

'Home Sweet Home'



THREE MAIN COGS in the 1952-53 Nittany basketball machine, Ed Haag, Coach Elmer Gross, and Captain Herm Sledzik (left to right), show broad smiles now that they're back home. The road-weary hoopers absorbed losses to Penn, Navy, and Rutgers on their recent four-game jaunt. The Nittany cagers will open a three-

game home stand tonight against American University at Rec Hall. Tonight's game will be the nightcap of a scheduled double-header, with the Nittany mat team opening the evening's festivities at 7 p.m. The Grossmen will be shooting for their 21st consecutive home victory.

Lions Meet Eagles; Seek Tenth Win

The Lion courtmen return to the home basketball scene tonight seeking their evasive tenth win of the season against American University. The game will immediately follow the Penn-Penn State wrestling match starting at 7 p.m.

The Lions haven't lost a game in Rec Hall since the Colgate contest in 1950, but the road record is a different story. All seven losses this year have been on foreign territory and the cagers have three more of these "jinx" games remaining.

Collegiate Chatter

West Virginia's lean courtman, Jim Sottile, is fast becoming unstoppable. The Mountaineer gunner has been averaging 25 points a game. This firepower rests mainly on the fact that he has recently improved last year's accuracy of 33 per cent to 41 per cent; during the last eight games, this average has shot skyward to 51 per cent.

Sottile is not just a shooter, as he was once criticized. The 6-1 hustler is a rebound terror. He has averaged four personals per game, but has fouled out only four times. His 73 per cent accuracy at the foul line has placed him second in team foul-shooting.

The Mountaineers were the hottest team in the nation until Sottile dislocated his collar-bone last year. The material loss slowed down the West Virginia five so much that it never regained its winning spark.

The shoulder break, however, healed imperfectly and required an operation, which rendered his right arm useless. Sottile's career could have been easily terminated because he shoots only one type of shot—the right-handed jump.

His marksmanship from 35 feet is phenomenal. His scoring average has not been compiled against the weaker court fives. He scored 33 tallies against Penn State, 29 at Duke last week, and 27 at Madison Square Garden against New York University. Against Bethany and South Carolina he dumped in 18 and 13 points.

WRA Results

BOWLING

Phi Mu over Kappa Kappa Gamma
Gamma Phi Beta over Tri Delt
Alpha Epsilon Phi over Alpha Chi Omega

VOLLEYBALL

Leonides forfeited to Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Xi Delt over Atherton West
Coop over Aye-Sees
Woman's Building forfeited to Ionians
Zeta Tau Alpha over Delta Gamma
Kappa Alpha Theta over Kappa Delt

Lose to Navy

A new coach, Hugo "Dutch" Schulze, took over the Eagle team this year and has coached the American club to nine wins and four losses. They had a five-game winning streak stopped by Loyola of Baltimore on Saturday, 69-53. This was the same club the Eagles had beaten earlier in the season.

The Eagles and Lions have played only one common foe—the Midshipmen squad of Annapolis. Both teams went down in defeat with American U. losing 47-69 and State taking its worst defeat of the season, 77-53.

In the all-time series between the two clubs, State holds the edge, 14-1, with the Eagles coping their lone win four years ago on their court. State took last year's game, 77-52.

Win in Conference

The American club has been averaging 61.4 points a game as compared to the 67.1 average of State. Up to last Saturday the Eagles were 11th in the nation among small colleges with its team defense of 58.2 markers per contest.

In Mason-Dixon Conference games they have taken six of seven contests. Two years ago they took the league and last year were runners-up.

Highest point maker is John Selby with 179 points in 12 contests for an average of 14.9 a game. He is a junior standing six foot three, and was second high point man last year. Close behind him is another junior, Bud Daly, with 150 points and an average of 13.6.

Needs Two Points

High point maker for the Lions is Captain Herm Sledzik with 271 points, averaging 16.9 per game. He has now scored 59 more points than he did last year when he ended a 24 game schedule on 212 tallies.

Jack Sherry, who has been slowed up because of shin splints, has been averaging 9.8 a game for 157 points. He needs just one more basket to tie his total output of last year.

Ed Haag has 112 points—some 25 points more than last year's total—for a 7.0 average, and Ronnie Weidenhammer has made 32 field goals and 28 free throws for a total of 92 points and a 5.8 average. He is 54 tallies short of last year's season output.

Sports Briefs

Nat'l League Games

NEW YORK (AP)—The National League, announced a 1953 baseball schedule yesterday which listed a total of 217 night games, three below last year's all-time record.

The St. Louis Cardinals again qualify as the circuit's night owls, playing 50 of their 77 home games under the lights and 32 of those away from home after sundown.

The only team that approaches the Cardinals in moonlight activity is Philadelphia, which has scheduled 42 home games at night. Pittsburgh has 29 night contests at home, Boston and Cincinnati 28 each, Brooklyn 24 and New York 16. The Chicago Cubs, unequipped for electrical lighting, play all Wrigley Field games in broad daylight.

Thompson Arrested

NEW YORK (AP)—Henry Hank Thompson, 27-year-old New York Giants outfielder and third baseman who allegedly was struck on the head with a baseball bat by a taxicab driver Jan. 31, was arrested yesterday on a charge of felonious assault.

The arrest was a counter-complaint of the cab driver, William Winfrey, who is free on his own cognizance on a felonious assault charge.

Sets Auto Record

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Bob Pronger, Chicago race driver built like a basketball center, led a full scale smashing of the beach speed record for strictly stock American automobiles here yesterday.

The 6 foot 6 speeder drove a 1953 Oldsmobile an average of 113.28 miles an hour over the measured mile on the ocean beach.

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Matmen Face Penn Tonight, Seek 24th Win

By SAM PROCOPIO

When Coach Charlie Ridenour's Quaker matmen wrestle Penn State's Eastern intercollegiate champions at 7 tonight in Rec Hall, they are not only scheduled as the Lions' 24th dual meet victim but are scheduled to witness a lineup change.

Coach Charlie Speidel, who considers his second team as good as his first, will give Penn State wrestling fans the opportunity to observe some of his capable second stringers against Penn.

"The good men that keep our better men on the ball and in condition during the season will have the opportunity to get experience," the stocky mentor said. "They are just as good as our first team but need some experience."

Twin Weigh-ins

Speidel's power-laden grapplers, who are in excellent condition, should prove to the Quakers that they are the defending champions and determine to maintain their eastern prestige.

Penn State will have two men from each division weigh in. Included in the tentative lineup will be one or two newcomers.

In the 123-pound division, Doug Cassel is the probable candidate. The short, aggressive wrestler who performed in the 130 division, earlier this season will battle a good man in George Evans. Cassel, this season, has a 1-1 dual meet record.

Moving up one weight will be EIWA champion Bob Homan. The 123-pound champion, who is among Penn State's "unbeaten quintet of three wins this year," will oppose Tom Jones in the 130-pound class.

Bellefonte's Larry Fornicola will be out to prove that his first victory of the season was no fluke when he moves up to the 137-pound division. His Quaker opponent will be Len Shea, who will attempt to halt the 130-pounder's three win streak.

Another victory string to be put at stake will be that of rugged Jerry Maurey. The Clearfield product will seek his ninth against Penn's Lou Goettelman or Bill Hoffman in the 147-pound division. Maurey has gained two falls this year.

Either sophomore Bill Shawley or junior Bill Krebs will receive the nod in the 157-pound class. His opponent will be Captain Ed Agnew. Agnew is one of Ridenour's outstanding grapplers.

J. Lemyre Seeks 5th

George Dvorozniak, 167-pounder who needs more seasoning, will endeavor to notch a match in the win column when he faces Russ Down.

Co-captain Joe Lemyre is Speidel's candidate for the 177-pound division. The EIWA and NCAA champion will be in search of his fifth consecutive win—eighth unbeaten dual meet win. Lemyre drew against his Cornell foe last year. Penn's Ray Walker will oppose Lemyre.

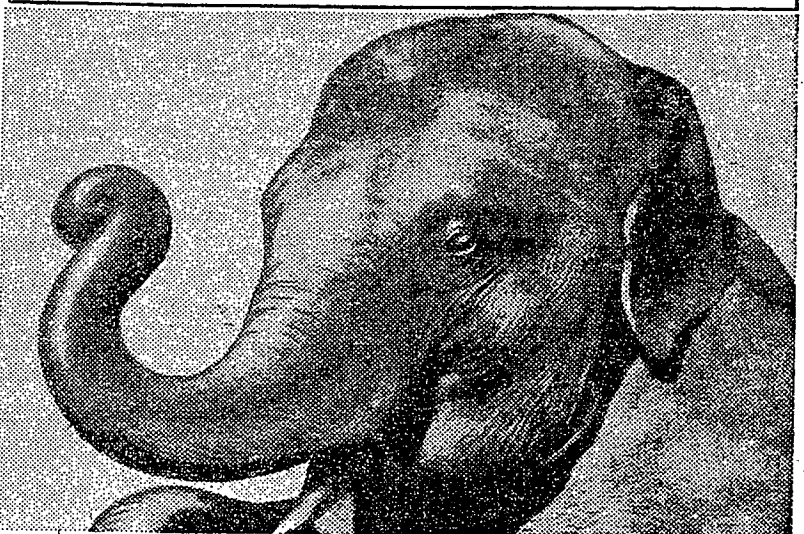
The battle of heavyweights will include Penn State's Hud Samson and Penn's Charlie Assiff. Samson in his last outing pinned his Navy adversary.

Other possible State weigh-ins are Hal Chamberlain, Don and Doug Frey, and Dick Lemyre.



Charlie Ridenour
(War-time photo)

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