

Pitt Tests Floormen Tonight

Lions Are 6-Point Underdogs To Capture Eleventh Victory

By DICK McDOWELL

The Penn State basketball team tackles The University of Pittsburgh tonight at the Pitt Memorial Field House in what promises to be one of the Nittanies' toughest encounters of the season.

Coach Elmer Gross' floormen invade the Panthers carrying a four-game win streak and a 10-2 record. The Lions have lost only to North Carolina State and Navy. However, it was Pitt who gave the Lions their toughest scrap of the year when the two teams battled for three overtime periods before Penn State finally won the game, 91-85.

Pitt Favored

Despite a poor, 5-11 record, the odds-makers have put Bob Timmons' quartet in the favorites role tonight, giving them a six-point edge. The fact that Pitt is playing on its home court and has improved its play considerably in the past few weeks, probably explains the move.

The Lions will once again pin most of their hopes on center Jesse Arnelle. The 6-5 junior has totaled 260 points this season for a 21.7 average and has been the top rebounder. In the first meeting between the two clubs he hit his season high when he scored 31 points.

Sherry Second

Rounding out the Lion five, Gross will use Captain Jack Sherry, the Lions' number two scorer, and Jim Blocker at the forward positions. Ron Weidenhammer, and Ed Haag will be at the guards.

The Nittanies lost the game played in Pittsburgh last year, 58-56, in the last five seconds of the game, but came back in the return contest at Rec Hall to win by 20 points.

The hair-raising win in the first game this season has undoubtedly instilled a revenge motive at Pittsburgh, and everything points to a close game tonight. The Panthers

found in the first game that they are more successful against the Penn State zone defense when they forget their "deep-freeze tactics," and concentrate on scoring.

Led by guard Dutch Burch, they showed Gross' cagers a flashy fast break attack that was almost enough to bring them a victory. Although the Lions will probably have the edge in height, Pitt's Dick Deitrick, who has been used in reserve this season, is big enough and rugged enough under the boards to balance the rebounding strengths to some degree.

The game marks the first of three straight road games scheduled for Penn State. Following Pitt, they meet Syracuse and Colgate returning home Feb. 24 when they meet Gettysburg at Rec Hall. They will wind up the season at home with successive games with Rutgers, Georgetown, and Temple.

Schoendienst Signs

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12. (AP)—Red Schoendienst and pitcher Harvey Haddix, both unhappy over early St. Louis Cardinal offers, signed today for substantial pay raises with the Redbirds.

Keen Mat Duel

Pitt's unbeaten status points to a keen duel Feb. 27 when Rex Peery's ever-improving Panthers take on Penn State's National Collegiate champions in an intrastate wrestling meet on the Nittany Lion mats.

State Authority Approves Two New Additions

Preliminary approval of the new wing of Buckhout Laboratory and the new unit of the Mineral Sciences Building has been granted by General State Authority, Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, has announced.

Final approval is pending completion of minor changes to be made by the contractors, Wiegand said.

The buildings are partially occupied and are being used for classes this semester. They are projects of the GSA's \$10 million building and improvement program at the University.

Work on alterations and additions to the equipment in the power plant and utility lines is making "normal" progress, Wiegand said. Electrical ducts and lines are being replaced and facilities for additional equipment are being expanded. Work on the project is being done on Shortlidge road near the Temporary Union Building. This, too, is a GSA project.

The GSA is an organization set up to enable the state to do construction work beyond the constitutional debt limit. These projects are generally constructed for institutions such as the University, then turned over to the institutions.

Lacrosse Meeting

The lacrosse team will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 110 Electrical Engineering. Freshman candidates may also report.

Only 1956 football opponent thus far announced by Penn State is Ohio State, to be played at Columbus, O., Oct. 20.

Lions to Renew Relay Rivalry

By HERM WEISKOPF

Penn State's record-busting mile relay squad resumes its duel with ace quartets from Manhattan and Morgan State tonight in the New York Athletic Club meet in Madison Square Garden, N.Y.

Chick Werner's crack foursome set a new Nittany mark of 3:19.7 last Saturday in the Garden to wipe out the former record of 3:21.2

established in 1950. The old mark was also set in the Garden by Jim Gehrdes, Guy Kay, Bill Lockhart, and Wilbur Lancaster. Gehrdes is now both cross-country and track coach at Navy and Lancaster competes for the New York AC in the 50-yard dash during the indoor campaign.

Art Pollard will run in the lead-off slot for the baton-passers. The "Coatesville Comet" will pass the baton to Skip Slocum of Wyncote. Running the third leg for the Lions will be Roy Brunjes of St. Albans, N.Y., and Ollie Sax will run the anchor position.

The Blue and White thinclads have won two of their four meets this season. Manhattan and Morgan State each captured the mile relay victory once. These three foursomes have been hailed as the fastest in the annuals of indoor track.

Werner has entered performers in two other events—Pollard in the hurdles and Sax in the 500-yard run. Both will be up against the cream of the crop in their respective fields.

This will be Sax's initial attempt at the 500 this year. He competed twice in the 600-yard event, finishing fourth both times. Pollard will be battling most of the nation's top hurdlers once again. His best showing was a second place finish behind Olympic 200-meter titlist Andy Stanfield.

Next Saturday the Lions will

engage in the battle of the year—the IC4A championship meet in N.Y. Last season the Lions placed second behind Manhattan in the tussle for team honors.

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