

Lions Face Pitt Five Saturday

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The stage is set for what promises to be one of the top-notch cage battles of the year when Penn State battles Pitt Saturday in the Pitt field house. The two teams meet in the return contest of the three-overtime thriller at Rec Hall Jan. 28 when the Lions whipped the Panthers, 91-85.

Pitt will be out for blood in this one and, according to the Pittsburgh Press, may be slight favorites. Coach Bob Timmons' quintet pushed the Lions right up to the final buzzer in the first meeting and naturally would like nothing better than to upset Elmer Gross' high flying Lions.

The Panthers, led by flashy Dutch Burch, have been a disappointing club to Pitt fans this season, winning only five games while losing 12, but of late have shown great improvement and can be dangerous at times. They proved this at Rec Hall.

The Lions travel to Pittsburgh on the crest of a splendid 10-2 record with seven contests remaining on the regular schedule. The Blue and White have lost only to North Carolina State and Navy, and will arrive at Panther Hollow seeking their fifth win in a row.

As a team, the Nittanians are well on their way to setting another scoring record in average points per game—a record that has been broken for the past two seasons. Last year Gross' quintet scored an average of 69.7 points per contest, and with 12 contests behind them are averaging 71.1 this season.

Individually, center Jesse Arnelle ranks as the top man in the scoring department with 260 points for a 21.7 average a game. Latest National Collegiate Athletic Association statistics place the big junior 28th in the nation in average points per game. Arnelle has fired in 89 field goals and is 82 for 119 at the foul line. Captain Jack Sherry is in the number two spot with 52 field

goals and 32 foul points for a total of 136 points and an average of 11.3 points a game. Ed Haag is third with 110 points and a 9.2 average and Ron Weidenhammer is fourth with 107 points and an 8.9 mark.

Of the seven games remaining on the schedule, Pitt will probably give Gross' club their toughest game. The Panthers have demonstrated that they can play first-rate basketball. With Burch setting the pace, the Smokey City quintet employs a speedy fast-break offense that proved very successful against the Lions in the first meeting. Rugged Ed Pavlick and Tommy Artman give the Panthers strength under the basket and from outside, and Burch can score from any place on the floor.

Following the Pitt contest the Lions travel to New York State where they will play return games with Syracuse and Colgate. They return home Feb. 24 for the first of four home games to wrap up the season. Gettysburg will be at Rec Hall for the first one followed by Rutgers, Georgetown, and Temple.

Brooks Sign Erskine; Hodges Still Unsigned

BROOKLYN, Feb. 9 (AP)—Carl Erskine, who set a record of 14 strikeouts against the New York Yankees in the 1953 World Series, signed his 1954 Brooklyn baseball contract today.

Erskine became the 29th Dodger to come to terms, leaving first baseman Gil Hodges as the only Dodger regular not signed.

New Record Holders



PENN STATE'S record-setting mile relay team whips through a practice lap on the Rec Hall track. Left to right are Art Pollard, Skip Slocum, Roy Brunjes, and Ollie Sax. The baton passers sped to a new Nittany record Saturday in the Millrose Games with a clocking of 3:19.7.

College Soph Is Newest Pro Boxing Rage

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—Nate Brooks, a bright new face in a day of humdrum fighters, is the newest rave of the boxing crowd. "He could be a small edition of Ray Robinson," wrote Jim Jennings, veteran boxing writer of the New York Daily Mirror after watching the Ohio State pre-law sophomore stop Billy Peacock last night to win the North American bantam crown.

"He (Brooks) has all the moves of greatness and had the cruel elegance of Ray Robinson when he was just beginning," wrote Jimmy Cannon in the New York Post.

This is a pretty fair sendoff for a 20-year-old scrapper with only nine pro fights—even if he did win the Olympic flyweight title at Helsinki in 1952.

Testing Brooks presents a real problem in the bantam class because there are very few good 118-pounders around. He has to fight feathers, giving away six or seven pounds, to keep busy.

Later events may prove Brooks isn't quite the fighter he looked last night. But Matchmaker Teddy Brenner of Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway has a red hot boxer on his hands today.

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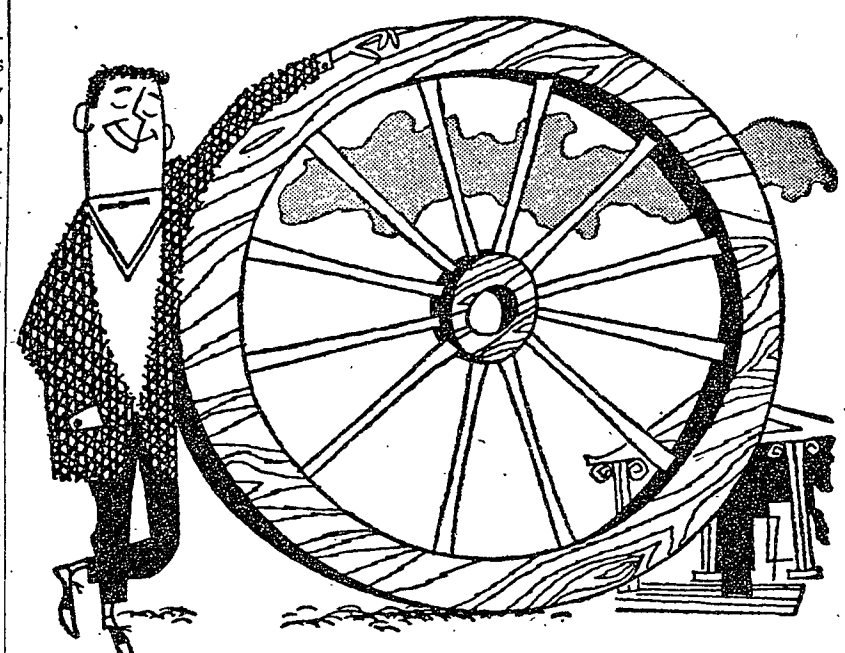
Frosh Athletic Program Opens

Freshman competition in basketball, wrestling and boxing has been instituted at the University on a limited scale, according to Ernest B. McCoy, director of athletics. Frosh competition previously has been very limited and irregular since the war.

The plebe basketball team accompanied the varsity quintet to Bucknell Jan. 27 for a game with the Bison freshmen. The Lions were defeated, 88-64.

The freshman boxers will meet Syracuse at 4:30 p.m. Saturday

in Rec Hall. First-year wrestlers will meet the University of Pittsburgh team at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in Rec Hall.



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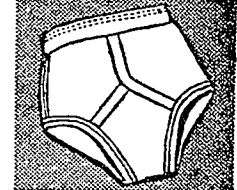
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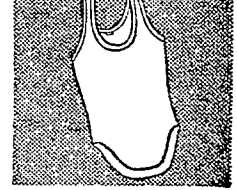
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