

Lion Cagers Face Pitt Five Tonight

By TED SOENS

A big obstacle faces the Nittany cagers at Pittsburgh tonight when they tangle with their old rivals, the Pitt Panthers. Coached by "Doc" Carlson, the Blue and Gold quintet has been steadily improving this season, and only last Wednesday it set a new scoring record by walloping Geneva, 97-75.

The game also set another record in that it was the top total for a game in which the Panthers were involved. Winning tonight's game will mean a lot to the Lions, for they have a rough week ahead when they meet Gettysburg Monday, tough West Virginia Wednesday, and Ithaca Saturday.

5 Veterans to Start

The Panthers have a six and four record so far this season and will be entering tonight's game with a two-day rest advantage. They've beaten Westminster, Ohio University, Harvard, Dartmouth, Cornell, and Geneva. Losses have been to Michigan, Miami (O.), Ohio State, and Pennsylvania.

Carlson has five veterans back from last year's team, which had

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Penn State picked up its sixth victory of the season as against two losses last night as the Nittany Lion cagers beat Carnegie Tech, 62-51, on the losers' court. Although State played a ragged game, its superior height was too much for the Tech cagers to stop. Jesse Arnel and Herm Sledzik paced the Lion attack with 14 points each, while Jack Sherry scored 13 points to place second. Joe Piorkowski scored nine tallies.

a 10-12 record. Captaining the squad and its current leading scorer is Micky Zernich, who stands 6-2. The other lettermen are Dutch Burch, 6-0, who is an excellent play-maker and passer; Don Virostek, the big boy of the starters at 6-4; Art Boyd, 6-3; and Dick Deitrick 6-3, who is also on the football team.

Famous Freeze Game

Some able assistance from the subs has helped to ease the Panthers' problems. Those who should see action tonight are Dave Duesel, 6-4; Don Artman; and Jim Ruschel.

In their three encounters last year the cousins from the country, Penn State, walked away with all three victories. The first match was in the Steel Bowl tourney, won by the Lions. First game score read 62-40. Second game was 52-45. Then came the infamous "deep freeze" game which saw the Panthers literally sit on the ball for most of the game. Final score was more like a baseball tally, 24-9.

This was the game in which most of the entertainment was provided by organ music.

Play Gettysburg Monday

Lion Coach Elmer Gross will start the same lineup that has been carrying the Staters through their nine games: Captain Herm Sledzik, Joe Piorkowski, Ed Haag, Ronnie Weidenhammer, Jesse Arnel, and Jack Sherry.

The Lion cagers will return to State College Monday night to play a tough quintet from Gettysburg College at 8 p.m. in Rec Hall.

The Gettysburg team, coached by Henry Bream, was defeated by State in their lone encounter last year. They have five lettermen returning: John Habeeb, 5-10; Jack Keller, 6-3; Joe Lang, 5-9; Dale Kleifelter, 6-1; and Robert Pizolato, 5-11.

NCAA Okays Football Post-Season Bowls

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) today approved the continuation of post-season football bowl games. It expressed its favor by a voice vote, and there wasn't a single "no."

The action came in the adoption of a report and recommendations made by the NCAA extra events committee.

NCAA Mat Tourney

One of the greatest fields in college wrestling history is anticipated when Penn State hosts the annual NCAA tournament March 27-28.



Joe Piorkowski
Lion Guard

Coogan Elected To Sports Post

Jim Coogan of the College's department of public information has been chosen new president of the nation's sports publicity directors.

He was selected by the members of the Sports Division of the American College Public Relations Association, and will assume his post for one year beginning July 1.

Coogan is a graduate of the class of '30 from the College and was editor of the Daily Collegian in his senior year. He worked for several newspapers in the state before returning to the College to accept his present position. His official capacity is that of assistant director of public information in charge of sports.

NCAA Adopts Tourney List Of 23 Teams

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association NCAA today adopted a revised plan for the national basketball tournament which will permit an entry list of 23 teams instead of the usual 16.

The group also approved the plan for limiting the tournament to teams which played in no other post-season tournament.

4 Extra Champs

This knocks out those teams playing in the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden and the NAIA event sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

In raising the entry list to 23, the convention took in four extra conference champions, raising the automatic entries from 10 to 14, and allowed the draw to be completed with nine teams picked at large.

The tournament opens March 9 with first games to be played at selected sites convenient to participants.

Semifinals, Finals

With the field reduced to 16 teams the tournament moves to regional sites which are DePauw University and North Carolina State in the east and Kansas State and Oregon State in the west. These games are scheduled for March 13 and 14.

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Another victory march was completed by the Crusaders last night as they walked off with their fifth consecutive IM court win of the season. Dorm 35 was beaten 25-19 as Dave Corbin led his teammates in the scoring column with five points.

The game of the night, each team with identical 4-0 records, was between the Bears and Gorps. The halftime score of 13-2 hinted that the Gorps would easily win. The Bears had other ideas as they started on an uphill climb in the second half. The halftime difference, however, proved too much of an obstacle as the Gorps kept their slate clean with a hair-raising 17-16 win.

12's Edge Penn Haven

The bitter taste of defeat was absorbed by the Sponges when Dorm 8 handily won the hardwood encounter, 39-25. George Prichard led his team to its second win of the tournament with 12 points.

Dorm 12, aided by a first half lead of eight points, squeezed by

Penn Haven, 19-16. In addition to Dorm 12's halftime advantage of a 10-2 score, Joe Olney tallied nine points to help his team subdue a second half rally by the Penn Haven five.

Nighthawks Win

The winning spirit of the Elm 5 basketballers wasn't dampened by the recent rainy weather as they downed East 25, 36-21. Dave McNitt chalked up 12 points to help his team register win number five. Scoring honors for the losers were shared by George Mangigian and Eugene Pappert with six points apiece.

Another defeat for the McElwain Men was scratched in the scorebook by the sharp talons of the Nighthawks. Dick Wendler registered 14 points for the winners in the lopsided 43-13 score.

Walt Reimet led the Rhantoms to a 26-18 win over Penn Club by registering ten points. Charles Aungst scored 11 markers to no avail as his team suffered its third loss.

The Hamilton Fours vs Epars and the State Club vs the Firehouse Five contests were forfeits.

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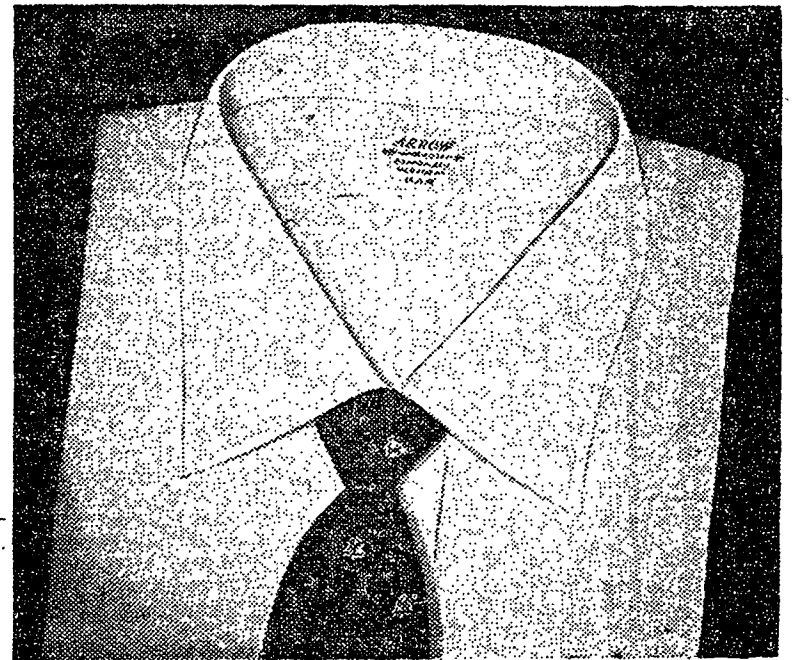
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