

Lion Nine Plays Colgate; Frosh Trackmen Victors

Contest Is First in 3 Game Trip

By DICK McDOWELL
An 18-man Lion baseball squad arrived in Hamilton, N.Y. last night, ending the first leg of a weekend journey that will carry it on to Syracuse tomorrow for a double header with the Orange. They meet Colgate in Hamilton this afternoon.

The Lions left by bus yesterday afternoon. Traveling with them could well be their chances for another District Two championship. Both Colgate and Syracuse are district teams, and a clean sweep of the series would definitely brighten chances for a repeat win and a chance to enter the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

9-3-1 Record

Lion skipper Joe Bedenk has nominated his two mainstays, Gar Gingerich and Keith Vesling, as his first two pitchers, and plans to use Jack Krumrine in one of the contests. Gingerich is the probable starter against Colgate with Vesling and Krumrine working the double header tomorrow.

The Nittanians enter today's game carrying a splendid 9-3-1 record, including seven wins against district clubs. Only West Virginia and Temple remain on the 1953 slate following the weekend set. A double header is scheduled with the Mountaineers.

Same Lineup

Although the Lions have been plagued by a noticeable batting slump for the past three games, they still carry a .284 team batting average. In the field the Bedenkmen boast an excellent .947.

Bedenk will probably start with the lineup he has been using for most of the campaign. In the infield, Pat Kennedy (.342) will be at first base, Chuck Russo (.312) at second, Ron Weidenhammer (.269) at shortstop, and Hubie Kline (.262) at third.

Rex Bradley (.319) will be in left field, Sil Cerchie (.304) in center, and Tom Werner (.327) in right. Bill Leonard (.244) will do the catching.

Al, Frank Wick Are Gym Captains

At a social gathering last night, Al and Frank Wick, twins, were elected co-captains of the 1954 gymnastic team. Al competed in the parallel event, while his brother Frank competed in the side horse.

Senior members of the team, Captain Bob Kenyon, Jim Hazen, Bob Kreidler, William Saper and Dave Schultz, gave farewell speeches.

Coach Gene Wettstone was presented an Argoflex camera by members of the team.

Wettstone told his squad "I appreciate this gift very much."



THE ABSTRACTS, independent volleyball champions, who won the 1953 crown after eliminating the Iron Men in a three-set contest at Rec Hall Wednesday night 16-14, 6-15, and 15-12. Standing are (l. to r.) Bob Wainscott, John Bergey, Jim Garrity, and Dick Miller. Front row (l. to r.) Henry Zeybel, Dick Anglestein, and Don Eyer.

Marciano Favored In Title Fight Tonight

By Associated Press

Rocky Marciano risks his world heavyweight title against ex-champ Jersey Joe Walcott tonight at Chicago Stadium with 3 to 1 odds and the ring's oldest tradition riding on his side.

No former champion ever won back the big crown in the long history of the prize ring. Now, a 39-year-old pappy guy with six kids back home in Camden, N.J., is trying to rewrite the script against a 28-year-old slugger who knocked him out last September.

Marciano by KO

Jim Corbett couldn't do it. Nor Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Jack Dempsey, Max Schmeling, Joe Louis or Ezzard Charles. Most boxing experts think Walcott can't do it either.

The pick here is Marciano by a knockout inside nine rounds and possibly quicker. Few think it will go the distance. There has been very little betting.

Despite their sensational fight at Philadelphia last fall, the public is taking this rematch in stride. The box office take was only \$85,000 this morning. It looked like \$450,000 and some 15,000 people would be a good guess on the final totals.

Fight Taken in 3D

The all-time record for an indoor fight is \$422,918 for Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano at this same stadium, July 16, 1947.

The 15-round match will be carried on a television network (NBC) to all parts of the country. Three dimension movies will be taken.

The public's indifferent attitude has been blamed on the postponement from April 10 when Marciano came up with a nose injury and the \$50 price for ring-side seats. Another factor was the terrific letdown for Chicago fans when Chuck Davey, the TV idol,

was knocked out by Kid Gavilan in February.

Another explanation offered is the fact that the first fight was not seen by millions on TV. Only a limited number watched in theater-TV.

Over 400 sports writers, most of whom saw the first fight, have come back for more. That Philadelphia brawl was the most exciting heavyweight fight since Dempsey-Frpo.

Title Held 234 Days

Should Rocky Marciano lose to Jersey Joe Walcott his reign will have been the shortest of any heavyweight champion—some 234 days since last Sept. 23.

Marvin Hart, whose claim to the title was disrupted, lasted 236 days early in the century. When Jim Jeffries retired in 1905, he named Hart and Jack Root as the leading contenders and agreed to referee the fight. Hart stopped Root. Tommy Burns claimed the title when he beat Hart, Feb. 23, 1906.

The shortest reign of an undisputed champ was Primo Carnera. Da Pream knocked out Jack Sharkey to win the championship June 29, 1933 and was knocked out by Max Baer, June 14, 1934—350 days later.

Thinclads Batter Penn, 93 3/4 - 37 1/4

By HERMAN WEISKOPF

Charlie "Blockbuster" Blockson broke the freshman record in the discus last week with a heave of 152 ft. 1 in. as the freshmen battered Penn in a telegraphic meet, 93 3/4-37 1/4. The discus mark was better than any recorded in the Penn State books—frosh or varsity.

Penn's much-talked about Johnny Haines was paired against freshman coach Norman Gordon's ace sprinter, Art Pollard. The Coatesville Comet lowered the room on the Penn frosh as he took the 100 and 220-yard dashes. In the 100 he flew to a 0:09.7, to equal the freshman mark of Barney Ewell as Haines finished in 0:10 flat, followed by teammate Kline. Pollard copped the 220 in 0:21.7, half a second ahead of Haines, and almost a full second in front of Kline.

Matz Wins 880

As if he hadn't done enough, Pollard came back and ran in the 440—and what's more, he won! His time, 0:52.1, put him ahead of Lion Don Austin and Penn's "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride," Kline.

In the 880 it was another Lion win as Bob Matz snapped the cord at 2:01.6. Doug Moorhead and Jim Pastorius finished out the clean sweep for the Lions.

Moorhead became a double winner as he took the mile and the two-mile, leading the Lions to slams in both events. He took the mile in 4:33.9 with Matz and Pastorius at his heels. His time in the two-mile was 10:14.2 and put him in front of Pastorius and Dan Tutter.

Bronstein Leaps 19 ft. 11 in.

Penn frosh Weiss tried to pull a "Pollard," but couldn't quite do it. However, he did set the pace in the 120 highs and the 220 low hurdles, with times of 0:16.2 and 0:27.2. Penn swept the highs as Weidnecht and Cahill followed Weiss while in the lows State's Wells Lober squeezed in between Weiss and Weidnecht.

Weiss met his Waterloo in the high jump, where Lions Don Lund and Dan Hutchinson tied for first at 5 ft. 9 1/2 in. Dave Bronstein and Ron Lentz outjumped Weiss in the broad jump, with Bronstein taking the event with a leap of 19 ft. 11 in.

Speaking of quadruplets, four men tied for honors in the pole vault. Three Lions—Eldred Atkinson, John Freyler and Hutchinson—cleared the bar at 10 ft. 6 in., as did Lenegood of Penn.

Blockson put the shot 47 ft. 1 1/2 in. to outdistance McCallum of State and Fisch of Penn.

Netmen Face Pittsburgh Tomorrow

The Nittany Lions' netmen, seeking to break a four match losing streak, faced the Engineers of Lehigh last night with no scores available up to Collegian press time. Tomorrow the Foggmen will be trying for a win on their home courts when they do battle with the Pittsburgh Panthers.

Coach Sherm Fogg's lineup will probably remain the same for tomorrow's contest as it was for the Lehigh match, changes likely being made in the singles only.

BULLETIN

Penn State's tennis team broke its four-match losing streak yesterday afternoon at Bethlehem by tripping Lehigh, 5-4. The win raised the Lions' season mark to two wins and five losses. Dick Robinson, Bruz Ray, and Lou Landon won their singles matches, while Robinson-Landon, Bill Ray-Bruz Ray and Forrey-Ziegler won for Penn State in the doubles competition.

Dez Long became heir to the number six spot in a pre-Engineer change. Long started his first match of the year at yesterday's meeting.

Assuming a win over the Engineers has taken place, a not improbable event since the Lehigh men have not taken a decision from the Lions since 1947, the team would return to the Beaver field courts with a somewhat different outlook toward the future. That future being a three match home stand with Pittsburgh, and Colgate and Bucknell on May 20 and 23.

The lineup that will probably predominate this weekend will feature Dick Robinson, number one; Bill Ziegler, number two; Bruz Ray, number three; Lou Landon, number four; Captain Bill Forey, number five, and Dez Long, number six.

U.S. Olympic Star To Enroll at State

HONOLULU, May 14 (AP)—Milt Campbell, U.S. Olympic decathlon star sought by schools across the country, said at Honolulu Airport today he plans to enter Penn State next fall.

"I've finally made up my mind," the 19-year-old high schooler from Plainfield, N.J., told a reporter.

Bob Mathias and Campbell, America's one-two Olympic decathlon wallop, arrived today for Saturday's Rainbow Relays, annual invitation track and field meet sponsored by the University of Hawaii.

Campbell said he was eager for a crack at the 1956 Olympic Decathlon.

He's the boy to watch," Mathias chipped in. "He's one of the best, if not the best athlete in the world today."



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