

Oppose Nittany Cagers Today



NAVY BASKETBALL Coach Ben Carnevale talks over the strategy for today's important Penn State game with his two ace scorers, center Don Lange (left) and forward John Clune. The Middies have registered ten wins in 13

starts this season and are second in the country in team offense with 85.3 points a game. Today's meeting will be the 23d between the Lions and Annapolis with the Middies holding a 14-9 edge.

Lion 5 Nips Hoyas; Plays Middies Today

The Midshipmen of Annapolis will be the hosts this afternoon to Penn State's slumping basketball team. The Navy men, coached by Ben Carnevale, have a strong squad this year, having copped ten victories in 13 starts and up to last Sunday were second in the country in team offense with 85.2 points per game.

Their largest scoring spree came against Western Maryland on opening night. In that game they ran up a 126-44 score. Since then they've been over the 90 mark four times; against Franklin and Marshall they hit for 91; against Rutgers it was 95; in the Virginia game the score read 93-71; and with Muhlenburg it was 107.

Poor Road Records
Other wins were over American University, who the Lions play Feb. 11; Yale; Harvard; Johns Hopkins; and Temple. Losses have been to Princeton in a double overtime period, 75-76. (The Tigers were the Ivy League winners last year.); Columbia; and the Blue Devils from Duke.

Both teams have poor road records. The Lions have suffered

The Penn State cagers took a close thriller last night and defeated the Georgetown Hoyas 73-70 in the last minute of play. Georgetown was ahead with 35 seconds to go when State's Dave Edwards was fouled. He missed his two foul attempts but grabbed the rebound to put the Lions ahead 71-70.

The Hoyas brought the ball up court but the ball-hawking of Ronnie Weidenhammer took the ball away from them. He started down the court but was also fouled with but 15 seconds left to go. He sank both of his shots with five seconds left to go.

Captain Herm Sledzik regained his old form and led the Lions in scoring with 22 points. Teammate Jesse Arnelle was next with 21. Weidenhammer had 11; Ed Haag—7; Jack Sherry—6; Dave Edwards—4; and Jim Brewer—2. State led at half time 43-35.

all five losses on foreign territory while the Middies have been only able to take one out of four "away" matches.

Win Last Year
As usual, no "giants" will represent the Navy on the hardwoods—regulations forbid anyone taller than 6-4 from entering the Academy. A probable starting lineup for the Navy men will have John Clune, 6-4, at forward; Bill Hoover, 6-0, and Jim Van Scoyoc, 5-10, at guards; and Don Kniss, 6-4, and Don Lange, 6-4, at forwards.

The Lions took last year's game with the Navy men, 53-49, but the all time record stands at 14 wins

for the Midshipmen as against nine for Penn State.

Arnelle Sets Record
The starting five for the Nittanians will be Captain Herm Sledzik, Jesse Arnelle, Ed Haag, Jack Sherry, and Ron Weidenhammer. A look at the statistics (which doesn't include yesterday's tilt against Georgetown) shows that Sledzik still leads the team in scoring. On an average of 17.2 a game he has scored 224 points. Arnelle is second with 210 points in 13 games for a 16.2 average. Next highest scorer is Sherry with a 10.1 average for 132 points. Haag has 79 and Weidenhammer has 69. Team average is 68.2 on 887 points.

Arnelle, in 39 games covering a two year span has set a new scoring record for State. He now has 702 points—topping the previous high of 666 set in 1949-50-51 by Lou Lamie. Arnelle had previously set new single game and season scoring standards in his freshman year.

ITHACA RECAP: Two weeks ago on January 17 the Penn State cagers set a new single game scoring record when they walloped hapless Ithaca College, 105-47. This was the first time in Penn State basketball history that the cagers were able to get over the 90 mark. The previous record was set in 1919 when 89 points was scored against Susquehanna. This record was tied last year when the Lions beat Dickinson 89-45.

The team hit on 45% of their shots with Arnelle setting the pace with 28 points—the largest outburst he has had this season. He was accurate on 71% of his shots. Sledzik, hitting on 35% scored 21 points and was second high for the evening.

It was Joe Piorkowski, playing in his last home game of the season, who broke the old record of 89 points. His long push shot from the side made it 91 points with 3½ minutes left in the game. He later dumped in the 100th point.

Piorkowski wound up his home career with a 14 point score on 55% of his shots. After the game was over he was presented the ball by the team.

Wrestling-Conscious

Penn State's first capacity crowd of the indoor sports season saw the Lion wrestlers trip Lehigh for the fourth straight year.

Matmen's Hurdle For Navy—'Condition'

By SAM PROCOPIO

Penn State's wrestling squad, which successfully jumped its first hurdle during the '53 campaign against ever-strong Lehigh, will meet another Saturday. This one will not be a "matter of skill but of condition," states Coach Charlie Speidel.

Penn States wrestles Navy at Annapolis.

The stocky mentor was referring to the fact that his boys have been busy with finals and must sit out another week before they face any competition.

Lehigh was Unbeaten

This has been true ever since the season began Jan. 10 against Virginia. The Cavaliers had three dual meets under their belts before State even began its season.

Lehigh had four meets notched in the win column before they met the Lions in their second meet. Nevertheless, Speidel's eastern wrestling championship squad annexed its 21st and 22d consecutive wins.

Lemyre, Maurey Impress

With their impressive 18-8 win over the Engineers of Lehigh, Penn State grapplers certainly exemplified their skill.

Dick Lemyre and Jerry Maurey, who have extended their unbeaten victory strings to 11 and six, respectively, won the approval of Rec Hall rooters with their wrestling skill against the Engineers.

Lemyre, EIWA champion, was leading his highly-touted opponent Ken Faust, 4-2, in the second period. Wrestling from the referee's position, Faust secured a bodylock on Lemyre. The slippery and agile EIWA champion, however, remained calm, sitting with his feet wide apart and his hands near his ankles.

Crowd Pleaser

The cool play not only brought some laughter from the crowd but had his 137-pound opponent perplexed. Faust wanted to look—look, he did. The score then read Lemyre 6—Faust 2. Lemyre in that split second had obtained a reversal of position. Lemyre

fooled Faust once again in the final period, winning the match, 8-5.

Maurey, who scored a 10-0 decision from Jack Carlisle in the 147-pound division, had his opponent stymied. The Nittany Lions' Clearfield product amused the on-looking crowd by using "unorthodox riding methods." These methods were performed when Carlisle began wrestling in a shell, giving Maurey little chance for open wrestling.

Co-captains Don Frey and Joe Lemyre, Bob Homan, and Doug Frey performed well and remain unbeaten in dual meet competition this season. Hud Samson and Doug Cassel tasted their initial defeats. Jim Mahoney pinned Cassel with a figure 4 and arm lock in 8:15.

Finn Is Gym Mainstay

Jean Cronstedt, Finnish youth, is primed for another title-winning campaign in 1953. The Penn State sophomore gymnast is expected to be a consistent point winner on the horizontal bar, parallel bars, and in calisthenics events.

Engle Faces Conversion

In common with other coaches, Rip Engle's main task in spring drills will be the conversion to two-way football. The Penn State mentor contemplates 20 days of drills during the period immediately following Easter vacation.

Collegiate Chatter

Charlie Speidel's wrestling squad will make its 1953 television debut Feb. 14 when it meets Syracuse on the Orangemen mats. The TV match is one of a series scheduled at Syracuse this season. The watchful video eye will be used for most of Syracuse's indoor sports program. This is the third straight year the plan has been in use.

The Syracuse boxing team, under the tutelage of Coach Roy Simmons, will be gunning for its fifth straight Eastern Intercollegiate crown this year. The tourney will be held March 13, 14 in Syracuse's Archbold Gymnasium.

Simmons has added an All-American Lacrosse player to his star-studded roster. He's Bruce Yancey, a defensive mid-fielder. Simmons has given Yancey the light-heavyweight assignment and believes the new ringman can win an intercollegiate title before he graduates.

Orange center Frank Heddout is fast gaining recognition in collegiate basketball circles. Cage scouts regard the big senior as one of the outstanding stars in the collegiate ranks. He is averaging better than 16 points per game, and his rebounding and defensive play have been outstanding.

Colgate university is also boasting an outstanding ball player. Bill Dodd, the Red Raiders fancy shooting center, makes his bid this week to break into basketball's exclusive "1000 point club." The big senior now has a three year total of 969 points. These were accumulated in 57 games to give him an overall average of 17 points per contest.

The Raiders embark this week on a four game tour, and Dodd is almost a sure bet to reach the magic figure. Colgate coach Howard Hartman regards him as one of the most colorful college basketball players in action today. His opponents must feel the same way also, since he has been named to almost every "all-star" opponent team during his career.



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