

Floormen Seek 11th Victory; Gymnasts May Clinch Crown

Lions Battle Rutgers '5' At Rec Hall

By DICK McDOWELL

The tournament-bound Penn State basketball team meets Rutgers University tonight in the second event of a double feature sports program at Rec Hall. The game will be played following the Penn State-Pitt wrestling match.

The Lions will be seeking their 12th win in the first of a trio of contests scheduled between now and March 9, the date set for their game with Toledo in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs. Georgetown and Temple will invade the Nittanies Wednesday and Saturday to polish off the 19-game schedule.

The eleventh hour bid Thursday from the NCAA committee has probably boosted fan interest in Coach Elmer Gross' quintet as they turn down the home stretch of the regular season, carrying an 11-5 record. And from all appearances the cagers may head for Fort Wayne with a 14-5 mark.

Sundstrom 4th Rebounder

Rutgers should pose no problem tonight although the presence of lanky center Norm Sundstrom and forward Fred Gordon could make the Scarlet a very threatening ball club. Sundstrom is ranked fourth among the nation's rebounders by the NCAA and Gordon is 43rd in the individual scoring column.

The Scarlet, 10-9 over the regular season, have beaten three Lion opponents—Gettysburg, Bucknell, and Colgate.

Gross said yesterday he is expecting Rutgers to be plenty tough on the Lions. Last year Coach Don White's quintet dumped Penn State by 14 points.

Arnelle, Sherry Lead Scorers
Leading the Nittany attack once again will probably be center Jesse Arnelle and captain Jack Sherry. The pair have been most consistent scorers for Gross this season. Bob Rohland or Earl Fields will probably pair with Sherry at the forwards and Ed Haag and Ron Weidenhammer will be in the guard positions.

On paper the Lions should have no trouble winning their last three games. However, they can, by no means, be considered warm-up contests for the coming NCAA challenge against Toledo.

Georgetown has been a hot and cold team this season and can be very dangerous on a good night. Temple, billed as one of the best in the east on pre-season dope sheets, has also had its ups and downs. The owls most outstanding feat this season was a two-point upset of highly-ranked LaSalle.

Bowling Tournament

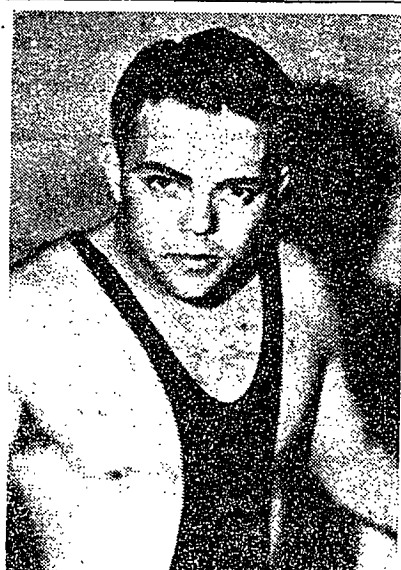
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 26 (AP)—The 29th annual Knights of Columbus national bowling tournament opens tomorrow with some 5000 keggers scheduled to roll for nearly \$25,000 in prizes by April 11.

Arnelle Given AP Honorable Mention

Penn State center Jesse Arnelle was given honorable mention yesterday in the Associated Press all-American basketball selections. Arnelle was one of 27 college players selected by 365 sports writers and broadcasters.

The 6-5 junior, who has smashed just about every existing scoring record at the University, is averaging 21.9 points a game in 16 contests, with a score of 351 points. He has three games left to play in the regular season.

Arnelle is the only player ever to score more than 1000 points at Penn State in three seasons. He has already eclipsed the career scoring record set by Lou Lamie in 1949 with a full season yet to play.



Hugh Peery
Two-Time NCAA Champ

NCAA Correction Made for Lions

A report from the National Collegiate Athletic Association yesterday said that the winner of the Penn State-Toledo game in the NCAA playoffs March 9, will not meet the Big-Ten champion as was previously announced.

The winner will play the Southeastern Conference winner instead. Both Kentucky and Louisiana State are in contention for the southern crown.

The Lions battle Toledo at the Fort Wayne Coliseum in the opening round of the eliminations. Should they win at Fort Wayne they will move into the Eastern Regionals against either Kentucky or LSU.

Temple Meet Can Decide East's Best

By RON GATEHOUSE

If things go as Lion gymnastic mentor Gene Wettstone expects them to, the Penn State-Temple duel at Philadelphia today, the Nittany Valers will add one more achievement to their long list of gym honors, and this one will be in bold print—Eastern champs for the second straight year.

The Lions will square off with the Philadelphians in the City of Brotherly Love's South Hall.

And there's no reason why the Owls shouldn't fly head-first into their second loss of the year—at least no reason in black and white.

Owls Own 2-1 Record

At present they own a 2-1 record, with narrow-margin wins coming over Jersey City and Syracuse. The latter victory came in the form of a slim one point margin, 48½-47½. Army succeeded in giving the Owls their only loss.

On the other side of the fence, the Lions have sent each and every opponent home with the bitter taste of defeat in their mouths, and they did it with ease. The Cadets, the only common opponent faced by Temple and the Lions, came closest to injecting the Staters with some of their own poison, that is if a fifteen point spread can be called close.

The Nittanies are the only all-winning gym team in the East, and tonight will be clawing to make the Birds their prey for their 14th successive intercollegiate win, four of them this season.

Jengo Standout on H-bar

Captain John Jengo is their big man on the horizontal bar, but Nittany ace Jan Cronstedt should keep him wondering what a first in that event against the Lions feels like. Cronstedt has not failed to take top honors on the H-bar so far.

Along with the H-bar on the evening's top billing will be the duel between State's Skeets Haag and the Owl's Gene Scholl. In last year's State-Temple meet, which the Lions won 65-31, Scholl carried away first place honors with a respectable 3.7.

At the present Haag is making the verticle climb with an identical 3.7.

Ringmen Seek First Victory Against Experienced Virginians

Charlottesville, Va., will be the scene of the Penn State boxing team's fifth season attempt to obtain a partial salvage of the 1954 season tonight.

The Lions will meet an experienced Virginian eight, but they won't be able to bank on a similar edge as five sophomores carry the bulk of Coach Eddie Sulkowski's victory hopes.

In the three lightweight divisions, 125, 132, and 139-pounds, Coach Eddie Sulkowski will be seeking at least one victory. Harry Papacharalambous, a junior with a 1-3 chart,

will hold the lightweight slot for the second consecutive week. One of Pappy's losses came at this weight last week. His two previous bouts were at the 132-pound class.

Fighting his second meet, sophomore Bob McMath looks for win number one. The Lions' two opponents in the first two weight classes have seen considerable ex-

AP Names All-American Cage Team

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—Frank Selvy, Don Schluendt, Tom Gola, Cliff Hagan and Bob Pettit were perhaps the happiest college basketball players in the country today.

And these young men from Furman, Indiana, LaSalle, Kentucky and Louisiana State, respectively, had good reason to be elated. They were picked today to comprise the 1954 Associated Press collegiate All-America basketball team.

What about Bevo Francis of little Rio Grande College in Ohio? Well, the controversial 6 foot 9 sophomore topped a second team along with Indiana's Bob Leonard, Kentucky's Frank Ramsey, Duquesne's Dick Ricketts and Western Kentucky's Tom Marshall.

Togo Palazzi, Holy Cross; Arnold Short, Oklahoma City; Bob Mattick, Oklahoma A&M; Johnny Kerr, Illinois, and Dickie Hemric, Wake Forest, were chosen as a third team.

Honorable mention went to 27 additional players topped by Gene Shue, Maryland; Si Green and Jim Tucker, Duquesne; Paul Ebert, Ohio State, Bud Matheny, California; Larry Costello, Niagara; Bob Schafer, Villanova; and Jesse Arnelle, Penn State.

Probable Starting Lineups	
PENN STATE	VI. VIRGINIA
Papachara-lambous	Banerdt
McMath	Rush
Martin	Whitely
Stokes	Unannounced
DeMay	Potter
Breidor	Nichols
Kois	Roberts
Goleman	Hwi. Creech

perience. Both were entered in the Easterns last year.

Two of Virginia's weakest links may lie at the 137-pound and heavyweight divisions. Last year, Coach Al York forfeited the 137-pound bout to the Lions. And this year, he forfeited the 147-pound slot to Louisiana State University in the season opener.

Grice Whitely has been the York's "jumping bean" in the two different classes during the past two years. Whoever is chosen for the 139-pound bout will meet the Lions' Don Martin, a junior with a 0-2-2 record.

Larry Stokes, 147-pounder, owning the best winning card on the Lion squad, 3-1, will be one of Sulkowski's firmest hopefuls for a victory. Stokes, another sophomore, has shown continual im-

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Indians Block Yankee Trade To Cardinals

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP)—Allie Reynolds, as well as Vic Raschi, was tabbed by the New York Yankees to go to the St. Louis Cardinals, but the Cleveland Indians blocked the deal, Sports Editor John Carmichael of the Daily News reported today.

Writing in his "Barber Shop" column from Tampa, Fla., Carmichael said Reynolds would have been available to the Cardinals for \$100,000, but the Indians refused to waive on the Big Chief as they did on Raschi.

"It scares you a little," Carmichael quoted an American League executive as saying, "to think that a man of George Weiss' Yankee general manager-baseball ability, could, and would have, let men like Reynolds and Raschi go and still think he can win another flag."

Roberts Signs

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26 (AP)—Robin Roberts signed a 1954 contract with the Philadelphia Phillies today for what is believed to be the highest salary paid a pitcher in National League history.

Although neither Roberts nor the club would officially disclose the amount involved, it was thought to be well in excess of \$40,000.

IM Results

- Sigma Pi 38, Chi Phi 25
- Tau Phi Delta 19, Phi Mu Delta 18
- Delta Chi 30, Alpha Chi Rho 29
- Phi Kappa Psi 28, Theta Xi 24
- Delta Upsilon 53, Delta, Tau Delta 26
- Phi Sigma Delta 31, Kappa Delta Rho 19
- Sigma Chi 15, Phi Gamma Delta 10
- Snakes 24, McElwain Men 22

Mat Frosh Host Pitt

If Penn State's varsity mat coach Charlie Speidel and Pitt tactician, Rex Peery, are already looking ahead to next season, nobody can blame them. The reason should be obvious to fans at the Lion-Panther freshman wrestling meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Rec Hall.

Admission is free. Both coaches, in keeping with their teams' standing as powers of the East, have assembled a lot of talent which is certain to blossom forth in future years. Thus the meet, which will end the season for the Nittany frosh, should be a crowd-pleaser.

Both teams are well-balanced, and both are particularly strong

in the lower weights. Perhaps the standout match of the day will be in the 130-pound class.

Pitt's Ed Peery, son of the Panther varsity mentor and whose brother Hugh is a defending NCAA champ, will square off against the Lion's highly-rated Sid Nodland. Both competed with varsity men in the Wilkes College tourney in December. Peery walked off with top honors in his division, while Nodland reached the semi-finals.

The Lions' only other meet this season resulted in a 23-11 win over Lock Haven State Teachers. Pitt numbers among its victims the Lehigh Engineers, whom they defeated 21-10 at Bethlehem.

In the opening match this afternoon, Lion George Smith will face Bill Hulings in the 123-pound class. After the Peery-Nodland tussle, 137-pounder John Pepe of Penn State will tackle Panther Nick Swentowsky.

Gene Barone of Pitt will meet Nittany Dave Adams at 147, while Pitt's George Ulassin gets the call in the 157-pound weight against Penn State's Dan Gray.

Penn State will send Jim Hazen against the Panthers' John Bellas at 167, while Ron Schirf of Pitt and Jay Livesey of State face each other at 177. Heavyweight Sem Markle of State and Don Wisniewski round out the lineup.

Men, get those dates for the . . .

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