

Lions, Red Raiders Will Play Tonight

Unbeaten Colgate University, the last team to top a Penn State club at Rec Hall, makes its annual appearance tonight in a game that hints to be the toughest home test to date for John Egli's Lions.

Game time is set for 8 p.m. following a preliminary contest between the Lion freshman team and the JayVee squad. Coach Don Swegan's yearlings will be making their second appearance against the reserves. They won the first contest, 64-55.

The Red Raiders, led by 6-4 Jack Nichols, move into Lion country with three straight victories behind them, and will be out to stop a Penn State home winning streak that began after they beat the Lions 55-52 in 1951. Since that game the Lions have accumulated 36 consecutive wins on the friendly Rec Hall boards.

Nichols, sophomore pivot man from Pittsburgh, and veteran forward Bill Willgoos, have been the main factors behind Colgate victories over Hartwick, Bucknell, and Cornell. Co-captains Frank Patterson and Bill Johnson, and veteran Bob Kordish have furnished the remainder of the bulk of coach Howard Hartman's attack. Patterson and Johnson are guards and Kordish handles the other forward duties.

Lions Hold Series Edge

As usual, plenty of action is expected in the traditional battle. Last season the two teams split a pair of contests, and in the entire series, Penn State holds a slim 19-18 edge in games won.

The Raiders' 72-53 upset win against Cornell on the Cornell court indicates that Hartman has an abundance of strength this season and will probably be the best Egli's quintet has faced in its three home appearances.

However, the Lions, who won their second of the season Saturday, have indicated strongly that they are going to be tough pickings for anybody this season. Jesse Arnelle appears to be in stride, Bob Hoffman continues his consistent point getting, and the Lion stepped-up offense, ragged in the early moments of the season, is proving successful.

Averaging 83 Points

In three games the Nittanians have scored 249 points for an 83 point average, almost 14 points better than the 69.3 record set last year.

Arnelle, Hoffman, and Ron Weidenhammer, Egli's three top scorers, and Earl Fields will probably get the starting assignments in four spots tonight. The fifth position could be filled by one of four men. Jim Blocker, Joe Hartnett, Bob Rohland, or Bob Ramsey may get the call. All four have been in the starting lineup at least once and will probably be used extensively tonight.

The game is the second of four home stands scheduled this week. Gettysburg and Rutgers will meet the Lions at Rec Hall Friday and Saturday.

His Best Team

Rip Engle rates the 1954 eleven, his fifth at Penn State, the best of his 25-year coaching career.

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Two Rule Changes Made in Wrestling

By ROY WILLIAMS

Even the most minor rule changes in a sport may often arouse a considerable amount of controversy and confusion among the fans.

This winter local fans, who will be keeping a close watch on Penn State's position in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) race, will notice that the Lion wrestlers will be competing under two new rule changes.

Although two rule changes have been made, only one of the two will apply to the Lions during their regular season

in matches against Eastern teams and in the EIWA tourney to be held at Rec Hall.

The second rule change, although it will not be used in the dual meets or Eastern tourney, will be used if and when the Lions enter the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) annual tournament.

Last year two points were awarded to a wrestler if he earned more than one minute of "riding time" (the number of minutes a man is in the position of advantage) over his opponent. If both men earned riding time then the lesser time was subtracted from the larger time; if the time exceeded one minute the wrestler earned two points.

This year the same procedure will be followed but only one point will be awarded to the man with one or more minutes of time advantage.

In 'Fall' Category

The second rule change, which will be used only in the NCAA tourney, will set up another position to be included in the "fall" category.

In the past a wrestler could earn one point for gaining a predicament or two points for a near fall. These points are totaled to determine the winner of the specific weight-class match.

In the Nationals this year, however, a near, near fall will be awarded with a value of three points to the individual match score.

The definition of a predicament,

a near fall, and a near, near fall is made by the referee in regard to the angle of the wrestler's shoulders to the mat when his opponent is trying to gain the "pin" or fall.

Reason for Changes

Coach Charlie Speidel said the two rule changes were made to align college wrestling in a similar vein to the Olympic wrestling which will be held next year.

In the Olympic no points are given for riding time. Speidel said the EIWA refused to abolish giving points for riding time. He said that the attempt to get time advantage was the "pulse" of college wrestling. If the man on the bottom does not get credit for getting "out" and on "top," the match loses its speed and becomes a contest only of muscle similar to the Olympic matches," Speidel said.

Speidel said that the three-point near, near fall decision was voted out by the EIWA because it felt the rule would cause considerable confusion both for the referee, the contestant, and the fans.

Attendance Marks

Penn State set two new attendance marks during the 1954 football season. The home game total of 96,210 topped the previous high for four games, and the 32,221 who saw the West Virginia game marked a new single game high.

Gasoline Companies Raise Prices in Penna.

Gasoline suppliers report they have removed subsidies in so-called "price war" areas in the state of Pennsylvania, and prices were back to their local normals by the past weekend.

Price increases ranging up to 5c per gallon were reported for the Tyrone-Altoona area and up to 4c per gallon in the Harrisburg direction.

The State College area, which has had a normal wholesale price all along, received no increase in wholesale price.

It is generally known that when "warring" dealers cut their prices below the cost of operation, the gas companies subsidize their dealers in order to keep them in business. Sometimes this condition lasts so long that the consumer looks at the price as a normal one. Then when the gas goes back to the regular market price, it appears as though gasoline has taken a sharp increase.

The last reported average price of gasoline over the United States was 30-31c per gallon.

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The Associated Press

LaSalle's N.C.A.A. champions headed the nation's college basketball teams yesterday in the first weekly Associated Press poll but the talented Explorers and at least four other members of the elite top 10 are heading for stormy weather—and quick.

In addition to the leaders from Philadelphia, third-ranking Illinois, fifth-ranked Dayton, seventh-ranked Indiana and eighth-ranked UCLA face menacing opposition this week. The other members of the first 10—Kentucky, No. 2, North Carolina, No. 4, Missouri, No. 6, Duquesne, No. 9, and Niagara, No. 10 appear safe

for the rest of the week, maybe. LaSalle (4-0) should breeze past Lafayette tonight, but Saturday the Explorers get a formidable test when they take on Jack Gardner's unbeaten Utah quintet (6-0).

The second 10:

George Washington, Louisville, Iowa, Ohio State, Utah, St. John's of Brooklyn, Wichita and Wake Forest (tie), Holy Cross, and Notre Dame.

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