

Cagers Test Orange Tomorrow

Seek 5th Victory Of Season

The Syracuse University basketball team invades Rec Hall tomorrow night as Coach Elmer Gross' once-beaten squad returns to the home court after three consecutive road games.

The opening tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

The Lions sport a 4-1 record, opening a post-vacation schedule that brings highly-ranked Colgate here Saturday. The game will mark the first home appearance for the Nittanians since they whipped Washington & Jefferson, 66-41, Dec. 5. After beating Penn at Philadelphia, 72-67, Gross took a ten-man squad into the south lands during the Christmas vacation period and split two games on that trip.

American University fell to the Lions, in Washington, D.C., 65-52, with Jesse Arnelles leading the Nittany scoring. The big center tossed in 13 points and Captain Jack Sherry was right behind him with 12. State had little trouble winning its third in a row, outscoring the Eagles in every quarter except the fourth.

Suffer First Loss

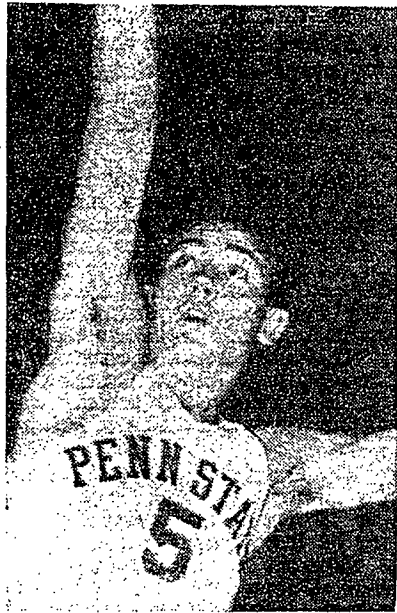
From Washington, the Lions traveled to Raleigh, N.C., where they lost to nationally ranked North Carolina State, 89-74. This was the big one for the Lions and they came close to getting it too, before they faded in the final quarter after trailing by only five points at the three quarter mark. With Arnelles, Sherry, Ron Weidenhammer, and Ed Haag charged with four personal fouls apiece, the Lions were forced to relax their pressure in the final frame and the Wolfpack widened the gap to 15 points.

Go to Line 41 Times

In all, the Pack collected 41 shots from the foul line while the Lions were given 19. North Carolina held a slim edge on field goal totals, 33 to 31.

The big men for the Lions were Weidenhammer and Haag. Haag cut the nets for 17 points and Weidenhammer, with his deadly outside set shot working to perfection, fired in eight field goals for 16 points. Top men of the night, however, were North Carolina's Bob Thompson who to-

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Ed Haag



Jack Sherry

Lion Basketball Standouts

Pros Eye Alabama's Bench Enthusiast

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4 (AP)—Alabama's 12th man in the Cotton Bowl should make a darn good professional football player.

Both line coach Vic Lindskog and Steve Van Buren told coach Jim Trimble of the Philadelphia Eagles today to make Tommy Lewis an early choice when the pro team draft prospects from the 1953 college field later this month.

Lewis is the Alabama fullback who came off the bench New Year's Day to tackle Rice's Dick Moegle and automatically gave the Owls a Cotton Bowl touchdown. Moegle was in the clear and heading for the Alabama end zone when Lewis charged off the bench to bring him down.

Van Buren scouted Lewis earlier in the season and came back with nothing but high praise for the 195-pound Greenville, Ala., fullback. "He's a two-way player who loves the game and would be a valuable addition to any pro team."

"I talked to him two or three times and found out he's interested in playing pro ball. He's a runner, a good defensive back and an excellent blocker," said Van Buren.

Lindskog scouted the Cotton Bowl game and came home early today with the same recommen-

dation. "Draft Lewis if you can get him," he told Trimble.

"In addition to being a good football player, the kid is of good character. He's very modest and has class both on and off the field," said Lindskog.

"I didn't mention the 12th man incident to him since he was reluctant to talk about it, but actually, that sold me more on him than ever," said the Philadelphia line coach.

"He has a tremendous competitive spirit. He wants to win and it was that intense desire that drove him off the bench to tackle Moegle. We want kids who have that desire to win."

4 Lion Teams Unbeaten

Four Penn State athletic teams posted unbeaten records in 1953. The clean slates belonged to wrestling, gymnastics, golf, and cross-country.

Swedish Tour Draws Nearer

The Swedish National gymnastic team which will visit the Nittany Vale Jan. 16 possesses one of the finest records, both competitively and exhibitively. They have successfully toured almost every European country, including Russia. Throughout these tours, the Swedes have established an outstanding reputation for their excellent team spirit and high class of gymnastics.

One of well over 50 participating teams in the Gymnaestrada—the great international gymnastics festival in Rotterdam, Holland this summer—the Swedish gymnasts were unanimously rated as the number one exhibition team by the press, despite the respectful showings of the Swiss, Germans, Finnish, Norwegians, and Hungarians.

The Swedish team will arrive in New York at the Idlewild Airport Friday for their United States good-will tour.

There will be 13 gymnasts in the visiting party, eight of whom represented Sweden in the 1952 Olympics. Coach Erik Linden, an interpreter and a manager will also make the trip. In their tour of American towns and cities, the Swedish party will travel by motor bus. They expect to remain in this country for a period of two months.

Penn State gymnastic mentor, Gene Wettstone, revealed yesterday that the Swedish itinerary will take them into 18 of the 48 states, including 19 college and university campuses. Except for four meets, three of them against university teams, the Swedes will concentrate on exhibition routines during their tour.

The Swedish Gymnastic touring schedule:

January 10, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; 13, Panzer College, Newark, N.J.; 14, New York Athletic Club; 16, Penn State, State College, Pa.; 18, Lock Haven (Pa.) State Teachers College; 19, University of Pittsburgh; 21, Kent State, Kent, O.; 22, Cleveland, O., Gym Societies; 24, American Turners, Detroit, Mich.; 25, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, O.; 27, Vikings Association, Chicago, Ill.

February 2, Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.; 3, Baltic Club, Rockford, Ill.; 4, LaCrosse (Wis.) State Teachers College; 6, University of Minnesota; 8, University of Iowa; 9, Moline (Ill.) Turners; 11, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.; 12, St. Louis University; 14, Kansas City Turners; 16, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.; and 17, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

February 19, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.; 23, Texas A. & M., College Station, Tex.; 25, New Orleans Athletic Club; 27, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.; March 2, Auburn (Ala.) Civitan Club; 3, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga.; 4, North Carolina University, Chapel Hill, N.C.; and 6, Swedish American Club, New York City.

Lion Gridders Star In Holiday Bowl Classic

Although Coach Engle's Blue squad finished on the wrong end of the 40-20 count to the "rebels" from the South, the combination of Engle, quarterback Tony Rados, halfback Dick Jones and guard Pete Schoderbek almost led the underdog Blue squad to a holiday upset.

The combined strategy of Engle and fifth-ranked NCAA passer Tony Rados put the North out in front early in the second quarter—a position they enjoyed until the start of the second half.

Added to the squad as a last minute addition, the Lions' Dick Jones was nominated by several sports writers as the outstanding performer for the Blue squad. Jones had himself a fine afternoon, running Gray kickoffs back for 20 and 22 yards and nearly breaking into the clear after eluding half-a-dozen would be tacklers.

A play which is very familiar to Lion fans is the famous "draw" play—only this time it was Jones roaring through the line, instead of Moore. The first time Jones got his hands on the apple, on this particular play, he almost "legged" it the whole way to the double stripe.

Although Rados shared his quarterback duties, he nevertheless completed seven passes good for 70 yards, in addition to keeping the Rebels off balance by mixing up his plays.

Guard Pete Schoderbek was a constant threat to the Gray throughout the contest—playing better than half the game.

End Don Malinak recovered two fumbles for the North squad, in the annual North-South classic. He will also take part in the senior bowl, to be held Jan. 9 at Mobile, Ala.

Hall of Fame Voting to Begin

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—About 300 ballots have been placed in the mail for the annual Hall of Fame voting by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers Assn. The results are expected to be announced in mid-January. No ballots will be opened until that time.

Voting is restricted, under a change in the rules, to players active from 1928 through 1948, with two exceptions. Joe DiMaggio and Bill Dickey were excepted because they received 100 or more votes in the 1953 balloting, before the rules were changed.

Walker Cup Tourney Scheduled for Britain

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—The 15th International Amateur Golf match between the United States and Great Britain for the Walker Cup will be played in Britain, May 20, 21, 1955, the United States Golf Assn. revealed today.

The match will be played at St. Andrew's. The matches were played at the Kittansett Club, Marion, Mass., last September with the U.S. winning 9-3.

Frosh Cagers Defeat Altoona; Cooper, Lysek Spark Victory

Penn State's freshman basketball team evened its record at 1-1 when it came from behind to defeat the Altoona center Dec. 18, 64-53.

John Egli's yearlings trailed at the half, 24-31, but rebounded with 20 points in the third period to take the lead 44-36.

In the first half the freshmen hit for only ten field goals and foul fouls. In the second half they found the range for 15 double deckers and ten fouls.

The game was marred by many fouls—39 foul shots were taken in the first half and 36 in the second. Egli's cagers missed seven foul shots before intermission. In the latter half they converted ten of 15. The Altoona cagers had 49 free throws, hitting on 11 of 28 by half-time and then adding ten of 21 throughout the remainder of the game.

Hugh Cooper paced the attack for the frosh with 17 points on seven field goals and three fouls. He collected four of his two-pointers and all his foul shots in the final half.

Frosh Lost to JVs

In the only other game the frosh have played Cooper of Slippery Rock, towering 6 feet 3 inches, failed to hit the scoring column. The yearlings lost that game to the junior varsity 44-43 in Rec Hall.

Jim Lysek once again sparked the come-from-behind drive of the frosh with seven field goals in the second half to account for his 14 markers. In the JV game the little five-foot ten-inch sharp shooter led the frosh's late bid for victory. The Hellertown ace hit for six points in the JV encounter and now leads the scoring

parade with 20 points on ten two-pointers.

Hartnett Hii for Eight
Joe Hartnett of Johnstown, who tied Bob Benson of Haverford Hill for scoring honors in the JV game with eight points, hit for three field goals and four fouls to up his two-game total to 18. Benson hit for half as many points in Altoona, getting one foul and one field goal.

Jack Houser added seven points to the Nittany total on three two-pointers and one foul.

Hoover of Altoona hit on only one of nine foul shots.

BOX SCORE			
Penn State Frosh		Altoona Center	
fg	fp	fg	fp
Lysek	7 0	Bohner	1 1
Benson	1 2	Kleiner, T.	1 5
Fytel	0 0	Adams	1 2
Sitch	2 0	Taylor	6 2
Ramsay	2 2	Kleiner, F.	0 0
Cooper	7 3	Weakland	4 1
Hartnett	3 4	Julian	0 5
McKibben	0 2	Hoover	1 3
Cramer	0 0	Howarth	2 4
Houser	3 1		
Totals	25 14	Totals	16 21

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Thompson 3&4 25, Women's Building 20
Thompson 1&2 31, Atherton 29
MacAllister Hall over Maple and Elm, forfeit.

TABLE TENNIS
MacAllister Hall over Little Lion's Co-op over Spruce and Pine

Three Setbacks

Penn State's three 1953 football defeats came at the hands of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

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