

The Nittany Realm

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According to a recent INS release, Doc Carlson may soon be relieved of his duties as Pitt basketball coach.

Crediting the information to a "reliable" source, the wire service report said that athletic director Tom Hamilton was intent on replacing Carlson with a younger man.

Since Carlson has been synonymous with Pitt basketball for the last 30 years, the fans aren't taking the action too lightly. It seems that despite his loony antics on the court, Carlson has become endeared to Pittsburgh fans, even to the extent that they consider him in the same light as Dr. James A. Naismith, founder of the game.



There is no doubt that many people will probably miss the old fellow and a lot of Pitt tradition will be gone when Doc goes, but the way the game is played at Pitt might be improved. For it looks as if Doc got

passed by the game somewhere back a ways, and has never quite caught up.

Hamilton evidently realizes this, and despite the wails of the public aims to see that no more good basketball talent comes to Pitt only to be kept in wraps in a deep freeze.

The Eastern boxing championships held last weekend in Rec Hall were just another example of how freshman athletes have dominated sports since they have been allowed to compete.

Two of Syracuse's three champions are freshmen, Art Nelson, 132-pound winner and Johnny Granger, holder of the 139-pound crown. Gus Flacco, another Orange frosh was a finalist, losing to State's Johnny Albarano.

Bethlehem, Catasauqua In Big Class A Battle

HARRISBURG, March 14 (AP)—Bethlehem matches a keen defense against Catasauqua's fast-breaking offense tomorrow night in a PIAA Class A cage battle that will produce the east's top candidate.

Bethlehem's East Penn conference champions, with a record of 21-3, go against Catasauqua's Lehigh Valley League winners, with a similar record, for the District 11 Class A title at Philadelphia.

The Bethlehem-Catasauqua clash tops the night's PIAA playoff card that also includes three Class B inter-district games and regional finals in Class C.

The Class B tilts send Nesquehoning (District 11) against defending state champion Kutztown (3) at Allentown; Shickshinny (2) against Montrose (12) at Kingston, and Slippery Rock (9) against Cranberry (10) at Sharon. The Avalon (7) vs Gallitzin (6) game has been postponed until Monday.

Playing for the Class C eastern title at Wilkes-Barre Township High School's floor will be Jenkintown (District 1) and Pringle (2). Jenkintown eliminated Coplay (11), 76-68, and East Berlin, 67-52, to reach the regional finals while Pringle knocked out Waymart (12), 58-48, and Freeburg (4), 64-36, to claim its berth.

The Class C finals in the west match Coudersport (9) against Roaring Spring (6) at Altoona. Both teams played only one inter-district game so far. Coudersport defeated Stoneboro (10), 64-57, while Roaring Spring eliminated McConnellsburg (5), 57-33.

The Class C state championship game will be held next Wednesday at a western site to be selected by the PIAA Sunday night.

The experts are predicting that the winner of the Bethlehem-Catasauqua game will go all the way to the Class A state championship game March 29 at Philadelphia's Penn Palestra.

The latest triumph was not as sweet for Wilt as the others, since Gehrman was running on a bruised muscle. He is expected to be back in shape for this run.

Plan to Start Softball League

An intramural softball league for men of the Nittany-Pollock area will shortly be organized, it was announced yesterday.

Plans for the league provide for a maximum of 30 teams. The deadline for entry in the league is midnight March 18, and the first 30 dormitory teams applying before this date will be accepted.

Applications containing the dormitory number and the name of the team representative should be submitted to athletic director Al Sternbergh, Nittany 39-14 or assistant athletic director Bill Braun, Pollock 11-10. A meeting of all team representatives will be held at 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 in Dorm 20.

LaSalle, Dayton In 'Dark Horse' Finals Tonight

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP)—The forgotten men of LaSalle were picked today to carry on the longtime underdog tradition and win the championship in the 15th annual National Invitation Basketball Tournament.

The inspired Explorers, unranked in the nation's top twenty and ignored by the NCAA selection committee, meet Dayton's dashing Flyers in an all-"dark horse" final tomorrow night at Madison Square Garden.

The tournament, as customary in the last few years, has been swept clean of seeded favorites and two of these, top-placed Duquesne and third-rated St. Bonaventure, clash for consolation honors at 7:45 p.m. (EST). The championship game is at 9:30 p.m.

A seeded team hasn't won the invitation since 1948 when St. Louis University prevailed. Outsiders stealing the show since then have been San Francisco in 1949, City College of New York in 1950 and Brigham Young in 1951.

In the absence of the pointspread, which went underground after the basketball scandals, it's necessary to depend on the word of spectator coaches to arrive at favorites. Visiting mentors have swung overwhelmingly to the side of the red-hot Explorers.

"LaSalle has the greatest material I've ever seen on a college team," said Ed Melvin, coach of the St. Bonaventure team which lost 69-62 to Dayton in last night's semi-finals.

Niagara's Taps Gallagher and Long Island University's Clair Bee were other specialists who registered a strong vote for the Philadelphians.

CLEVELAND, March 13 (AP)—Fred Wilt, the fleet FBI miler, goes after his third straight victory over Don Gehrman tomorrow night at the Knights of Columbus track meet.

Coleman, Klaus Return To Olympic Tryouts

Eight Pennsylvania college representatives, including center halfback Kurt Klaus and inside right Ron Coleman of Penn State, will be members of a hand-picked collegiate team which will play a selected New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland club team tomorrow in the continuation of the Olympic soccer tryouts.

The match will be part of a doubleheader in which a selected New York club team will clash with a selected New England club team in the other game. The games will be played in the Eintracht Oval, Astoria, L.I.

3 Owls

Besides Coleman, who was State's captain and leading scorer this year, and Klaus, soccermen from Temple, West Chester, and Penn will also participate.

Temple will send Eddie Tatoi, inside left; Jack Dunn, inside right; and Len Oliver, center halfback and one of a long list of soccer stars in that family.

Dunn scored the lone goal against State as the teams tied, 1-1, in the final game of the year for both clubs. Tatoi, on the other hand, scored both goals for the Owls in their 2-0 conquest of the University of San Francisco in the Soccer Bowl at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. Frisco previously had not been beaten in 40-odd matches over a period of several years.

Maryland Goalie

West Chester will have outside left All-American Tony Puglisi and Bill Engard from its team, while Penn will place center forward Joe Devaney, who also doubles as an outstanding player.

Also included on the collegiate team is Eric Baer, Maryland's All-American goalie. State defeated the Terps, 1-0, in a rain-marred game at College Park earlier in the season. But for some outstanding goal tending by Baer, State's score might have been

Top Schoolboy Matmen Start Matches Today

The best high school wrestlers in the state will begin the scramble for PIAA titles in Rec Hall at 2 p.m. today.

The affair, the semi-final round in the tourney, which will crown the best in each weight as the Pennsylvania Champion is the 15th annual state wrestling championship round.

Bellefonte's Davey Adams, 127, who is seeking his second PIAA title, was among the 44 contenders chosen in regional meets at Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre, Clearfield, and Washington.

Three other defending titleholders will be out to keep their crowns. They are: Manuel Pihakis, 103, Canonsburg; Ed Peery, 120, Shaler Township; and Ed DeWitt, 154, Trinity-Washington.

Four men from the 6-9 district won top honors last year, and with nine entered in this afternoon's scramble, the chances of equalling or surpassing that number are good.

Grapefruit Games

FULLERTON, Calif., March 14 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs picked on their Los Angeles cousins for a 12-7 win today but came uncomfortably close to being smacked down by Stan Hack's Pacific Coast League team.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 14 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals and the Washington Senators played 5½ innings today to a 6-6 tie.

Rain interrupted play in the third and fifth innings and the third shower made the field unplayable after Washington's sixth inning.

SARASOTA, Fla., March 14 (AP)—The Boston Red Sox suffered their sixth straight defeat in the Grapefruit League today as the Detroit Tigers counted clusters of three runs in the sixth and seventh innings for a 7-5 victory.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 14 (AP)—The New York Giants, receiving topnotch pitching from 23-game winner Larry Jansen and bullpen ace George Spencer, won their second straight game today, turning back Rogers Hornsby's St. Louis Browns, 6-1.

Catholic Cage Tourney Starts

TROY N.Y., March 14 (AP)—The fourth annual National Catholic Invitation basketball tournament gets underway here tomorrow night with Lemoyne and Providence clashing in the opening game and Iona meeting Gannon in the nightcap.

The four are in the lowest bracket of the 12-team tournament. Play continues through next Saturday, with the exception of Monday and Thursday night.

Scranton meets St. Mary's of Winona, Minn., and St. Francis (Pa.) plays Loyola Sunday.

Top-seeded Siena makes its first appearance Tuesday against the winner of the Scranton-St. Mary's clash. Fourth-seeded St. Francis of Brooklyn, the defending champion, takes on the winner of the Lemoyne-Providence game.

St. Josephs, of Philadelphia, seeded third, collides with the winner of the St. Francis-Loyola game Wednesday. The nightcap will put second-seeded Marquette against the Iona-Gannon winner.

Semi-finals will be Friday and the final Saturday night.

Iron Men

Pitt and Penn State coaches scoffed at the platoon system in their now-celebrated "freeze" game. The same five men who started finished for each of the two teams in the "slow motion" basketball game won by Penn State, 24-9.

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