

Lions Set for 2 Weekend Foes

Gettysburg, Rutgers on Tap; Motor City Tournament Follows

Red hot Penn State, still smoking from its 110 point explosion against Colgate Wednesday night, moves into the first two games of a heavy holiday schedule tonight and tomorrow when it meets Gettysburg and Rutgers at Recreation Hall. The two games, ending a four game home stand, will be the last for the Nittanians until they meet Wayne University in the opening round of the Motor City Tournament in Detroit Dec. 27. They'll wind up the holiday card with Michigan State at Lansing, Mich., on Dec. 30.

Game time for tonight's and tomorrow's contests is set for 8 p.m.

The Lions, running well above the record Penn State team scoring average behind their newly found offensive game, will be looking for win number four tonight against the Bullets. With spectacular Jesse Arnelle, Bob Hofman, and Ron Weidenhammer all scoring consistently, the Nittanians go into the contest with an 89.7 scoring average—20.4 points higher than the record set in the 1953-54 season.

Arnelle, off to his best start in four seasons with the Lions, has 98 points, giving him a 24.5 average in the four games played.

Both Gettysburg and Rutgers figure to give the Nittanians pretty respectable opposition when they go after their 38th and 39th consecutive wins at Rec Hall. Gettysburg is winless in three games played but the Bullets are known to be a better club than their record might indicate.

Coach Henry Bream has lost most of his 1953-54 squad but center Bill Snyder, a trickster in the pivot who has been a consistent scorer for two years, remains. Snyder topped the Gettysburg scoring last season with 347 points. However, Bream is without the services of forward Johnny Habeb and Jack Keller, two of his top scorers last year.

Rutgers will come to town with an equally poor record. The Queensmen have won only one game in four outings this season. They dropped games to Purdue, Columbia, and Princeton before winning their first Tuesday against Delaware. The New Jersey quintet meets Bucknell tonight.

The Lions beat both teams last season. Gettysburg fell twice and Rutgers once. In overall competition the Lions hold an edge over both clubs. Penn State teams have beaten Gettysburg 15 times in 17 games played and hold a slim 7-5 edge on Rutgers.

The Lions' most important tests, however, will show themselves during the vacation road trip to Michigan. Wayne, Toledo and Detroit, the three teams scheduled for the Motor City Tourney, all will furnish top-calibre competition for John Egli's quintet. Toledo and Detroit will meet in the second half of a double header in the opening round and the winners and losers will battle the following night.

Wayne boasts only one win in three games, but Detroit is unbeaten and Toledo, a Penn State opponent in the National Collegiate playoffs last season, split its first two contests.

Detroit is the only team to master strong Michigan State, who the Lions will meet following the tournament. The Titans dropped the Spartans 84-78 at East Lansing, Mich.

Should the Nittanians meet Detroit, they will face one of the strongest teams in the midwest, and the Spartans, led by high-scoring forwards Julius McCoy and Al Ferrari, should provide a very stiff test.

Boston University Will Replace Fordham on Football Schedule

Boston University will replace the Fordham Rams on Penn State's 1955 football schedule. The game, which will open the season for the Lions, will be played on September 24.

The announcement was made yesterday by Harold R. (Ike) Gilbert, assistant director of athletics at the University, less than 24 hours after he received word that Fordham had discontinued football, leaving Penn State without an opening opponent for 1955. Gilbert contacted 12 to 14 teams, finally arranging a two year contract with the Terriers. Both games will be played on Beaver Field, with the 1956 contest slated for November 17.

Penn State last played Boston in 1953, when after losing three straight games the Lions routed the Terriers, 35-13. Tony Rados and Dick Jones led the offense for the Nittanians that day.

Lions Won in 1951

In 1951 the fans at Beaver field witnessed one of the most spectacular offensive shows in the history of Penn State as the Terriers, led by the Golden Greek—Harry Agganis, fell by the wayside to a strong Nittany Lion team, 40-34. Agganis took the passing spotlight that day, but it was Penn State's Ted Shattuck, who did everything else. The Lion halfback scored three touchdowns and averaged over seven yards per carry as he virtually beat Boston single handed.

In the 1954 season the Terriers compiled a 7-2 record. Their only defeats came at the hands of Boston College and Holy Cross by slim one-point margins. Other games on the 1955 schedule are Army, Virginia, Navy (homecoming), West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Rutgers and Pittsburgh.

The dropping of the gridiron sport by Fordham was announced Wednesday night and immediately caused much speculation in the State College area. But with Gilbert acting swiftly the State worry failed to exceed one day when the open date was filled late yesterday afternoon.

Fordham gave financial difficulties as its reason for dropping football. Jack Coffey, graduate manager of athletics, in his announcement said "we have run out of money for football and must balance our books."

Once one of the nation's outstanding grid powers, the Rams were able to garner only one victory and a tie in 11 games this year. Ed Danowski, one of Fordham's all-time greats, resigned his position as head football coach two weeks ago after holding the post nine years.

Fordham almost dropped football two years ago but the move was stalled by alumni and faculty members.

This move by Fordham leaves the New York City area with only Columbia as its representative on the intercollegiate gridiron.

From This Angle...

By DICK McDOWELL
Collegian Sports Editor

1954—PENN STATE HEADLINES WERE TOPS

If anybody has the nerve to ask Santa Claus for a better Penn State sports year in 1955, he might be rightfully strung by his toes by Ernest McCoy, Ike Gilbert, and the entire Penn State coaching staff. Not that 1954 was entirely perfect at the Vale, but anybody who thinks it should have been better is blind to the pitfalls that befall any school as engrossed in intercollegiate athletics as Penn State—pitfalls that were few and far between in 1954.

There may not be a college in the nation that can present a better record for the year. There were better football teams, better basketball teams, better baseball teams, and better teams participating in several others sports, but Penn State's athletic program was one of splendor in 1954.

In all, Penn State teams won 77 contests, lost 36, and tied two. Only two sports finished in the won-lost red.

Penn State's lineup of headlines in 1954 read something like this:

Jan. 9—5500 fans watch Penn State wrestlers open their 28th season with a 20-6 victory over Cornell. Lion cagers win fifth, Penn State named host to 1954 NCAA Boxing Championships.

Jan. 16—Swedish National gymnastics team edges Penn State's defending national champions, 49½-46½ before 6000, largest indoor crowd in Penn State history.

Feb. 20—Navy wrestlers defeat Penn State, snapping Lion 33-meet win streak, 19-9. Cagers lose, but gymnasts win "big one" against Army for 13th straight intercollegiate victory.

Feb. 25—Penn State basketball team with 11-5

record and three games remaining, accepts bid to play in the regional playoffs of the NCAA tourney.

Feb. 27—Gymnasts beat Temple to win eastern championship. Boxers win first meet against Virginia, cagers win 11th, but Pitt drops Speidel's wrestlers, 22-8.

March 9—Lion basketball team tops Toledo in NCAA opener, 62-50. Gymnasts beat West Virginia to end perfect season.

March 12—Penn State upsets Louisiana State in NCAA basketball. Six wrestlers reach quarter-final of eastern tourney. Three boxers reach eastern semi-finals. Gymnasts open title defense.

March 13—Cagers upset powerful Notre Dame, 71-63, reach NCAA semi-finals. Wrestlers place second in east, gymnasts win eastern title, and boxers finish third—all in one big night!

March 20—Penn State beats Southern California in NCAA consolation match following loss to LaSalle in semi-final battle. Win climaxed greatest rags-to-riches story in tournament history.

March 27—Wrestlers finish third in NCAA championship tournament.

April 3—Gymnasts win National Championship for second consecutive year. Lions display most spectacular performance in NCAA history, score 137 points. Jan Cronstedt wins five individual titles.

April 10—Lion boxers finish surprise third in NCAA boxing tournament at Rec Hall. Adam Kois captures 175-pound title.

May 18—Elmer Gross resigns as head basketball coach. John Egli named to post.

May 22—Track team whips Manhattan to close perfect dual-meet season. Jaspers are fourth to fall to Lions. Joe Bedenk's baseball team has seven game win streak snapped.

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Dick McDowell
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Track Team Bolstered by Returnees

By HERM WEISKOPF

Experience will be the backbone of this season's indoor track team.

In the weight department the Lions will once again have the services of two fine returnees—Rosey Grier and Charley Blockson. Grier made shambles of the Nittany record book this spring, leaving a new Penn State mark of 55' 8¼" for the shot put in his wake.

Art Pollard, the "Coatesville Comet," although only a sophomore last season, ranked among the nation's top sprinters. One of his finest efforts came when he defeated speedy Bob Keegan in a 60-yard dash this past winter.

Werner's No. 1 pole vaulter is expected to be sophomore Harry Fuehrer, who soared 12'10" in his best effort.

Gary Seybert, Bill Youkers, and Rod Perry form a trio of outstanding hurdlers, and behind them are two other fine timber toppers—Bob Young and Dick Winston. The latter two, however, will not be competing until next semester. Perry, a high school sensation at Coatesville, competed against some of the best hurdlers in the nation in his freshman year. His top showing was a surprise win over Pitt's ace, Wally Monahan.

Young is a transfer student from Notre Dame, and Winston but a second semester freshman. All five have displayed fine ability and give the Lions one of the most powerful corps of hurdlers in the country.

Pollard, Skip Slocum, and Roy

Brunjes are back from last season's record-smashing mile relay outfit and will be teamed with either Perry, Bob Matz, or Bruce Austin. Dave Leatham, Harry Mitchell, and Jack Moran will become available next semester and any one of them could crack the group.

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