

# Cagers in Tournament Opener

## Lions Face Memphis State Tonight in Regional Test

By DICK McDOWELL

Sixteen members of the 24-team National Collegiate Basketball tournament field open first round action tonight on four college campuses across the nation.

Penn State, heading back into the national sweepstakes for the third time in four years, opens its bid for the coveted championship crown against Memphis State in the second half of a double bill in the Memorial Coliseum on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington, Ky.

Radio Station WMAJ will carry a reconstructed broadcast of the game beginning at 10:30 p.m. EST.

The Lions, who finished the regular campaign with a sturdy 17-8 record, meet the Tigers (17-4) in one section of the eastern regional eliminations. Marquette and Miami of Ohio, Mid-American conference king, battle in the opening game tonight.

### Winners Go to Evanston

The two winners of tonight's doubleheader will move on to Evanston, Ill., Friday. The winner of the Penn State-Memphis game will play Iowa and the Marquette-Miami victor will meet Kentucky. Both of these teams drew first round byes. Iowa won the Big Ten crown and Kentucky is the Southeastern Conference champion.

Lion coach John Egli, making his first appearance in the NCAA tournament as a head coach, indicated yesterday that he will make one lineup change for tonight's game. The Lion coach will insert guard Dave Edwards into his starting combination. Edwards and Ron Weidenhammer will handle the guard duties, Jesse Arnelle will be at the center position, and Jim Blocker and Earl Fields will fill the forward slots.

### Lions Have Experience

All five of the Lion regulars, plus reserves Bob Rohland and Rudy Marisa are experienced hands at NCAA play. Arnelle and Weidenhammer, the Nittany co-captains, will be making their third appearance in the tournament.

Memphis State, ranked 19th in the nation by the Associated Press last week, will be making its first attempt at NCAA honors. The Tigers own a phenomenal 42 per cent shooting percentage for the season. Dr. Eugene Lambert's quintet swept to 16 straight victories at one point during its regular season play.

Last year, as an at-large entry into the tournament, Penn State battled to three upset victories—Toledo, Louisiana State, and Notre Dame—before being eliminated by LaSalle in the semi-finals at Kansas City.

The Lion 12-man squad will leave by plane for Lexington today. The team will make its headquarters at the Phillips Hotel and will return to State College immediately after the game.

### 4250 Tickets Sold For EIWA Tournament

Approximately 4250 tickets have been sold for the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament to be held this weekend at Rec Hall.

Harold R. Gilbert, business manager of athletics, has announced the breakdown of the advance ticket sales as follows: 1st session—750; 2nd session—800; semi-finals—1000; and finals—1400. Included in advance sale are 350 tickets allotted to Lehigh University.



THE PENN STATE basketball team awaits the tap-off of its game with Memphis State in the National Collegiate Basketball Championships. Members of the Lion squad, left to right, are: Joe Hartnett, Clarence Watts, Dave Edwards, Earl Fields, co-captain Ron Weidenhammer,

Bobby Hoffman. In the second row are Bob Rohland, Norm Hall, co-captain Jesse Arnelle, Bob Ramsey, Jim Blocker, Rudy Marisa, Weidenhammer and Arnelle will be playing in their third tournament together.

# Lions Win EIGA Title

By RON GATEHOUSE

Penn State's gymnastic team, compensating for two penetrating injuries, turned in a brilliant team effort to topple the Orange of Syracuse Saturday by its slimmest margin of the season, 51-45, and emerge Eastern champs for the third consecutive year.

The victory also brought Gene Wettstone's gymnasts their third undefeated season in EIGA competition in as many years.

Coach Paul Romeo's Orangemen jumped into the lead in the first event, tumbling, and the Nittanians saw their chances for EIGA win number six move farther and farther away until they went ahead in the fifth event, parallel bars, with a slim two-point edge at 41-39. Then the Lions submerged the Orange in the final event, flying rings, by a 10-6 count.

The Lions' hopes for a repeat title-victory were considerably dimmed before their New York trip when two steady performers, Dion Weissend and Tony Cline, suffered injuries before their final outing.

But Weissend recovered to accompany the Nittanians on their journey into Orangeland, and, although hampered considerably with a bad ankle, entered three events and earned the Lions six points, a duplicate of the Penn

State victory margin. He placed third on the horizontal bar, fourth on the side horse, and fifth on the flying rings.

However, the sterling performance of Nittany captain Karl Schwenzfeier stood along side the Penn State team effort in recording the win.

He and co-captain Milan Trnka of the home forces combined to offer the fans a see-saw battle that provided a touch of suspense right down to the wire.

They faced each other on three events, H-bar, parallels, and rings. And the Lion performer exposed his mettle, winning out in two of the three, and taking a second on the H-bar. Trnka headed Schwenzfeier in that event, and took second honors on the twin bars and rings.

Schwenzfeier's 278 on the rings was the best performance of the day for a Penn State entry.

Al Poydock combined with Weissend and Schwenzfeier to give the Lions an eight-point tie on the H-bar; Don Rehm in third and Skip Heim in fourth coupled

with the Nittany captain to give Penn State the widest margin of the meet on the parallels, 11-5; and Chuck Marshall's third along with Weissend's fifth on the rings behind Schwenzfeier gave the Nittanians a 10-6 edge in the finale.

Corky Sebbo, one of the best tumblers in the nation, headed second-place Bill Paxton on the mats, with Dud Potter and Chuck Fegley placing fourth and fifth for the Lions.

Skeets Haag failed to win on the rope for the first time this year, but was good for a first-place tie with the Orange's Andy Felice. Their time was 3.8. Leroy Fritch and Bill Marshall took third and fifth for the Lions with 4.0 and 5.2 clockings.

Heim also contributed a second for the Lions on the horse.

### Barbell Club Meeting

The weight lifting meet to be held April 30 with Shippensburg State Teachers College will be discussed at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 102 Willard by the Penn State Barbell Club.

## NCAA Lineups

AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN—Williams (17-1) vs. Canisius (18-6), Duke (20-7) vs. Villanova (18-9), LaSalle (22-4) vs. West Virginia (19-10).

AT LEXINGTON, KY.—Miami (Ohio) (14-8) vs. Marquette (21-2), Penn State (18-7) vs. Memphis State (18-4).

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Oklahoma City U. (9-17) vs. Bradley (7-19).

AT SAN FRANCISCO—Idaho State (18-5) vs. Seattle (19-4), West Texas State (15-6) vs. San Francisco (23-1).

The winners then enter the second round Friday:

AT EVANSTON, ILL.—Miami-Marquette winner vs. Kentucky (23-2), Penn State-Memphis State winner vs. Iowa (17-4).

AT PHILADELPHIA—LaSalle-West Virginia winner vs. Ivy League champ, Williams-Canisius winners vs. Duke-Villanova winner.

AT MANHATTAN, KAN.—Bradley-Oklahoma City U. winner vs. Southern Methodist (15-8), Colorado vs. Missouri Valley champ.

AT CORVALLIS, ORE.—Idaho State-Seattle winner vs. Oregon State (21-7), West Texas State-San Francisco winner vs. Utah (23-3).

Friday night's winners at each regional location will play each other Saturday.

Then the Evanston-Philadelphia winners will meet for the Eastern title and the Corvallis-Manhattan winners will play for the Western title in a Kansas City doubleheader March 18. Those two games will decide the finalists for the National title at Kansas City March 19.

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