

Cornell Tougher Than Poor Slate Indicates

By ROY WILLIAMS

"Caution" will be a word that Coach Charlie Speidel and his Nittany wrestling squad will have to tuck in their minds when they travel to Cornell Saturday for the season lid-lifter.

Cornell, always in favor of getting in a few licks before the New Year, has already met four teams: Rochester Institute of Technology, Cortland State Teachers College, Lehigh, and Rutgers.

But the Big Red have scored an unimpressive record of one win, one tie, and two losses. In the season opener at Rochester Tech Cornell lost five of eight bouts, but by scoring three pins was able to save a 15-15 tie.

Cornell defeated Cortland and then lost to Lehigh and Rutgers. Lehigh's engineers won six of eight matches (all on decisions) to drop the Big Red at Grace Hall, 18-6.

The significance of Cornell's loss to Lehigh is dubious because of the lineups which were thoroughly juggled in practically every weight class by both coaches before the meet. Neither opening lineups followed those released in pre-match newspaper stories.

Many Wrestlers Out

Cornell's meager record could indicate a poor team that the Lions could walk over; however, in several instances Cornell's lineups have not contained the names of outstanding wrestlers which the Big Red are known to have.

In the Lehigh match, for instance, Cornell did not wrestle Ernie Boda (125), Rex Boda (130), Ken Hunte (155), or heavyweight Dick Brady—all of whom Speidel says may see action against the Lions.

While the team score indicates a rout for Lehigh it was anything but that. The Big Red, before yielding, battled stubbornly all the way. Two bouts won by the Engineers on decisions were by slim margins of one point while the difference in two other bouts was by two points.

Could Make Difference

The presence of the above four men in Cornell's corner might have told a different story.

Cornell grapplers who faced Lehigh and are "possible" starters for the Penn State match are Nazeuno Tude (137), Roger Judd (147), Berkeley Briggs (167), and Otis Keller (175). Chuck Grotto is another Cornell mainstay at 137 pounds.

Against Rochester Tech Ernie Boda, Briggs, and Keller copped falls; against Lehigh Cornell's Bill Jemison (123) and Keller won. Judd moved from the 157-pound slot to 147-pounds against Lehigh but lost, 9-2, to Dave Bates.

Sports Briefs

Orioles Conduct 'Scientific Sample'

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles, apparently the first major league baseball team ever to apply this "scientific sample" business to its fans, found out today most of them are "white collar" workers.

And only 65 per cent invariably rooted for the Orioles. Dick Armstrong, public relations director for the club, said some policy changes are in the works as the result of his findings. He was surprised when tabulations indicated 26.1 per cent of the 1,060,910 fans who paid to see the Birds play here last year came from beyond Baltimore and environs.

Almost 80 per cent of the fans came to the stadium by automobile. Armstrong's sampling confirmed that Baltimore is a night baseball town. More than half the answering fans said they would like to see 40 or more night games a season.

Way Cleared for Title Bout

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan cleared the way for a Johnny Saxton-Carmen Basilio title bout in Syracuse April 1 by withdrawing his claims for an immediate rematch with Saxton.

Saxton, who won the title from Gavilan in Philadelphia last October, and Basilio, the No. 1 contender, are expected to sign for the fight in a couple of days.

Upon receipt of Gavilan's withdrawal—in writing—Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club promised Gavilan a match with the Saxton-Basilio winner within 45 days of the Syracuse scrap.

Gavilan also was assured of a Feb. 23 date at Miami—possibly against Sugar Ray Robinson, ex-welterweight and middleweight king. Robinson holds two victories over the Cuban.

Loeffler Rates Kentucky No. 1

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Coach Ken Loeffler of La Salle's defending NCAA basketball champions is ready to rate Kentucky's unbeaten Wildcats as the best outfit in the country—provided "they beat some good teams away from home."

Loeffler's Explorers (9-3) lost to Kentucky at Lexington last month in the finals of the Wildcats tournament and Loeffler says the loss was expected.

"I'd say the ratings of Kentucky, Duquesne and us are about right," he continued. "But I think Kentucky can win a clear claim to being the best by taking some tough ones on the road."

He cited that Duquesne "won a tough one on the road by beating us" and then added "we won nine out of 12 on the road which is pretty good."

The Age of Speed . . .

Pollard, Perry Head Lion Speedsters

By HERM WEISKOPF

Penn State track coach Chick Werner is after essentially the same thing U.S. Air Force officials are searching for—speed.

The Air Force has come out with its Sabrejets, Starfires, and Stratojets in an effort to outperform Soviet planes. Werner, in order to keep pace with the keen competition with which he is also confronted, has turned out two highly-rated speedsters from Coatesville.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is the headquarters for U.S. atomic power. Coatesville is currently the hotbed for Penn State track stars. Art Pollard, the "Original Coatesville Comet," is now teamed with another hometown product, Rod Perry.

Pollard started his assault on the Nittany record books two years ago. In the spring of 1953 Pollard, then a freshman, paced the yearlings with his flashing strides in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

Last year, competing with the varsity for the first time, the "Coatesville Comet," turned in several fine runnings during the indoor campaign and then climaxed the year by revamping the record books against outdoor opponents. Pollard not only went to work on the Penn State books, but also caused some rewriting in the IC4A statistics.

Pollard was one of the mainstays on last year's sensational mile relay team which set a Lion



Art Pollard

record of 3:19.7. The quartet also won the Liberty Bell Trophy at the Inquirer Games with a record running of 3:23.8.

At the Inquirer classic Pollard won his first heat in the 60-yard sprints with a 5.4 sec. clocking. It took two of the nation's finest runners, Lindy Remigino, former Manhattan and Olympic star, and

Ken Kave of Morgan State to stop Pollard in the second race.

Although he beat defending champ Bob Keegan of Seton Hall in the IC4A championships, Penn's Johnny Haines captured the dash crown.

Perry finished second in the first semi-final race behind Manhattan's talented Charlie Pratt, who won in 6.2 sec. However, Perry defeated Wally Monahan, Pitt's finest hurdler, in the battle for second place. Harrison Dillard maintained his supremacy among the hurdlers by winning with a 6.1 sec. performance. Pratt was second, Van Bruner was third, and Perry fourth in the final heat.

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From This Angle...

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ODDS AND ENDS

Even with football season two months past and eight months in the future Lenny Moore fans are still dreaming up nicknames for the flashy Lion halfback. During the season he was tabbed with many. The latest—overheard at a Penn State basketball game recently—tops the list in this book. One Moore enthusiast has labeled the Lion back "Forever Moore."

One of the busiest sports days of the year comes up next month (Feb. 26) when four events—three of them varsity contests will take place in Rec Hall. The freshman basketball team starts the festivities with a game against Pitt at 2 p.m. The Lion gymnasts meet Temple at 4 p.m. The wrestling team tangles with Lehigh at 7:30, and Penn State and Pitt cap off the evening with a basketball game beginning at 8:30. Bring a picnic basket and a deck of cards and make a day of it.

well—the Lions' tenth contest of the year.

Newish Benz, captain of the Penn State football team that went to the Rose Bowl in 1923 says the Ivy League ban on spring practice and the ban on post season bowl games was a good move for football. Benz was asked this question by Sports Illustrated's Jimmy Jemal for his weekly feature, "Hotbox." Jemal put the question to 11 other former Rose Bowl captains and received a negative answer from nine of them.

The question of spring practices has already reared its head at the national football Coaches Association meeting in New York where Rip Engle and his staff are in attendance. The ban on spring drills became a common alibi during the past grid season. So for no other reason except to equalize all, and make everybody happy, maybe conferences banning spring practice should give way to the pleading coaches.

Only Army—a Penn State opponent in 1955—holds a better post-war grid record than the Lions for the past nine seasons. The Lion log shows 57 wins, 21 defeats, and three ties, while Army has won 59, lost 17, and tied six.

Any basketball team would have to go a long way to top the popularity gathered by Penn State when it swept through three straight upset victories in the National Collegiate tournament last spring, but coach John Egli and his current crop of passers are already capturing the fancy of Penn State fans. Rec Hall spectators love the Nittany high scoring tactics. The Lions, averaging better than 85 points a game, are currently running 16 points higher than any team in the University's history.

Last season the cagers tossed in 69.3 points per contest to set a new Penn State mark. The scoring increase has been a direct result of Egli's change from the traditionally slow Penn State offense to a running, pass-and-cut style of play.

The winter sports season gets into motion in the next two weeks when three more Penn State teams open their 1955 schedules. Charlie Spiedel's wrestling entry opens Saturday against tough Cornell, the Lion gymnasts make their first appearance with the Swedish team Jan. 15, and the Lion indoor track squad opens its season at the famous Inquirer Games in Philadelphia on Jan. 21. All three squads show plenty of pre-season potential. The gymnasts will be working on a 15-meet win streak and will defend their two-year hold on the eastern and national championships in March.

Penn State center Jesse Arnelle, a guy that breaks a record every time he scores a point, is currently running 44 points ahead of his 1953-54 scoring pace. The big pivot-man had tallied 189 points after nine games last season and owned 233 markers going into last night's game with Bucknell.

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