

Cagers Open Season Tonight

Lions Meet Dickinson At Rec Hall

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The 1954-55 basketball season gets underway tonight at Rec Hall when potentially strong Penn State meets Dickinson in the first of 25 scheduled contests.

The Lions, third place finishers in the National Collegiate tournament last season, but given little mention in pre-season ratings this year, will be after their 11th straight victory over the Red Devils in a series that began in 1900.

Game time tonight is 8 p.m.

Coach Don Swegan's freshman team gets its first taste of action in a preliminary game with the jayvee quintet. The game will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Experienced First Team

John Egli, in his first year as a varsity coach, has an experienced first team on hand but will rely on a young reserve corps as the Lions swing in to their biggest schedule in recent years.

Egli, who has revamped the Penn State offensive game, indicated yesterday that he probably will start the contest with Ron Weidenhammer and Earl Fields at guards, Bob Rohland and Jim Blocker at forwards, and Jesse Arnelle at center.

However, he made it clear that any one of three other players might get a last minute call for a starting assignment and that he plans to use his bench extensively.

Hoffman Could Start

Junior guard Bob Hoffman, and sophomores Joe Hartnett and Bob Ramsey might be inserted in the starting lineup.

Egli said yesterday that he wants to use his reserves as much as possible since this will be the Nittanians' only game before they meet top-rated North Carolina State Thursday night.

Hampered by a late practice start and the absence of Arnelle, Rohland, and Hoffman because of football, the Lions are just "beginning to come along," Egli said.

Feels Team Will Be Strong

The Lions coach, in the process of installing a fast breaking offense in replacement of the deliberate style of play used in past years, feels that given a little time, the Lions will develop into a very strong team.

Arnelle, of course, will be the key man. He averaged over 21 points a game last year, and has passed the 400 point mark for three seasons.

The big men for Dickinson figure to be 6-4 center John Kohlmeier and forward Lee Huber. The two carry most of the Red Devil scoring power. The rest of the starting lineup will probably show forward Bob Varano, and guards John Dudas and John Perkner.

"Will Mean a Lot"

"I really don't know anything about Dickinson," Egli said, "but they'll give us a good test. We aren't completely acclimated to this type of offense and besides its our only game before we go to North Carolina. This game will mean a lot to us."

Behind his first eight players, the Lion coach has chiefly inexperienced sophomores and juniors. However, Rudy Marisa and Dave Edwards, two holdovers who are expected to see their share of action, may be helpful.



CO-CAPTAINS JESSE Arnelle and Ron Weidenhammer, and head coach John Egli get ready to open the 1954-55 basketball season against Dickinson tonight. The two Lions stars will begin their fourth year of varsity play. Egli, in his first season as head coach, took over the job last spring. The Lions will play 25 games.

Cage, Mat Clinics To Be Held Today

The University will today host clinics in wrestling and basketball in Rec Hall for high school coaches.

Charlie Speidel, Penn State wrestling coach, will be in charge of the mat program and Nittany basketball mentor John Egli will handle the floor demonstrations.

Registration for the wrestling clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Armory. Basketball registration will take place from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of Rec Hall.

The morning session of the wrestling clinic will include:

10:40—A School Administrator Looks at the Future of Wrestling in Our Joint School System—Roy Jamison, principal, Penns Valley Area Joint High School.

11:00—The Coach's View of Good Officiating—Hubert Jack, wrestling coach Lock Haven State Teachers College.

AFTERNOON

2:00—Takedowns and Escapes—James Mohny, wrestling coach, Tyrone High School.

2:40—(A) Teaching Drills and (B) Simple Legwork for Beginners—Glenn Smith, wrestling coach, Allentown High School.

3:40—Mat Panel of Program Personnel.

The highlights of the basketball clinic will include:

AFTERNOON

1:40—Man-to-Man Offenses—Don Swegan, assistant Penn State basketball coach.

3:15—Rules Demonstration—"Yib" Bolton, faculty manager, State College High School.

3:30—Full Court Press—Edward McCluskey, coach of the 1953 championship team of Farrell High School, Farrell, Pa.

4:15—Training Demonstrations—Chuck Medlar, Penn State trainer.

Ex German Champ Will Battle Jones

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 3 (AP)—Peter Mueller, 27, the former German middleweight champion, gets another chance to display his boxing talents before a national audience tomorrow night when he tangles with Ralph (Tiger) Jones in a 10-rounder at the Sports Arena.

The nationally televised fight (9 p.m., EST, ABC) will be Mueller's second U.S. start. In his first, he lost a wild 10-round decision Nov. 15 to Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, in another nationally televised event.

In Jones, Mueller will find a sturdy, hard-punching TV regular who has held his own with top contenders in both the middle and welter divisions.

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Swede Show May Top Last Visit Here

Twenty youthful Swedes, who will put on a show at Rec Hall Jan. 15, undoubtedly comprising the finest group of amateur gymnasts ever to appear in the United States, are expected to surpass the tremendous show exhibited in their stop here last January.

A year ago, the visitors attracted the largest crowd ever to witness an indoor athletic event in Rec Hall. For the first time, a sell-out crowd was announced in advance of an indoor event.

The present edition of womanly grace and manly strength will be displayed by the world-renowned Swedish National and Olympic Women's team and the National Men's team, off on a goodwill tour which will include 32 stops throughout the nation and Canada.

Nation-Wide Competition

As in 1954, the Swedes will conduct nation-wide competition in November to determine the personnel of its touring teams. At least three of last year's foreign performers are expected to return.

Penn State coach Gene Wettstone, who directed the 1954 tour, again is handling rearrangements.

Addition of the women's team was Wettstone's idea and came as an aftermath of his visit to Sweden last summer. He said the women's routines are even more colorful and more exciting than those of the men, who last year drew capacity crowds at every campus on which they appeared.

National Understanding

Wettstone, who again became interested because of his personal belief that the 1954 tour contributed to national understanding, was impressed by what he saw on his visit to Sweden last summer and predicts that American audiences will be doubly enthralled by the combined exhibition this year.

The Swedish women in 1952 won Olympic honors in team drill.

The Swedes' best ten among the men and women will perform in a two-hour program of new and modern synchronized calisthenics, tumbling, vaulting, apparatus work, high table leaping, graceful balance beam skills and the world's best free-standing routines.

In addition to Penn State, other standout stopping points for the Swedes are West Point, Pitt, Notre Dame, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana State, Texas, Florida State, Georgia Tech, and North Carolina.

Prankster Drives Car Up Forestry Steps

A car owned by a member of Tau Phi Delta was involved in a prank Wednesday night when it was driven onto the steps of Forestry Building and left there until Thursday morning.

Campus Patrol discovered the car. No action is expected to be taken against the pranksters as no damage was reported.

Hopes Rise On Transfer Of Omaha

HOUSTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Negotiations that would place Omaha in the American Association were recessed without a decision today but with indication that the transfer will be completed within 10 days.

Western League officials and representatives of the St. Louis Cardinals said they recessed the negotiations at mid-afternoon "pending further study."

Prepared Statement

"We have every reason to believe that our negotiations will be brought to a successful conclusion within the next 10 days," Senator Edwin C. Johnson, (D-Colo.), Western League president, and Dick Meyer, Cardinal general manager, said in a prepared statement.

The Cardinals have proposed that they transfer Columbus, Ohio, American Association Triple A franchise to Omaha, now in the Class A Western.

Western League officials originally demanded \$100,000 in damages from the association for the Omaha territory but later dropped the figure to \$60,000. There were reports today they might settle for \$50,000.

No Comment

Johnson and Meyer had no comment, but there was speculation the Omaha-Columbus situation would be concluded during next week's major leagues convention in New York.

Senate sessions in Washington had prevented Johnson from participating in the minor leagues convention here this week but he returned today and began a series of conferences on the transfer of Denver and Omaha to the American Association.

Until this afternoon's announcement, however, there had been hope negotiations for damages for both the Denver and Omaha territories would be concluded here.

Harry Eads' Sir Mango, son of Gilded Knight, is being mentioned for "Horse of the Year" honors for his many mid-west victories.

Johnny Vaught is the 20th football coach at the University of Mississippi. The game was first played by the school in 1893.

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