

Cagers Play Rutgers Tonight

Lions Will Resume Home Schedule Next Wednesday

After a much needed stopover at State College the past two days, a rested Lion cage squad will resume their eastern tour tonight when they play Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N.J. This will be the last away game until Feb. 20 when the Lions play at Colgate.

The Lions will be attempting to make it their 10th win tonight as against six losses and "even-up" the past week's win and loss record, which reads two losses and one victory.

Last year the Lions swept over the Queensmen, 66-52. Rutgers is currently sporting a 3-7 record with a total of 759 points. (Doesn't include Johns Hopkins game). Most impressive of their wins was a 83-68 defeat of Princeton, Ivy league titlists last year.

Other wins have been over Haverford and Montclair State—the latter victory broke an old single game scoring record set in 1911. Final score was 98 points for the Scarlet and 72 for Montclair.

Losses have been to Delaware, Columbia, Connecticut, CCNY, Lehigh, Army and Navy.

Pacing the Queensmen is their tall forward Larry Gordon—who is averaging better than 19 points a game. His biggest night of the season was a 29 point outburst against Montclair.

Playing along side Gordon at the other forward position will be Don Villani with an average of 9.9 a game. The rest of the team will have Swede Sundstrom at center, and Beindorf and Porter at guards.

Still leading the Lions in scoring is Captain Herm Sledzik who is maintaining a 17.2 average for 258 points in 15 games. Close on his heels is Jesse Arnelle with 248



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points for a 16.5 average. He needs 200 more points in the remaining nine games to equal last season's regular game mark of 448. After the Rutgers game, the Nittanians have eight more tilts to play—five at home and three on the road. Included in the Rec Hall games are two teams that have beaten State earlier this year—West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

Post-War Lions 5th in Eastern Gridiron Rating

Roger B. Saylor, a Penn State economist, has placed the Lions fifth in his rankings of Eastern football in the postwar platoon period from 1946 to 1952, inclusive.

Saylor has rated football teams as a hobby ever since his days in the Coast Guard in World War II. He asks two questions in rating grid teams. "Who did you play? How did you fare against them?" Thus, a team with a better won-loss record may rank below a team with a stronger schedule.

Saylor considers Army as the best team of post war Eastern football. The Black Knights of the Hudson had a won-loss mark of 45-14, for that period.

Following Army, in order, are Pennsylvania (37-19), Princeton (44-16), and Cornell (40-22), Penn State (44-16), Villanova (42-19), Yale (36-23), Columbia (30-31), Dartmouth (28-31), and Pittsburgh (26-37). Syracuse, Lambert Trophy winner in 1952 is not included in the top ten.

Saylor awards Notre Dame No. 1 ranking for the whole country in the last six years. Frank Leahy's teams in the period have won 54, lost eight, and tied five, including a 39 game undefeated streak.

The only eastern teams in Saylor's top 25 are Army, ninth; Penn, 20th; and Princeton, 23rd.

Prospective Champ

Penn State's light-heavyweight boxer, Adam Kois of Uniontown, is rated a prospective intercollegiate champion.

Sax, Relay Teams Enter NYAC Meet

By DICK McDOWELL

Chick Werner's practice-lacking indoor track team will travel in part to New York City today to participate in the New York Athletic Club Games at Madison Square Garden.

Garden fans will see Werner's one and two mile relay teams in action, and the Lion's fast coming middle distance runner, Ollie Sax. Sax will be gunning for a repeat victory in the Buermeyer 500 yard run. The speedster captured the event in last year's games, turning in a fast 57.2.

Sax Rated High

This will be the fourth top ranking invitational meet in which the Nittany thinclads have competed this season. Werner entered men in the Washington Star meet, Philadelphia Inquirer Games, and the Millrose Games. The team also lost to Army in its lone dual meet.

As usual, the perfectionist Werner will have to take with him, a team which has been unable to practice to any great extent, and in some cases not at all. However, practice or not, the Lions will probably not be taken lightly, especially the phenomenal Sax, who has made a lot of headlines in the last month, pushing Olympian Mal Whitfield to gain second place in the 600 yard runs in the Inquirer and Millrose games.

In those two events, Sax beat such track greats as Herb McKenley, George Rohden, and Morris Curotta, all Olympic performers.

Two Mile Foursome

The one mile relay team, with Sax at the anchor position, and Bill Kilmer, Dave Leathem, and Skip Slocum running with him, should also be in top contention. The quartet won the event in the Millrose Games, and was nosed out at the tape in the Inquirer classic by Morgan State. The foursome set a new school record in the Army meet, turning in a 3:21.5 time.

Werner will have Bob Roessler, Roy Brunjes, Dick Austin, and Bob Gehman running on his two mile relay squad.

The double-mile baton bearers have not fared as well as their one mile counterparts, but are an essentially sound foursome and could come through for the Lions.

Matmen Seek 23d Win On Midshipmen's Mats

With each successive victory adding another notch in the record books, a successful attempt by the Nittany Lion grapplers for their 23d consecutive win today will keep pace with one of the nation's other winningest wrestling college—Oklahoma. The Sooners have recently posted their 21st straight win.

Penn State will wrestle the Middies on their home mats at 4:15 this afternoon.

Unbeaten Since 1950

Both the Midshipmen and the Nittany Lions will be seeking their final dual meet win this season. Unlike Penn State, Navy has one defeat. Maryland, which has recently been added to Penn State's '53 schedule, edged a strong Navy team, 13-11.

Coach Charlie Speidel's crack team, which has not been defeated since Syracuse pinned the Lions in 1950, has scored impressive victories against Virginia, 30-0, and Lehigh, 18-8.

Although Penn State sports an outstanding record in wrestling, the matmen from Annapolis should not go overlooked. In fact, the Middies profess wrestling as their "major sport."

Regardless of the dual meet's result, one Penn State record will go untouched. That is Dick Lem-

yre's 11 successive dual meet wins. The 130-pound EIWA champion will remain home on doctor's orders.

EIWA champion, Bob Homan, will once again open for the Lions in the 123-pound class. Homan, who has registered decisions in his first two matches, will face Bill Holtz.

Following the opening encounter will be Speidel's newcomer, Larry Fornicola. He will meet Coach Ray Swartz's rugged 130-pounder, Art Jesser.

Frey Brothers, 147, 157

A potential starter at 137 will be Ed Crane who will endeavor to halt Jerry Maurey's six dual meet victory string.

Penn State's only brother act, Don and Doug Frey, for this meet will oppose Ed Miller and Navy's captain, John Godek, in the 147 and 157-pound divisions, respectively.

Joe Gattuso will go against Penn State's George Dvorozniak at 167, who will be in search of his first win as a Nittany Lion. While Pete Blair, 177-pounder, will wrestle Co-Captain Joe Lemyre, EIWA and NCAA champion. Blair defeated Hud Samson twice last year in the 177 class—at Navy and the Intercollegiate.

In the heavyweight spot Samson will try to better his 1-1 record against Ed Biffel.

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with
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"Wha' happened to the soccer team 'n all that talk about going to a soccer bowl last New Year?" This question has been tickling the tympanum of members of the booter fraternity ever since the "long wait" started way back on Nov. 22, 1952, when Bill Jeffrey's eleven slushed to a 1-0 victory over a mud-soaked Penn team.

This victory, as Nittany booter fans will recognize, closed out a splendid 7-1-1 season for the 1952 soccermen and earned them a shot at the Soccer Bowl bid, which was to be held in St. Louis Dec. 27. Ever since this Penn victory the Lion booters have been sitting through their own "cold war" waiting for a word from the Missouri Soccer Commission which was extending the bids.

The commission was reported to have extended a bid to the booter delegation from the University of San Francisco. Then came the snag. The commission ran into trouble when it tried to rent Sportsman Park, ballyard and delinquent home of Fred Saigh, who got a "pattin' on the po-po" from a judge recently for income tax evasion. "This said that the commission couldn't put the thumb on Fingers Freddie for a rental of the park, and the proposed Soccer Bowl fell through.

This comes as quite a shock to this corner. Jeffrey's booters, who are very conscientious about their sport, and practically live the game, grew thin from "overwait." State was generally accepted, as the best soccer combine east of the Mississippi, since it dealt the hand of defeat to its two arch-rivals, Temple and Penn.

Over the past semester vacation, the Intercollegiate Soccer-Football Association, of which Coach Jeffrey is a member, held its post-season confab. One of the main issues on the docket was the selection of the annual coaches' All-America soccer team, and also the picking of the nation's top soccer team.

Again, there was some hope of salvaging some much-deserved post-season honor for the Lion soccermen. But, again Lady Luck dealt the Nittanians a deuce. Headed by the Nittanians star center forward, Jack Pinezich, the Lions certainly had good reason to place at least one booter on the dream team. Pinezich drew praise from all over the East with his polished style of play that enabled him to average 2.6 points per match the past campaign, and set a new Nittany seasonal scoring record of 23 goals.

The ICSPA picked only one All-America team, with an accompanying list of honorable mentions. Two of the Lion booters—Frank Follmer and Captain Kurt Klaus—received honorable mention, which seems to be a small reward indeed for the excellent performances both seniors turned in the past season.

The booter coaches named Franklin and Marshall's soccer team tops in the nation. From our viewpoint, at least three eastern teams deserved the honor ahead of F&M—Penn, Temple, or Penn State. Not that the F&M booters weren't good—they must have been to go undefeated in the Mid-Atlantic Conference last season. However, it's like comparing a triple-A baseball team to a major league club—the Diplomats just aren't in the same class as Penn, Temple, and State.

Just before Coach Jeffrey ascended his flying carpet for Puerto Rico to teach engineering and soccer, we cornered the sage Scot and asked him, "Why all the injustice?" The congenial mentor didn't exactly know. He figured maybe it was a good thing that a small school like F&M should get the honor as having the top soccer team. Perhaps that's the answer, although it doesn't seem to satisfy all the sweat and toil the Lion kickers exerted to create their fine '52 record. Such selections tend to reduce the value of All-America teams, if they are based on "kindness" and not actual worth. Oh well, there's always next season.

Lion Boxers Face Tough Spartan Foe

There is nothing but trouble in store for Penn State's boxers when they square off with Michigan State in an East Lansing, Mich., ring today.

The Spartan mittmen are unbeaten in two starts this season in strict accordance with their 1952 form which found them second best in the nation.

Against this stiff opposition, the Nittany leather-slingers will be trying for victory number one after dropping their opener to Maryland last week.

Lion Coach Eddie Sulkowski will make only one change in the lineup—Joe Reynolds replaces Sam Butler at 132 pounds.

Lineups:

Penn State	125	Michigan State	Tom Watson
Sam Marino	132		Julie Bass
Joe Reynolds	139		Bob Hoffman
Tony Flore	147		Herb Odum
Stan Engle	156		Bill Greenway
Hank Arnold	165		Tom Hickey
Dick Cameron	176		Alex Taskins
Adam Kois	Hwt.		Wayne Keller
Bill Andresevic			

9 Win in IM Hoop Play

League C was tied into a neat three-way knot for top spot in IM basketball play Thursday night at Rec Hall. Wil Hauer, chalking up 12 points, led his DIR squad to a 23-18 triumph over the formerly-undefeated Irviners. This game gave three teams in the league similar 5-1 records, the two mentioned and West 25, who had won the night before.

The Hoopsters squeezed past the Radads, 16-15, in league D action. The same league saw the Aces romp over the Nightmares, 34-18. Bob Donohue led the winners with 14 markers for the night.

In league E, the Bonecrushers lost to the Nittanians, 32-12. Leading the charge for the Nittanians was Bruce McPherson with 11 tallies. Also, in league E, the Cats won by way of forfeit from Dorm 41.

The Cubs undid the Beaver House quintet, 25-19. Head underdog was Jim Wyatt who put 10 through the hoop by himself. Further action in the F circuit saw Dorm 33 forfeit to the Hustlers. The Sinkers, champions of the court realm last year, took one

the easy way, by forfeit, from a Mustang team that wasn't there. The Sinkers are unchallenged at the top of league G, with a clean 6-0 slate. Beneath the Sinkers, further down the line, the Turbles won by forfeit from Dorm 32.

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