

Upset Chances Lie with Lions' Rebound Ability

By DAVE COLTON

Coach Elmer Gross believes Penn State's chances to upset defending champion Kentucky in the NCAA basketball tourney at Raleigh, N.C., Friday night depends on the Lions' ability to rebound against the Wildcats.

Coach Adolph Rupp's squad is ranked tops in the rebounding department. Paced by their center, Cliff Hagan (6-4), and standout Frank Ramsey, the Wildcats captured the ball 1722 times off the boards against 1088 for the opposition. Hagan was the individual leader with 499 rebounds. Hagan, Ramsey and Bobby Watson spearheaded the Wildcats' great scoring attack which netted them about 88 points per game. The Kentuckians rolled up a 28-2 record to rank number one in the nation. Their only losses were to St. Louis and Minnesota.

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Last season Rupp's courtmen walloped Louisville and St. Johns to advance to the Eastern finals. They edged Illinois, 76-74 for the Eastern title, then trounced Kansas State, 68-58, for the national championship.

Last year's national crown marked the third time in the past four that Kentucky has won the honor. They reached the top in 1948 and '49. All three years they were voted the leading collegiate quintet by the country's sportswriters.

Beaten by Champs

Against this impressive array, Gross will send probably the best outfit in State history. The Lions finished with 20-4, best in the school's record, and are the second Nittany team to play in NCAA competition.

The other time was at the completion of the 1941-42 season. The Lions finished with a 17-2 mark and received a bid to the Eastern playoffs in New Orleans. After losing to Dartmouth, eventual Eastern champs, they upset Illinois in a consolation game. Gross was co-captain, and John Egli, assistant coach, a regular on that team.

Snapped Streak

Paced by freshman Jesse Arnelle, the Lions broke almost every cage record available this season. Most notable achievements were the 15 game winning streak and two triumphs over highly-rated West Virginia.

The team's only slump of the year was successive losses to Penn, Colgate, and Syracuse. The Quaker loss snapped the winning streak and sent the Grossmen into an abbreviated tailspin. They managed to snap out of the doldrums with victories over the Mountaineers, Pitt and Bucknell to complete the most successful season in Blue and White annals.

Arnelle smashed Lou Lamie's one-year scoring record of 319 points by totaling 448 in his first year of collegiate competition. Herm Sledzik was runnerup with

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Tri Deltas Lose To Thompson B

Thompson B upset first place Tri Deltas, 469-410, in WRA IM's last night. Nancy Hetrich of the winning team was high scorer of the evening with 169 points.

Three volleyball teams remained in first place.

In League 1 of volleyball Alpha Xi Delta defeated AOPi, 47-29. A forfeit by Kappa Delta held Simmons on the top of League 2. Zeta Tau Alpha lost to Kappa Alpha Theta, 34-31, to keep the latter team on the top of League 3.

In the other volleyball games Delta Gamma won by a forfeit from Atherton. Woman's Building swamped Co-op, 52-26.

In other bowling games, Kappa Kappa Gamma beat Gamma Phi Beta, 447-422. Alpha Chi Omega lost to Phi Mu, 591-413.

It's Lion Record

No Penn State basketball team ever won more than 12 straight games until the 1952 edition rolled to 15 consecutive wins.

Phi Psi's Advance 3 In Wrestling

Phi Kappa Psi, defending IM wrestling titlists, advanced one step ahead of its rival Delta Upsilon as the Phi Psi's advanced three men while DU lost one in the IM mat tourney last night.

Phi Psi won matches in the 155, 175 and unlimited divisions last night. Two were decisions while the other was a forfeit win.

128 Class

In the two bouts wrestled in the 128 pound class, both were pins. Don Siegle, Theta Kappa Phi, pinned George Hamilton, Delta Sigma Phi, in 4:29. Dick Headlee, Chi Phi, scored the other pin with a 5:36 win over John Moore, Sigma Nu.

In the 135 class, Stan Engle, Sigma Nu, scored the fastest pin thus far when he beat George Goldthorpe, Pi Kappa Phi, in 0:33. Joe Messerman, Delta Chi, fell Marion Burton, Phi Gamma Delta. In the other match, Jim Allison, AZ, won a high-scoring decision over Jack Jenkins, TKE, 11-6.

Gribben, Hancock Win

In 145, Bob Gribben, DTD, decisioned Dave Keller, Pi Kappa Phi, 5-3, and Jim Hancock, Phi Sigma Kappa, edged Don Van Erp, Delta Sigma Phi, 4-2. The lone fall was registered by Mike Kirshner, Sigma Nu, who beat Alan Schmukler, Pi Lambda Phi, in 1:11.

155 pound bouts saw Marv Boring, Phi Psi, trip Fred Becker, Alpha Chi Sigma, 5-2, and Bob Licht, SPE, beat John Doppel, AZ, 8-4.

In the 165 class, DU lost its first man when Ken Shearer, after leading, 4-0, found himself pinned by Paul Brobst, Triangle. Gerald Miller, Sigma Pi won a referee's decision from Joe Ryniewicz, Phi Kappa.

DeVoe Pins Houseman

Jim DeVoe, AGR, pinned Warren Houseman, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Bill Souleret, SAE, beat Jim Dean, Phi Gamma Delta, 5-1, in 175 action.

In the unlimited class, Dave Budenstein, AEPi, pinned Dave Odiorne, DTD; Don Barney, Phi Psi, blanked Jim Babb, Triangle, 5-0; and Sam Nowell, Chi Phi, pinned Ken Kresge, ACS.

Forfeit wins were scored by Fred Fieni, Theta Chi; Dick McQuillen, Sigma Chi; Jack Donnal, Phi Gamma Delta; Dick Blythe, Pi Kappa Phi; Bob Gower, ATO; Fred Ernest, DTD; Ralph Laudenslayer, Phi Kappa Sigma; Joe Sutovsky, Phi Psi; and Stan Berk, Pi Lambda Phi.

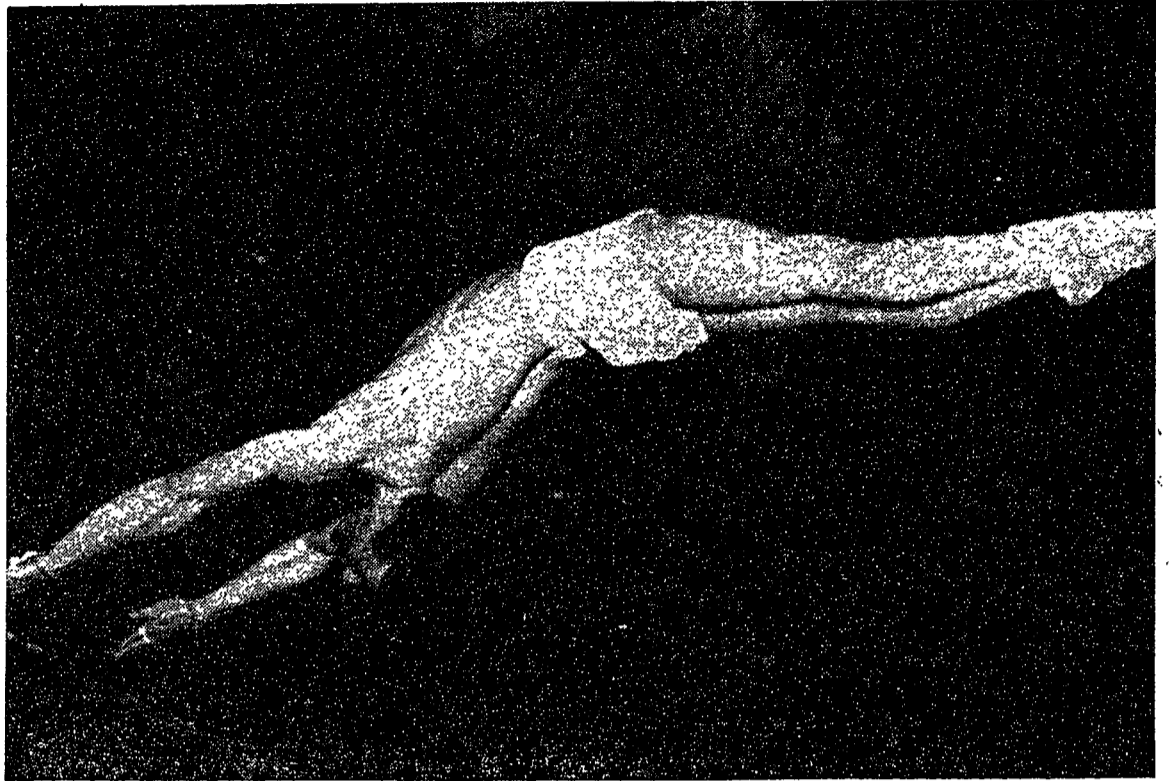
Matmen Are Top Athletes

Bob Homan, Dick Lemyre, and Joe Lemyre, Penn State's three Eastern wrestling champions, have been selected as "Athletes of the Week" by the Collegian sports staff.

The Mephram High School products led the Nittany Lion wrestling team to its second straight Eastern team title.

Homan defeated Syracuse's Bob Gerbino in the final to win the 123 pound crown in his freshman year. Dick Lemyre, a sophomore, defeated Lehigh's Ken Faust for the 130 pound toga. Brother Joe, a junior, scored a fall over Rutgers' Ray Vohden to capture the 167 pound championship.

Penn State's NCAA Title Hope



JAN CRONSTEDT, Penn State gymnast, does a flip as he comes off the horizontal bar while preparing for the NCAA tournament Friday and Saturday at Boulder, Colo. The Lions'

"Flying Finn" will compete in the all-around event at the tournament. He won the event in the Eastern tourney at Syracuse. Coach Gene Wettstone will accompany Cronstedt to Boulder.

Cronstedt Will Compete In Gym NCAA's Friday

By TOM SAYLOR

Jan Cronstedt will carry Penn State's gymnastic hopes into battle when the annual NCAA gymnastic tournament opens Friday in Boulder, Colo.

Preliminaries will start at 2 p.m. Friday with the ten highest scorers in each event qualifying for the finals Saturday.

Cronstedt will be entered in the all-around event which, unlike

the all-around competition in the EIGA tourney, features two additional events in calisthenics and the long-horse jump.

In the long-horse jump, the competitor dives over a side-horse that has no handles.

In addition to the long-horse jump and the calisthenics, the all-around competition features the horizontal bar, the parallel bars, the flying rings, and the sidehorse.

Tough Competition

Cronstedt's best events are the horizontal bar and the parallel bars, but the blonde-haired freshman came through in true championship form in the EIGA's at Syracuse to win the all-around from the likes of such men as Johnny Barkal, Syracuse, and John Jengo, Temple.

Cronstedt, however, will undoubtedly face his toughest competition of the year in the NCAA's.

Expected to give the Flying Finn his close moments are Bob Sullivan, Illinois; Bob Feldmeier, Michigan State; and Carmen Regna and Don Holder, Florida State, defending team champions.

Finished 2d

Sullivan recently won the Big Ten all-around title and went a long way in contributing to Illinois' team victory in the Big 10 championships at Bloomington, Ind. Illinois, unbeaten in dual meet competition, until Michigan State turned the trick this year, won with 93½ points while second-place Michigan State garnered 84½.

Feldmeier finished second to Sullivan even though he tore his shoulder muscles on the last day of practice. Feldmeier scored 32 of Michigan State's 84½ points. Carl Rintz, a Quarryville, Pa. freshman, accounted for another 25½.

New Champion

In addition, Cronstedt will probably face the best the East has to offer, including Barkal and Milan Trnka, Syracuse. Barkal grabbed three second places in the dual meet here.

A new all-around titlist will be crowned, however, in this specialty as Bill Roetzheim, defending title holder from Florida State, has graduated.

Preps for Army

Penn State's two-time Eastern boxing champion, Johnny Albarano, of Lilly, Pa., is a lieutenant colonel in the Army ROTC.

Johnny Bratton, Castellani Sign For N.Y. Bout

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—The International Boxing Club today signed middleweight Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., to meet former NBA welterweight champion Johnny Bratton of Chicago in a 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden, March 28.

Castellani subs for undefeated Johnny Saxton, who originally had been scheduled to face Bratton. The New York Athletic Commission ruled that Saxton should not fight in the Garden so soon after his fiascos with Livio Minelli and Lester Felton.

Saxton won from Felton on a six round disqualification in the Garden last Friday. Felton was disqualified for continuous holding. Saxton was awarded a seventh-round technical knockout over Minelli when Referee Ruby Goldstein stopped the bout because Minelli was "overmatched."

Castellani's last fight in the Garden on Jan. 11 also produced a rhubarb. He was stopped in the seventh round by Ernie Durando. Tommy (Ryan) Eboli, who was his manager then, assaulted referee Ray Miller for halting the bout. Ryan was fined and his license was revoked by the State Athletic Commission.

Tex Sullivan is Castellani's present manager.

Record Win Skein

Penn State's 20-meet win streak is the best Lion effort in 44 years of intercollegiate wrestling competition.

Alpha Phi Omega to Hold Round, Square Dancing

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will hold a round and square dance at the Seven Mountains Scout Camp at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Cars will leave from behind Old Main for the dance, William Mikesell, corresponding secretary, said. Those who wish to attend must notify Clyde Herrick, phone 4674, today, according to Mikesell.



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