea Mead Lawrence, the 19-year-old star from Rutland, Vt., is favored in the giant slalom. Her chief competitor is her friend, Trudy Jochum Beiser, 23, of Austria.

Other strong contenders with the two young married women are Dagmar Rom of Austria, Rhoda Wurtele Eaves of Canada, Andree Bermond of France, Mrs. Annemarie Buchner-Fischer of Germany, and Jannette Burr of Seattle, Wash.

The slalom race starts at noon, GMT, (7 a.m. EST) and is determined on a time basis. The bobsled heats get under way at 10 a.m., GMT (5 a.m. EST).

# Dinks Top Dorm 25, Take League H Lead

By JIM PETERS

The Dinks not only took a half game lead in IM cage League H Tuesday night, but virtually eliminated an early season sensation, Dorm 25, from the league race.

Dorm 25 was defeated by the Dinks, 28-22, for its second straight loss after winning its first four games. The Dinks posted their fifth win as against one setback and moved half a game ahead of second place Dorm 14, which was idle. Tom Brasher led the Dinks with 14 points.

Nittany Co-op, the Dinks' last opponent on the schedule, lost its sixth consecutive game as Ather-ton Hall scored a 20-12 victory. Terrapins Win 6th

The Foresters, leaders in League F, downed Dorm 27 by a 24-16 margin for their sixth win in succession. Fred Dorrell led the rampaging victors with 12 markers. The Foresters need only to trip their last opponent, Dorm 34, with a 1-5 slate, to take the league honors. Dorm 34 won its first game Tuesday by edging the winless Samettes, 17-15.

In League G, the unbeaten Terrapins bumped Penn Haven, 26-19, to post their sixth victory also. Sam Beigel's 11 points were high for the winners. The win moved the Terrapins into a one-half game lead over the Wildcats, who have won five straight games without a defeat. The Wildcats were idle Tuesday, but will provide the op-

position for the Terrapins' final game March 3.

Hammonds Scores 15 Pete Cherish led the Globetrotters to their third win, a 26-20 conquest of the Bagoones, by scoring 12 points. The Has Beens won their second consecutive game in League I after four early season setbacks, by squeezing by the Woodchoppers, 25-23. Baird Hammonds became the evening's high scorer as he scored 15 points. The Privateers notched their first triumph by taking a forfeit over the Kool Kats.

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