

# Syracuse Cagers Meet Lions Tonight

The Orange of Syracuse, a soft touch for just about every opponent it has faced this season, provides the finishing touch for a three-game home stand for the Penn State basketball team tonight at Rec Hall.

Game time is 8 p.m. following the Penn State freshman-Altoona Center game at 6:15. The unimpressive Orange, victor over the Lions at Syracuse last year, went into last night's game with Pitt carrying a dismal 2-9 record and no sign of a change.

Coach Marc Gulley's club had managed wins over Harvard and Brown but had lost to Canisius, Fordham, Niagara (twice), Cornell, LaSalle, and Columbia, before meeting Pitt last night in the Panther field house.

### Veterans Missing

Hurt by the loss of several veterans including scoring leader Connie Besdin, the Orange have not been able to improve on their unimpressive 11-9 record of last season.

However, despite their poor showing to date Lion coach John Egli isn't taking the New York club lightly even though his own team has been clipping along at a red hot pace.

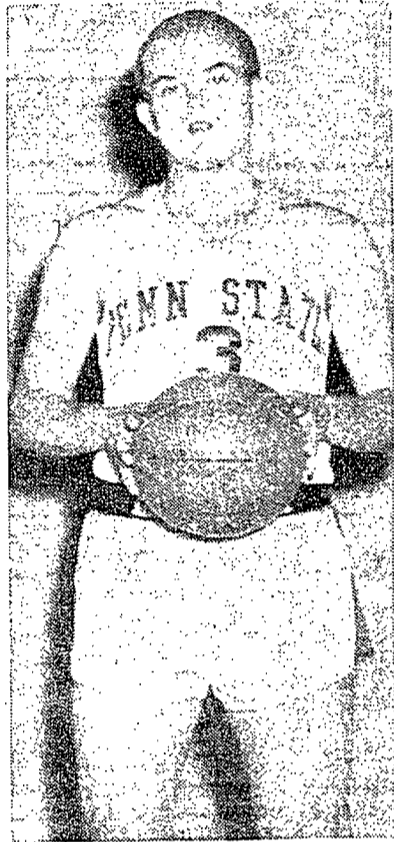
The Syracuse-Penn State rivalry has always been a tight one and just about anything can happen when the two clubs meet. Last year Penn State won its home contest with the Orange, 77-63, but lost at Syracuse 71-69 when favored heavily.

### Same Lineup

Egli indicated yesterday that he will start with the same five that he has used for most of the season, although he added, "Any one of five of my reserves have and could be starters."

However, he'll stick with Rudy Marisa, Earl Fields, Jesse Arneile, Bob Hoffman, and Ron Weidenhammer tonight as the Lions go after their ninth win of the year. The five reserves expected to see extensive action are Jim Blocker, Joe Hartnett, Bob Rohland, Dave Edwards, and Bob Ramsey.

The game is the 49th in a series that began in 1917. The Lions hold an edge in the all-time standings, 26-23.



Ron Weidenhammer  
Ace Lion Guard

## Frosh Cagers Will Battle Altoona Tonight

Penn State's freshman basketball team goes after its fifth straight victory tonight when it encounters the Altoona Center team in a preliminary game at Rec Hall.

Game time is 6:15.

Fresh from a 49-40 win over Jack Sherry's all-stars, the frosh are in the midst of one of their finest seasons. They have swept by four opponents without too much trouble, including double victories over the Lion Jayvees. Their other victim was Bucknell, which was unbeaten prior to the contest.

The Lion yearlings might be minus the services of forward Ron Rainey, who is plagued by a heavy cold. Rainey led the frosh in scoring in the last game with 21 points and also played a strong defensive game.

The junior cagers' 65 points per game average is due largely to the fast break they have been using. Along with this style of play the frosh have two standout scorers in Don Davis and Steve Baidy, who are leading the team.

# University Declines Coast Soccer Bid

Penn State has received an invitation to play in a soccer game on the west coast Feb. 6, but has declined the invitation, director of athletics Ernest B. McCoy said yesterday.

McCoy's statement substantiated rumors that the Lion team had received a bid to play in a soccer "bowl" on the coast.

According to McCoy, Penn State was invited by the University of San Francisco to meet its team, the Pacific Coast soccer champion, in the game at San Francisco.

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However, McCoy said that he felt obligated to decline the invitation because the game was not sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and therefore would be no more than just "another game."

"Our soccer team had a great year," he said, "and will be remembered much longer as being undefeated in 1954 than it would for playing in this game." He said that because it is not an NCAA sponsored event, the game's national significance is reduced considerably, and cannot rightfully be considered a national championship game.

### Financial Problem

He also said that financial problems entered into the decision. The University of San Francisco could not offer a sufficient guarantee to make the trip worthwhile, since attendance at the game is not expected to be high.

The Penn State team, under coach Ken Hosterman, won nine straight matches during the regular season, and three of its members, Jack Pinezich, Dick Packer, and Paul Dierks, were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association All-America team.

# Independents Pace IM Hoop Card

Monday night's intramural basketball card saw 18 independent teams go to basketball war at Rec Hall.

The Deltasigs outgunned the hapless Pershing Rifles, 60-15. Larry Gershman countered 28 points in leading his team to the highest scoring total for the night.

The undefeated Snorks had little trouble with the winless Gophers. John Pammer led the Snorks with 16 points in the 48-15 shellacking.

Another undefeated five, the Skyrockets, didn't win the easy way, however. The Atherton Men, trailing 7-6 at halftime, never let up on the winners, but the one-two scoring punch of Gordon Grieger and Don Barlett with 10 and seven points respectively, was too much for the Atherton Men to overcome. The Skyrockets won, 19-17.

Both the Hellenic Club and the McElwain Men are top-scoring fives. Thus, when the latter team produced a 14-8 halftime lead it seemed an insurmountable margin to overcome—that is, to everyone but the Hellenic Club. They held the leaders to but one point in the second half, netting seven of their own. That tied the game at 15-15. Two points in overtime won the game for the Hellenic Club, 17-15.

The Irvin Aces snapped a four-game losing streak and beat the Hyfliers, 24-19. But they too had to come from an 8-6 halftime deficit to win. Bill Howarth led the Aces with eight points.

Since coming from behind to win seemed to be "the thing to do," the Cougars kept in step. Trailing 15-13 at the half, the winners' Bob Thomas suddenly caught fire and scored 11 of his 16 points in the second portion, leading his team to a 26-24 win over the Wenshobees.

In other games, the Setters defeated the Giraffes, 28-23; Mibs walked away with a 27-11 decision from the Penn Club; and the Vikings whipped Skf, 20-12.

# Kentucky Holds AP Cage Lead Despite Upset

### The Associated Press

The University of Kentucky remained the nation's No. 1 college basketball team today in the weekly Associated Press poll, but rival Southeastern Conference teams will have a chance in the next few weeks to knock the Wildcats from the top rung.

A total of 104 votes were cast by sports writers and sportscasters in the poll, which was based on games through last Saturday. Exactly half of the ballots named Kentucky No. 1 in spite of the fact Georgia Tech squeezed out a 59-58 stunner over the Wildcats Saturday.

On points, Kentucky leads with 395, while right behind in second place is North Carolina State, which got 22 first place votes and 743 points.

North Carolina State, advancing from third place, displaced Duquesne, upset Saturday by St. Francis.

Third, fourth and fifth places are held by three powerful independent teams, Duquesne, LaSalle and San Francisco. Missouri is No. 6, followed by Illinois, George Washington, Utah and UCLA.

All of the first 10 have a busy week in prospect.

The second 10: Maryland, Dayton, Richmond, Minnesota, Niagara, Alabama, Purdue, Southern California, Iowa, and Louisville and Auburn tie.

# First Track Trials Impress Lion Coach

Penn State track coach Chick Werner was humming a merry tune after surveying the results of Saturday's first trials for his indoor track team.

According to the Nittany mentor, the results were "not at all discouraging, especially since we've had only one week of practice since the holidays."

Werner praised the efforts of his hurdlers, pointing to sophomore Rod Perry and freshman Don Winston as the top surprises. Perry, Werner said, turned in an impressive showing for this early in the campaign. Winston also looked good, but will not be eligible for varsity competition until he enters his sophomore year next semester.

Giant Rosey Grier also drew words of praise from the Lion mentor. His work with the shot put was termed as "better than expected."

Pole vaulters Harry Fuehrer and Ben Shields, who both went through their first full-fledged workout of the season, did well, Werner said.

Times for the trials in the running are comparatively meaningless, he said. This is due to the fact that the balcony track in Rec Hall is only one-eighth of a mile in length and requires the runners to make eight turns in the course of a quarter-mile run. Because of the great number of turns the times are always much slower than would actually be recorded in meet competition which is held on longer tracks with fewer turns.

The Lions will open the season Jan. 21 at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, at the Inquirer Games. Many of the nation's top track and field performers will take part in the 11th annual running of the classic. Outstanding athletes from several foreign countries have also been booked for the event.

Another meet has been scheduled for the Nittany thinclads. On Jan. 29 the Lions will travel to Boston for their third round of action on a seven-meet card, which will be concluded Feb. 26 with the IC4A indoor championships. Last season Penn State tied for fourth in the title battle.

### Eng Prof Attends Concrete Institute

J. Herbert Moore, assistant professor of civil engineering, a member of the American Concrete Institute committee on structural design of concrete pavements for highways and airports, attended a meeting of the committee Saturday in Washington, D.C.

He is now attending a meeting of the Highway Research Board being held in Washington until Friday.

# Castellani, Mims Will Fight Tonight

CLEVELAND, (P)—Rocky Castellani and Holly Mims, each coveting Bobo Olson's Middleweight title, meet tonight in a 12-round bout that may gain the winner a crack at it.

The fight, at Cleveland Arena, will be televised over the Columbia Broadcasting System network at 10 p.m., EST.

Castellani is the No. 2 contender behind Joey Giardello, while Mims occupies the No. 3 position. Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, says the winner tonight will be considered for an Olson title fight, along with Giardello and Charley Humez.

Castellani, 27, goes into the fray tonight a 6-5 favorite, although the odds are expected to be even by ring time.

## WRA Results

Interclass Volleyball  
Freshman II over Junior II  
Sophomore II over Senior II

## 'Stilt' Scores 74, Sets Schoolboy Mark

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11 (P)—Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, a 7 foot 1 inch schoolboy, scored 74 points today for a new Pennsylvania state basketball scoring record.

The agile Negro dumped in 36 field goals and two fouls while leading Overbrook High School to an overwhelming 127-59 victory over Roxborough in the Philadelphia Public High School League.

The old state record of 71 points was held jointly by Chamberlain and Joe Holup of Swoyersville, now at George Washington University. Chamberlain tied Holup's 1950 mark last year.

## Leh Is Debate Manager

Ann Leh, seventh semester journalism major, has been appointed manager of the women's debate team by Dr. Clayton Schug, professor of public speaking and team coach. Miss Leh will replace Barbara Manapace, eighth semester education major, who will be graduated in February.

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