

Cagers, Gymnasts Close Schedules Tonight

Temple To Give Lions Final Test Before NCAAs

Gym Win Would Make 2d Undefeated Season

By DICK McDOWELL

The basketball Lions bow out of the local sports scene tonight when they battle a tough Temple Quintet at Rec Hall. The Lions will be reaching for their 14th win of the season as their 19-game schedule comes to a close.

Game time is 8 p.m.

Win or lose, though, Coach Elmer Gross and his floor-men won't be putting away their uniforms for a while. They move on to Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday where they meet Toledo University in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs.

Tonight's contest with the Owls promises to be one of the finest home attractions of the campaign. The Philadelphia quintet was rated as an eastern power in pre-season selections and although it hasn't lived up to expectations, it has shown that it can be a tough club to beat. Carrying a 15-10 record, the Owls boast wins over Seton Hall, 1953 NIT champion, Santa Clara, and LaSalle, one of the top teams in the east this season.

Temple Won Last Year

Last season the Owls came from behind in the last 90 seconds to top the Nittanians, 56-54, in Philadelphia. In 32 games that the two teams have played, Temple holds an 18-14 edge.

Temple coach Josh Cody has the bulk of last season's squad back this year. His two big men point-wise—forward Harry Silcox and guard Al Didrikson. These two were key men in the game played last year and have been playing the same role for Cody this season. Rounding out the Owl first five will probably be John Kane, Sam Sylvester and Charlie Mohr.

Lineup Changes Listed

Gross indicated yesterday that he will make two lineup changes tonight. Ed Haag will move back onto the starting five and Jim Brewer will get the nod for a starting berth. Bob Rohland, Jesse Arnelle, and captain Jack Sherry will round out the first team.

Two of the Lions, Ed Haag and Jim Brewer, will be making their last appearance before Rec Hall fans. The pair will graduate this June. Sherry is in his seventh semester and may have one semester of eligibility left next season.

The Lion captain is the number two scorer, trailing behind

Arnelle. His 223 points give him a 12.1 average in 18 games. Arnelle is almost certain to bring his total over the 400 mark for the third straight season tonight. He needs only eight points to reach that mark.

Team-wise the Nittanians are still ahead of their scoring average set last season. Currently scoring at a 70-point per game pace, they should eclipse the old mark of 67.3.

Gross and his ten-man traveling squad embark for Fort Wayne tomorrow where they will enter NCAA play. Toledo, Mid-American Conference champ stands as one of the biggest tests of the season. The winner in the opening round will qualify for the eastern regional playoffs and a crack at either Kentucky or Louisiana State, depending on which wins the Southeastern Conference title. The NCAA entry will mark the third time in Penn State history that a Lion basketball team has competed in the tourney. The winner is recognized as the official national champion.



Karl Schwenzfeier
Versatile Gymnast

BULLETIN

Paddy DeMarco scored a unanimous 15-round decision over Jimmy Carter last night to gain the world's light heavyweight championship, according to an Associated Press notice.

Lions Can't Be Excluded In EIWA Tournament

When your wrestling team loses two matches in succession against two of the East's best and is defending its title for the third consecutive time, you're inclined to question what are its chances.

Well, it just so happens that Penn State's grapplers are confronted with this situation. And there is only one answer: Penn State, despite its losses to Pitt and Navy, are far from out of the race.

The true answer, however, will be told at Ithaca, N.Y., March 12-13, when the Lions compete against the other 15 EIWA league squads for team and individual championships. Penn State will host the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament in 1955 at Rec Hall.

Why can't Penn State be excluded?

Coach Charlie Speidel possesses two defending Eastern champions

—co-captains Dick Lemyre, 130-pound class; and Jerry Maurey, 137-pound class; one champion who was upset in last year's tourney—Bob Homan, 123-pound division; and one who could carry the banner in his first season—Bill Oberly, heavyweight.

Although two or three individual champions do not necessarily say that Penn State will cop its fourth straight title, it does reveal the fact that the Lions will be a contender. Last year Cornell survived with three individual champions, but lacked the necessary depth to dethrone the Lions.

The teams which will be pressing the Lions for honors are Pitt, Navy, and Lehigh. Teams which will attempt to eliminate possible individual champions for the aforementioned schools will be Cornell, Franklin and Marshall, Army, Temple, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Rutgers, Brown, Syracuse, and Penn.

Penn State has had only two matmen who have won three

EIWA titles, Jack Light and Charlie Ridenour. Lemyre, who is unbeaten in dual meet competition for three consecutive years, will make his third try 'his year.

Two-time Eastern champions on the Penn State record books number ten, Johnston and Lemyre included. First to achieve the feat was Ivan Brown in 1918 and 1919; followed by Frank Watson in 1921 and 1922; Leonard Cary and Bill Black in 1924 and 1925; Te Wilson in 1928 and 1929; Bob Ellstrom in 1933 and 1934; Sam Harry in 1942 and later, after war service, in 1946; and Homer Barr in 1950 and 1951.

Penn Staters who will be seeking their second titles will be Homan and Maurey.

Among Speidel's one time champions are Clyde "King" Cole, now head coach at Gettysburg College; and Dick Waite, head man at Columbia University and past president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Coaches Association.

and 12½ on the mats.

Cronstedt will face a Mountaineer standout in at least two of the aforementioned events at Morgantown today. Bob Gluck will put all he knows against the Nittany ace on the H-bar, while Bill Solley will be striving to exhibit his wares on the mats.

Right behind Cronstedt in the point-scoring department is Karl Schwenzfeier, one of the most versatile of the Lion performers. He has captured 24 points on the flying rings, 12 on the parallel bars, and four on the H-bar to account for his total of 40.

The Wicks have done their share in aiding the Lion cause, securing victories and valuable second-place points in their respective events, Frank on the horse and Al on the P-bars.

Lawrence has failed only once to earn first honors with his brilliant routines on the horse. He owns 28 points in that event.

Along with Cronstedt and Schwenzfeier in the role of the and H-bar, versatile, Procopio has demanded respect over the season with his outstanding routines on the rings.

Haag has suffered only one setback on the rope. His best time, which he recorded twice for the 20-foot climb, is 3.7.

Rifle Team Out to Upset Lehigh Streak

Penn State's rifle team bumps up against its roughest opponent of the year this afternoon when they meet the Engineers of Lehigh University. The meet, which will be played at Lehigh, is rated a tossup although Lehigh sports a victory string of 34 straight.

The 34 wins stretch over a three-year period with 12 each for the two previous seasons and a ten straight record thus far this year.

Penn State has won one meet, that against Dickinson College by the score of 1862-1569. It was the only meet the rifle team has taken part in this year.

Penn State and Lehigh have met, along with 18 other teams, in a post season National Postal Meet. State placed eighth in this meet while Lehigh took tenth place.

Big gun for the Lion rifle team is John Thalimer, who compiled 379 out of a possible 400 points last week against Dickinson.

Penn State's remaining games are with Gettysburg, and John Hopkins University. All will be played during March.

Lehigh won their 34th in a row last Saturday, winning over Temple, 1380-1329.

The probable lineups for today's meet are for Lehigh: Arnold, Lovell, Hower, Hartshorn, and MacDonald; and for Penn State: Thalimer, Charles Hayes, John Ifft, James Ifft, Lester Staruch, Dale Fenstermacher, James Byrne, and Don Greth.

York to Defend PIAA Swim Title

HARRISBURG, March 5 (AP)—Hundreds of schoolboy athletes compete tomorrow in regional meets for places in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Swimming and Wrestling Championships next week.

York, although outpointed in Dist. 3 title swimming, will defend its eastern team championship in the Franklin and Marshall pool tomorrow and its PIAA state crown at State College next Saturday.

Major Leagues Open Citrus Circuit Schedule

NEW YORK (AP)—Muscles that have been toned the past two weeks in exercises and calisthenics will be flexed in earnest today with the opening of the major league spring exhibition baseball games.

All 16 clubs spring into action, including the Baltimore Orioles who will be returning to the big top for the first time in half a century. The St. Louis Browns were moved to Baltimore after the 1953 season and the American League's newest member quickly adopted the nickname of the oldtime Orioles, famous since the days of John J. McGraw.

Today's schedule is as follows: Pittsburgh NL vs Boston AL at Sarasota, Fla. Baltimore AL vs Chicago NL at Mesa, Ariz. Cincinnati NL vs Chicago AL at Tampa, Fla. New York NL vs Cleveland AL at Tucson, Ariz. Detroit AL vs Philadelphia NL at Clearwater, Fla. St. Louis NL vs New York AL at St. Petersburg, Fla. Philadelphia AL vs Washington AL at Orlando, Fla. Brooklyn NL vs Milwaukee NL at Miami, Fla.

RESULTS OF FRATERNITY SEMI-FINALS
Phi Sigma Delta 23, Alpha Phi Alpha, 20
Sigma Chi, 30, Sigma Nu, 26
Fraternity finals will start at 8 p.m. Monday.

Sports World at a Glance

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON—Major league baseball was dealt one defeat yesterday by the government in a radio broadcast ruling, and two officials of the national pastime were summoned to a hearing on a bill designed to force beer-maker August A. Busch to sell the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Federal Communications Commission denied a petition of the New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, and the Cardinals who sought to compel the Trinity Broadcasting Corp. of Texas to stop alleged unauthorized broadcasts of games.

The ball clubs claimed the radio company "appropriated and pirated" information from authorized game broadcasts then recreated them for rebroadcasting over stations in Dallas, El Paso, and Houston.

A decision on whether the re-

broadcasts appropriated any property rights as the complaint alleged was sidestepped. In its decision, the FCC declared the rebroadcast rules do not attempt to define property interests in broadcast material. Trinity claimed that once the news was broadcast, it was not copyrightable and could be picked up by other stations.

NEW YORK—A tripleheader starting at 6 p.m. EST today ushers in the 17th annual National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden but the favored team—Duquesne—won't see action until next Tuesday night.

One of the best balanced fields in the oldest of the post-season college tournaments promises an interesting duel for championship honors which will be decided in the finals on Saturday. Last year Seton Hall defeated St. John's of Brooklyn in the finals. Of the 12 teams invited, Brig-

ham Young University is the only former NIT winner in the tourney. Nine of the title contenders have played in the event before, the newcomers being St. Francis of Brooklyn, St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., and Wichita.

BERLIN—German Middleweight Champion Hans Stretz, 162½, rebounded from three knockdowns to gain a 10-round draw with Emile Delmine, 162½, former Belgium titleholder, last night.

KIEL, Germany—Belgium's ex-European heavyweight champion, Karel Sys, last night outpointed Heinz Seelisch, Kiel, in a 10-round fight before 8000 fans. Sys weighed 202½, Seelisch 194.

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—Bennie Borgmann resigned as head basketball coach at Muhlenberg College today in order to devote full times to his expanded duties as a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League.