

Cagers Seek 2d Win Tonight

Face Strong Wetzel Lands Hard Left Hook Penn Team In Palestra

The Penn State basketball team invades the Penn Palestra tonight seeking its second win of the young season against a highly rated University of Pennsylvania quintet.

The two teams will be meeting in the 32nd game of a series which began in 1902 and the Lions are seeking to snap a four game Penn win streak which began under Quaker coach Howard Dallmar in 1950. They will also be striving for their first win in the Palestra since 1939.

Lion coach Elmer Gross said yesterday that he will use the same lineup against the Quakers that he used against Washington & Jefferson last Saturday when the Nittanians won their 1953-54 opener, 66-41.

Arnelle at Center

Ron Weidenhammer and Ed Haag are slated to start in the guard positions. Jesse Arnelle will be at center and Captain Jack Sherry and Rudy Marisa will open at the forwards. Jim Blocker and Jim Brewer will probably see plenty of reserve action.

The two teams go into the contest on just about even terms. Penn has been rated two points ahead of State on the Dunkle selections charts. The rating system, one of the most highly recognized charts, lists the Quakers with 66 points and Penn State with 64. On that basis it's just about anybody's game.

Quakers Strong at Home

Of course the Quakers will be playing on their home court where they are always at their best. However, the Lions were impressive in their W&J victory, displaying an extremely strong defense and a fast, well-coordinated offense.

On individual terms a scoring battle looms between Arnelle and Penn's Hylmun who dropped in 328 points last season and appears to be Dallmar's biggest offensive threat this year. Arnelle tallied 408 last year and collected 18 in the W&J contest.

Rely on Sherry

Gross will be relying on Sherry to carry part of the scoring burden also. The big forward was the number three man for the Lions in 1952 with 248 points and a 10.3 average per game. He had 10 points in the opener.

Both teams will have about the same average height. Penn's first five averages about 6-2 while the Lions are slightly over that mark.

The Quakers will be after their third win of the season. They have downed Delaware and Muhlenburg in their first two contests.

Lehigh Veep Proposes ECAA Ban on Bidding

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Dr. E. Kenneth Smiley, vice president of Lehigh University and an influential figure in the Middle States Academic Accrediting Agency, has proposed that the Eastern College Athletic Association censure any college that engages in competitive bidding for an athlete and that it should set up some sort of contract system.



PAUL WETZEL PUSHES AWAY his opponent Dave McIlhenny in a 145-pound independent intramural boxing bout in Rec Hall yesterday with a blistering left hook in winning a three-round decision.

Fans See Ten IM Ring Bouts

Fought in the blue sky setting of pre-Mill Ball Rec Hall, ten matches of the 13 match card were reeled off before a gathering of excited fight fans who delighted in the fast, spirited action of the intramural boxing contests yesterday.

With the fighters eyeing lucrative semi-final berths, one fraternity team, Sigma Nu received a shot in the arm with two victories while the championship hopes of Delta Chi were all but smothered as three losses were recorded.

Two warriors, well-versed in intramural ring warfare, brought the loudest cheers from the fans. Joe Musial, Theta Xi, last year's 145-pound runnerup, battled to a close and hard fought decision over Joe Messerman, Delta Chi, who was the 1953 135-pound king. The two 145-pounders traded punches through most of the fight but Musial's hard lefts seemed to turn the tide.

In the 128-pound fray, Ralph Hofmann, Sigma Pi, overcame a slight reach disadvantage to outpoint Larry Roman, Alpha Epsilon Pi. Hofmann finished a Roman flurry with several good rights and lefts of his own to greatly help his cause in the second round.

In the first bout of the evening Bill Pender decided Bob Carver, Phi Kappa Alpha, in a 175-pound match. Pender landed good rights in the second and third rounds to offset a final minute spurt of left hooks from his lanky opponent.

Rallying from two very close rounds, 121-pounder Chuck Fry tabbed Sigma Nu's first win with a decision over scrappy Steve Spencer of Delta Chi. Steve Haky, fighting in the 165-pound class, scored a third round TKO over crouching Bob Kerr, Phi Kappa Psi. Haky chopped two good rights off the head of Kerr and followed up with a flurry of punches until the referee interceded.

In other 165-pound events Ed Kittka, Theta Kappa Phi, pounded out a TKO over Delta Chi's Joe Stefanelli and Wally Cook, Phi Kappa Sigma, took a decisive three-rounder from Dick Lewis, Theta Chi.

Southpaw stylist Kittka ended

a short barrage of leather with a hard left that sent Stefanelli to the mat and a referee's decision. Cook put up impressive rallies in each round to defeat Lewis in the other battle of the 165ers. Cook's superior reach enabled him to stab through Lewis' defense.

Ed Jordan, Phi Kappa Psi, scored a technical knockout over Sigma Pi's Ed Suley in another 175-pound contest. Ed Suley piled up points with rights in the first and second rounds but was overtaken by punches to the body and an upset stomach. By winning this match, Jordan gained a semi-final berth against Bill Pender.

There were two independent fights on yesterday's card. In one of these, Paul Wetzel eked out a decision over Dave McIlhenny. Wetzel felt the sting of McIlhenny's punches in the first round but fought back gamely to win the fastest match of the evening.

In the other independent fray, Dave Laird, 155-pounder, repeatedly used a right to the body and left to the head combination to mark up a decision over Satch Carpenter.

Garrity Boots Field Goal

Jim Garrity, Penn State's No. 1 receiver, kicked the first field goal of his college football career as the Lions beat Pitt, 17-0, in the season's finale. The Monaca Madcap also booted 17 of 19 extra point attempts during the 1953 campaign. Three touchdowns gave him a total of 38 points.



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ON GYMNASTICS

It's amazing what men can make their bodies do. Sprinters rip up the tracks at almost unbelievable speeds. Football players pound each other to pulp. But yet nothing quite matches the actions of a gymnast. Here is the prime example of what the human body is capable of accomplishing mechanically.

From the spectacular performances on the horizontal bar to the delicate precisions of the caesthenics this sport is wonderful to watch.

Actually the sport, although not so popular in this country, is the grand daddy of all athletics. In ancient Greece where athletics began the word gymnastics applied to all types of athletic feats in which the individual participated. The term carried through to the present age and the sport still embraces the exercises that were included in it during the Greek era.

To be good in any event—tumbling, flying rings, horizontal bar, side horse, rope climbing, or caesthenics, the individual has to possess perfect coordination. And he can achieve this coordination only through years of practice and patience.

Jan Cronstedt, national amateur athletic union all-around champion last year, and the big factor in Penn State's outstanding success under Gene Wettstone, began to practice as a 12-year old in Finland. Today he is the picture of beauty when he is in action.

We watched him practice caesthenics, before the NAAU championships and Olympic tryouts in 1952 and stood almost unbelieving as he paced his body through movements that made him look like the Indian rubber man. His plastic muscles will permit him to do just about anything with the body.

Probably the sport's only downfall lies in the fact that the spectator doesn't understand the technical points. Either he doesn't understand or he cannot recognize them.

Scoring, for instance. This is done by three judges, with each judge awarding a contestant a maximum of 100 points. The three totals are added together to tabulate the individual's score.

But what Joe fan might not know for instance is that the contestant's approach in beginning the event is considered in the scoring, as well as his form in ending his event. More important, it takes a trained eye to pick out these flaws that the average fan can't see. However, this may stem from the fact that few opportunities are available for the public to see such an exhibition in this country. In Europe they thrive on the sport, as is indicated year after year in the Olympics.

We are fortunate here at Penn State. Students here have the opportunity not only to witness a quantity of gymnastics meets—but quality as well, the very best in quality. Gene Wettstone has a national champion show for Rec Hall fans this winter, beginning with a meet that will be almost an Olympic show in itself, when the Swedish gymnastics team appears here in January.

True the sport doesn't present the fan with the dynamic impact of a come from behind football victory or the photo finish in the 100 yard dash, but for a show of sheer skill and dazzling body maneuverability, the ancient sport of gymnastics can't be beat.

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