

Between the Lions

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Probably the most unfortunate aspect of Saturday night's game with Pitt was the inglorious manner in which State's three capable seniors had to bow out in their last home game.

Surely such cagers as Co-captains Hardy Williams and Tiny McMahan, and Joe Piorowski deserved a better farewell. But there was nothing for this eager trio to do but stand hopelessly by and watch the fleeting moments of their collegiate home career flicker by.

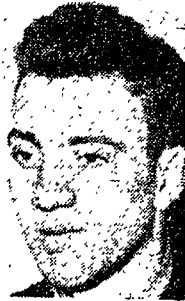
There's no doubt that Coach Elmer Gross will miss these three seniors immensely next season. If the NCAA bans freshmen from varsity competition next year, Gross may find himself somewhat short of reserves. Imagine the difference in this year's record if freshmen had been ineligible. The first year men gave the squad the added strength and balance a top-flight ball club needs. The Lion mentor used eight men most of the campaign and with three graduating, he will be searching for replacements.

Many people overlooked the true value of Williams this season. It will be a long time before a more poised and calm dribbler wears a Nittany uniform. His experience and ability to produce under tension was a keynote in the Lions' best season in history. The pre-legal student from Philadelphia also crept up in the scoring race and has 194 tallies to rank third in individual totals. He will probably go over the 200 mark against Bucknell.

McMahan had an odd experience in his cage career at the Nittany Vale. When he first came to the campus as a six-seven sophomore he was regarded as a great prospect. He probably had more playing time his sophomore and junior seasons than he did this year. But he couldn't have been more valuable.

Big Tiny fulfilled his role of Co-captain excellently and was always ready when needed. He was understudy to high-scoring teammates Jesse Arnelle and Herm Sledzik much of the year but somehow managed to dump two when the Lions were pressed. He has advanced close to fourth place in team scoring with 146 tallies. As a junior he racked up 194 points.

Piorowski was one of the steadiest performers on the team. Although he didn't live up to the scoring promise he showed in the early part of the season he made up for that with his determination and ceaseless efforts. His coolness, ball-handling and defensive efforts were instrumental in State's surprising season. Perk managed to score 126 points for an average of 5.5 per game.



Gym Coach



Gene Wettstone

11 Lion Gymnasts Seek Individual EIGA Titles

By TOM SAYLOR

Eleven Penn State gymnasts will seek medals in seven different events, including the all-around, in the 25th annual EIGA tournament at Syracuse tomorrow. The tournament will open at 2 p.m. Besides State, Army, Navy, Temple, and Syracuse will also be entered. There will be no team title, but individual medals will be given to the first four finishers in each event.

Lion Coach Gene Wettstone will use 11 men in seven events with Jan Cronstedt and Al Wick seeing action in two specialties. Cronstedt will be used in the horizontal bar and parallel bars events while Wick will go in the sidehorse and parallel bars.

Cronstedt will also team up with Karl Schwenzfeier and Tony Procopio in the all-around competition. Procopio and Schwenzfeier will also start on the flying rings along with Jim Hazen, State's best in this event.

Undeclared Bob Lawrence, small in size but tall in ability, will put his winning streak on the line in the sidehorse event. Lawrence has won five straight, registering victories over North Carolina, Army, Navy, Temple, and Syracuse. Wick will also see action here.

On the horizontal bar, Mario Todaro will team with Cronstedt. Cronstedt, the Flying Finn, has lost but once in this event and that against Temple. Cronstedt will also go with Wick and Bill Sabo on the parallel bars.

On the ropes, Wettstone will use Dave Shultz, a four second man, and Johnny Baffa who is coming along fast.

In tumbling, Penn State's weakest event all season, Wettstone will pin his hopes on Bob Kenyon.

In the all-around competition, where Army and Navy are expected to offer little if any opposition, Cronstedt, Schwenzfeier, and Procopio will go against the likes of Johnny Barkal, Ferdie Fournies and Milan Trnka of Syracuse, and John Galente and John Jengo of Temple.

If anyone had to be rated a favorite, it would be Barkal. Against State, he nabbed three second places. If Barkal can master the rings, he should be hard to beat.

Race Meeting Cancelled

WHEELING, W.V., March 6—(P)—Virtually all prospects of a spring race meeting at Wheeling Downs were cancelled by court order today.

Federal District Judge Harry E. Watkins ruled that the receiver for the Wheeling Downs Racing Association should not be permitted to conduct the 31-day meeting scheduled to start April 26.

Tourney Team Must Be Good, Lucky -- Loeffler

PHILADELPHIA, March 6—(P)—"You have to be good to get in and darn lucky to win," is the way LaSalle College coach Ken Loeffler sums up post season basketball tournaments.

Loeffler feels qualified to comment on the subject, since tournamentwise he's batting a thousand percent. The poet, raconteur and renowned basketball authority has coached his favorite sport at LaSalle three years, and three times his team has been invited to the National Invitation Tournament but eliminated early. Saturday night his current edition meets Seton Hall in the first round of the NIT.

"If the kids play the game they are capable of — and get the breaks — we'll be around for St. John's in the second round," he says, "but if we have one of those nights where all, including me, look like we've been out late the night before, it will be a short weekend for LaSalle."

Incidentally, Loeffler isn't taking any chances on his boys being late to bed. The team has been bunking at a local hotel since Tuesday and eating at a hastily improvised training table. The college's swimming coach, Joe Kirk, is acting as house mother. Loeffler said the idea was sponsored by team doctor John MacTear. "The doctor thought some of my boys looked undernourished."

Loeffler, whose LaSalle teams have won 63 and lost 16 for an .810 percentage in the past three seasons, feels his team faces a height problem against Seton Hall. His best player, Tom Gola, concedes five inches to the opposition's 6-foot-11 inch Walter Dukes. The elongated Seton Hall center is a great rebounder.

Ex-College Pitcher

Minor league baseball's golf champion, Ken Yount, of Kittanning, is a former Penn State baseball pitcher.

Phils to Give Jones Chance

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 6 (P)—Nippy Jones, the St. Louis Cardinal discard, is getting a full shot at the regular first base job with the Phillies.

Manager Eddie Sawyer says Jones is the man to beat for the job. That may be Eddie's way of trying the old psychology treatment on regular Eddie Waitkus. But that's what the man says.

Jones, an ex-Card who was picked up for the bargain \$7,500 price in the draft last fall, is taking Sawyer at his word.

"I want to play someplace every day," he said. "If I can't beat out Waitkus, I want to go back to the minors. Playing every day is the only way to convince people my back is all right."

Jones underwent a serious operation for removal of a disc from the base of the spinal column in November of 1949. Charlie Keller had the same sort of operation. Nippy insists he's as good as new.

Last year Jones bounced all around the Cardinal organization like a ping pong ball.

the half, rallied in the second half to down Alpha Phi Delta, 17-12. Alpha Chi Rho finished the season with a 4-3 slate in League C. Delta Sigma Phi racked up its fourth triumph by thumping Zeta Beta Tau, 33-25.

Joe's Boys romped to a 40-25 win over the Kool Kats to finish their League I season with six victories as against one setback. Their only loss came at the hands of Edinboro, 60-25. Gary Emanuel scored 18 points to pace the winners to their win over the Kool Kats.

DU, Edinboro Capture IM Loop Championships

Edinboro and Delta Upsilon walked off with the championships of their respective IM cage leagues by scoring victories Wednesday night, while the Sinkers won their first playoff game to advance in League J.

Edinboro, displaying its all-around championship form, powered its way to a merciless 65-9 victory over the Basketeers to clinch the League I crown. The victors, led by Ken Bouldin and Dick Beynon who scored 13 points each, raced to a 36-2 halftime lead as they hung up their seventh consecutive win and entered the independent final round for the third time in three years. Edinboro will be trying for its third straight IM championship in next week's games.

Delta Upsilon tripped Sigma Alpha Mu by a 28-14 margin to take the League C honors. The winners finished their season with a 6-1 mark, one full game in front

of second place Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The season's first tie playoff found the Sinkers walloping a spunky Dorm 23 outfit, 39-15. Dorm 23 led early in the game, but fell behind at half-time, 18-10, and never regained the lead. Jim Garrity's great play under the boards was a big factor in the Sinkers racking up their eighth consecutive win. Garrity poured in 18 points to lead the winners who last night met Dorm 36 for the League J championship. The Sinkers had previously beaten Dorm 36 by a 57-19 score.

Acacia dumped Alpha Zeta, 25-15, despite Jim Grove's 13 points for the losers. Chi Phi, with a season record of 3-5, upset Phi Kappa Tau (6-2) by a surprising score of 18-11. Neil Llewellyn's 10 markers led Theta Kappa Phi over Alpha Chi Sigma, 18-4. Alpha Chi Rho, trailing 8-5 at

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