

Basketball Practice Begins

The 'stop-over' sport—basketball—that was invented 60 years ago is back again, and State joined in its welcome Monday night by opening practices for the coming basketball season.

Some 20 candidates and ten members of last year's squad showed for the initial practices as head Coach Elmer Gross began the difficult job of molding a team into the caliber of last year's squad. The '51-'52 season was one of the most successful in State's basketball history with the team winning 20 games and dropping six.

With fewer men to work with, more time can be spent on getting the team in shape. Last year's turnout of basketball hopefuls numbered over the hundred mark, and Gross and his assistant, John Egli spent considerable time reducing the squad to a working unit.

Gross will be driving his men hard this week in preparation for their first scrimmage game Friday against Lock Haven. This will be the first of five such practice tilts before the regular season begins. Other practice tilts include Juniata, Nov. 12; St. Francis, Nov. 14 and Dec. 6; and Lock Haven, Nov. 21.

If the Lions show poor defensive work this year it won't be the fault of the coaches, for coming back to help out in the teaching is the past master of the defense, John Lawther. He will be assisting with the varsity-coaching while John Egli, the regular assistant coach, is teaching the frosh.

Famous for his sliding zone techniques, Lawther, who was once the coach of Gross, will put the team through the "stopping" actions while on the "scoring" end will be the head coach.

Five of last year's starters will be back, but because of the football season two of them, Jesse Arnelle and Jack Sherry, won't be available for practice until after their sport is over. Joe Piorowski, who is eligible for one more semester of play, will also miss the first few days of practice because of student teaching.

Heading the group of veterans is big Herm Sledzik, captain of the team, whose 6-4 was a big factor in last year's wins. Out front Gross will have two capable players in Ed Haag, a 6-2 junior, and Ronnie Weidenhammer, 6-1. Ron broke his ankle during the summer, but by all indications it shouldn't handicap his playing ability.

Other members of last year's squad out for practice include Jim Blocker, 6-3, Jim Hill, 6-6, Andy Phillips, 6-2, and Frank DeSalle, 6-1. Another promising returnee who played freshman ball two years ago is Ted Jackson, a 6-4 junior from Huntingdon.

State will play a 21 game schedule, with an All-College tournament during the Christmas holidays. The schedule includes 11 home games and ten away contests.

The Schedule: Dec. 12—Alfred (H); Dec. 13—W&J (H); Dec. 19—Colgate (H); Dec. 29—All-College Tournament, Oklahoma City; Jan. 7—Syracuse (H); Jan. 9—Carnegie Tech, (A); Jan. 10—Pittsburgh (A); Jan. 14—West Virginia (A); Jan. 15—Gettysburg (H); Jan. 17—Ithaca (H); Jan. 31—Pennsylvania (A); Feb. 3—Georgetown (A); Feb. 4—Navy (A); Feb. 7—Rutgers (A); Feb. 11—American U. (H); Feb. 14—Bucknell (H); Feb. 16—Dickinson (H); Feb. 20—Colgate (A); Feb. 21—Syracuse (A); Feb. 25—West Virginia (H); Feb. 28—Pittsburgh (H); and March 7—Temple (A).

Yanosich, Jones Lead In Rushing

As the Nittany gridders got down to serious work yesterday for Saturday's engagement with dangerous Syracuse, only once-beaten collegiately, two of State's pony backs, juniors Dick Jones and Matt Yanosich, still led the team in average rushing yards.

Jones, who weighs about 165, has picked up an average of 3.9 yards per carry en route to gaining the highest team total yardage, 245. Yanosich, a far cry from former day 200-pound fullbacks at 168 pounds, has averaged 3.6 yards per crack.

(Matty pulled a ligament in his leg Saturday, but trainer Chuck Medlar reports that he and Pete Schoderbek, who got a slight shoulder separation, should be ready by Friday. This leaves the Lions at full strength for Syracuse with the exception of end Joe Yukica who still will be sidelined by his torn knee ligament.)

Nittany Career Record
However, Bob Pollard is coming along rapidly to challenge Yanosich and Jones. Aided by a 50-yard run in the Penn triumph, Pollard is now second in total yards with 233, 21 more than Matty for a 3.3 average.

In passing, Tony Rados continues to show the way. Rados has 88 completions in 128 throws and has already eclipsed the Penn State career record of 92 set by Bill Smaltz between 1939-41. With 93 completions overall in two seasons, Rados, a junior, also holds the individual season record which he breaks with every subsequent completion.

Although Jess Arnelle officially caught no passes against Penn, he still leads the team in receptions with 21, good for two touchdowns and 187 yards. Playing in two less games, Yukica is second with 15 catches good for 163 yards and one TD.

Eyer Leads Punting
Among the Nittany secondary defenders who picked off five Penn aerials, safetyman Jack Sherry and halfback Don Eyer lead the team with four interceptions each. Sherry has lugged his loot back 46 yards and Eyer 39 yards.

In the kicking department, Eyer retains his average-yards lead by a slim margin over specialist Ted Kemmerer. Eyer has kicked 17 times for a 35.4 mark and Kemmerer has booted 27 times for a 35.0 average per kick.

Jones and Pollard each tallied a touchdown against Penn to remain tied for scoring honors with 24 points apiece. Bill Leonard kicked his 13th and 14th consecutive extra points to bring his point total to 20 with 17 PAT's and one field goal.

3 Fraternities Enter Finals

Phi Delta Theta, Theta Xi, and Phi Epsilon Pi moved into the quarter-final round in intramural swimming last night at Glennland Pool.

The Phi Deltas edged Sigma Chi, 21-20, and Theta Xi trounced Delta Tau Delta, 28-13. Phi Epsilon Pi advanced as a result of a forfeit by Alpha Chi Rho.

Phi Delta Theta notched its win in the final event when Ron Miller clinched matters with a second in the diving. Bob Vanner almost saved the day for the losers with firsts in the freestyle and breaststroke events.

Mike Meckley's first-place in the diving, along with a third in the breaststroke, paced the Theta Xi's, who captured a first in each event.

Dick Robinson, Don Orcutt, and Frank Trapani took top honors for the winners in the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events, respectively.

Soccermen to Meet Tarheels Saturday

The Nittany Lion and North Carolina soccer teams will place almost identical season records on the line when they clash at Chapel Hill in a 9 a.m. engagement Saturday.

The Lions and Tarheels both have won three matches and dropped only one decision. The Nittanians have an additional tie game tacked on their log by virtue of a 1-1 deadlock



JACK PINEZICH has the squeeze put on him by two Cadets in last Saturday's soccer tilt on Beaver Field between the Lions and Army. Jack scored the lone goal in the 1-1, double overtime tie. (Notice the mud cakes under the Army players' eyes to ease the sun glare.)

with Army last Saturday. The Tarheels' lone loss came at the hands of North Carolina State by a 3-2 score.

Lion soccer mentor Bill Jeffrey, commenting on the relative strength of the Tarheel team, said, "North Carolina is a good team but is in a class of a team like Colgate, whom we beat, 2-0. They don't score too many points in a game and rely a lot on their defense."

6-0 Whitewash
Tarheel booter Coach Alan Moore, a soccer star at Springfield College, is comparatively new to the soccer-coaching industry. Moore is in his second year as booter boss at North Carolina. Jeffrey can well remember last year's match with the Tarheels, for it marked the return to action of the Lions' ace scorer, Jack Pinezich. Starting at left wing, Pinezich showed that his back injury, which sidelined him most of last year, was healed by scoring two goals and displaying brilliant ball handling in leading the booters to a 6-0 whitewash over the Tarheels.

Shirk Scored Goal
Ironically, the Nittanians entered last year's North Carolina match with the same record they have at present, 3-1-1, and handed the Tarheels their second setback of the 1951 season.

In addition to Pinezich's two pointers, Don Shirk blasted a goal into the net to share some of the scoring honors.

This year's contest will also feature the same halfback trio which spun a web around the North Carolinians last year in Jack Charlton, Captain Kurt Klaus, and second-team All-American Frank Follmer.

The powerful Lion offense, however, will have to do some high shooting to better the exhibition put on against the Tarheels last year when the Nittanians recorded 62 total shots for their six goals and held the Carolinians to a mere seven.

'Rough Play'
Coach Jeffrey was calm about the Lions' tie game with the Cadets Saturday. He said that the "lucky" goal the Cadets scored which enabled the West Pointers to walk off with a 1-1 deadlock was "just one of those things that happens every now and then, and a situation you can't do anything about."

Commenting on the rough tactics employed by the Cadets in Saturday's match, Jeffrey said, "The Cadets have always played a rough type game, but some of their tactics were dirty and uncalled for. On one occasion an Army booter, kicking his foot too high, almost hit a Nittany soccerman in the face, which is outright dangerous play."

Jasper Harriers To Compete Here

When Manhattan's cross-country runners invade the liar of the Nittany, Lions Saturday, they'll race against one of the best harrier teams in the East in Penn State.

Victorious over Cornell, Army, and NYU, Coach Chick Werner's distance charges will get their last opportunity to display their scoring prowess in dual meets before they defend their IC4A title Nov. 17. And, if their showing against NYU last weekend can be used as a time criterion, the Nittany hill-and-dalers should turn in their lowest times of the season.

In Manhattan the Lion thinclads will encounter a squad which is in the same class as last week's foe, NYU.

Coach Georg Eastman's squad has been weakened by the loss of virtually his entire 1951 corps via the graduation route.

Only 3 Veterans
The loss of such cross-country stars as Bill Lucas, Pat Duffy, and Bob McNeill has been evident in the Green and White's showing to date.

Captain Frank Egan, Bob Kubic and Charlie Sanaga are the nucleus of this year's team. Up from last fall's frosh squad are John Brennan, Walt Burke, and Bob Goodwin. Other Kelly Green thinclads are Jim Enright, Jack Boitano and Bill Baker, all of whom competed with the junior varsity last season.

Led by Captain Egan, Manhattan successfully opened its '52 campaign by defeating Iona, 26-29. It was a close race until the Jaspers captured sixth, seventh, and eighth place to clinch the victory.

Egan led throughout and finished some 100-yards in front of Iona's Jim Mahoney. His time was 27:12.5.

The next weekend the Jaspers suffered their first defeat of the fall season.

In a quadrangular meet at Van Cortlandt Park, the men of Eastman finished fourth behind Syracuse, St. Johns, and Navy.

Lose to Army
The tall, slim, dark-haired Jasper captain ran second to Ray Osterhout of Syracuse. Osterhout's time was 25:25.6, the fastest clocking posted over the VCP course this season. Egan's time was 26:18, much faster than the 26:40 time

Sports Briefs

Harrier's Defend Title
Penn State's two-time champions will defend against the field in the 44th renewal of the IC4A cross-country championships in New York Nov. 17. Lion ace is sophomore Lamont Smith of Lehigh.

Brother Act
Dick Tamburo, Michigan State's all-America candidate, is a brother of Sam Tamburo, who won this distinction at Penn State in 1948.

posted by the Nittany runners over the same course last weekend.

Against Army the next weekend, they were at the tail end of a 19-44 score. State beat the Cadets, 21-35, earlier this fall.

The Black Knights completely overwhelmed the Jasper harriers, permitting only one Manhattanite to finish in the lower scoring ranks. The lone Jasper among the military aggregation was "Flin" Frank. He finished second to West Point's Bob Day in 26:06. Day was clocked in 25:56.

Defeats Villanova
From all reports, Egan will have his hands full when he runs against State's Lamont Smith, who won individual honors in the Army dual meet.

Last weekend Villanova won its third straight dual meet by beating Manhattan, 18-37, in a five-mile race at Villanova.

The Wildcat's Fred Dwyer set the pace most of the way, but came across the finish line tied with teammate John Joe Barry in 27:17 seconds. Egan finished 75 yards behind for third place.

Beaver House Wins In IM Basketball Play

The Beaver House, the Eagles, and the Nittanians chalked up wins Monday night in the first three games of IM basketball competition. The Beaver House edged by the Huskies, 37-34; the Eagles retained their half time lead of 22-16 to cop the victory over the Cats, 40-35; and the Nittanians romped over the Panthers, 32-16.

A set of lopsided scores in the second set of games attributed to the dominating wins by Dorm 33, the Ramblers, and the Capitals. Dorm 33 defeated Wilkingsburg, 30-18. The Capitals nearly duplicated that score with a 31-17 victory over the Mustangs, and the Ramblers humbled the Cubs by an overwhelming score of 32-9.

Jim Garrity led the Sinkers, last year's champs, to a 48-32 win over the 21 Club. Garrity racked up 12 points.

Jim's Gang put on a second half drive to overpower the Turtles, 47-31, after the first half ended in a 14-14 stalemate.

A 20 point scoring spree by Warren Grant enabled the Explorers to crush the Mustangs, 34-8.

Tonight's Schedule:
8:45—29'ers vs Dorm 35, Crusaders vs Hamilton Fours, Epars vs Dorm 12.
9:25—Penn Haven vs Dorm 5, Phi Sigma Delta vs Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon vs Delta Chi.
10:05—Delta Sigma Phi vs Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Gamma Delta vs Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon vs Phi Epsilon Pi.

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