

Co-Captains for 1955-56



—Photo by Marohnic
THIS PAIR, two of four letterwinners on John Egli's Lion varsity cage team, Bobby Hoffman (left) and Earl Fields, will have quite a bit to say about the outcome of Penn State's 1955-56 basketball season. The Lions embark on a 26-game schedule Saturday against North Carolina State on the road.

Sooners 1st for 2d Time in 20 Years

The Associated Press

The mighty Sooners of Oklahoma, acclaimed as 1955 national college football champions today after finishing first in the final Associated Press ranking poll, moved into second place in the college rankings over a 20-year period as a result.

The Sooners will receive the Father J. Hugh O'Donnell Trophy, the championship emblem given in memory of the former Notre Dame football player and president, at an awards banquet shortly after they return from their Orange Bowl game with Maryland, Jan. 2.

This marks the second time in the 20-year history of the AP poll of sports writers and broadcasters that Oklahoma has won the national title and the eighth straight year they have finished in the first 10 in the rankings. In the overall picture over 20 years, only Notre Dame can surpass this record.

The O'Donnell trophy, given by the Notre Dame Monogram Club after the Irish retired the Dr. Henry L. Williams Trophy in 1947, must be won three times to gain permanent possession. The AP poll, inaugurated in 1936, has been the basis of determining the championship trophy winners since 1941.

A tabulation of the first 10 of 20 years on the same basis as the votes are counted in the weekly poll shows that Notre Dame is far ahead. Points are counted on the basis of 10 for each first place vote, nine for second, etc., down to one for tenth.

This year Oklahoma was listed first in 218 of the 394 ballots cast in the final poll and earned the huge total of 3581 points. Michigan State took second with 10-year total is now 62 wins, 25 losses, and three ties.

Maryland third with 55 firsts and 3024 points.

Other teams in the top 10 were UCLA, last year's winner Ohio State, Texas Christian, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Notre Dame and Mississippi.

This marked the 16th time in 20 years of balloting that Notre Dame had been ranked in the top 10.

Eight of the top 10 teams in the final 1955 ratings are scheduled to play in post-season bowl games.

The second 10: Pitt, Michigan, Southern California, Miami Fla., Miami Ohio, Stanford, Texas A&M, Navy, West Virginia and Army.

Gridders Among Three With Winning Seasons

Penn State is one of three major college football teams that has been without at least one losing season in the last ten years. The other two are Oklahoma and Kentucky.

Oklahoma, which completed its third straight unbeaten season this year, leads the pack with 87 wins, 10 losses, and three ties. Kentucky, winning six, losing three and tying one this year, brought its total to 70 wins, 28 losses, and six ties.

The Lions had the closest call when they won five of nine. Their 10-year total is now 62 wins, 25 losses, and three ties.

Scrimmage Tonight...

Egli Names Starters for Saturday

By RON GATEHOUSE

A regular season card of 26 games—the largest in Penn State basketball history—has prevented John Egli's cagers from benefitting from pre-season exhibition games.

An NCAA ruling forbids a team to participate in pre-season exhibition games if its schedule includes more than 25 contests.

Instead the Lions will have only a scrimmage game with assistant coach Don Swegan's freshman crop, scheduled for 7:30 tonight at Rec Hall, to give Egli a glimpse of his 1955 talent. Tonight's scrimmage affair will be played in regular game style, complete with officials.

With a 13-man roster to pick from, Egli has chosen his starting quintet for Saturday's season opener against North Carolina State at Raleigh.

And among that baker's dozen of players can be found only four regulars from last year's 18-10 season—two of which are regulars.

The two are this year's co-captains, seniors Earl Fields and Bobby Hoffman. The other two letter winners were juniors Rudy Marisa and Joe Hartnett.

The remaining nine cagers making up the present squad include juniors Norm Hall, Bob Ramsey, Bob Leisher, Jim Lysek, Hugh Cooper, and sophomores Ron Rainey, Steve Baidy, Jim Jordy, and Don Stickler.

Although the remainder of

the week's practice sessions and tonight's scrimmage could possibly alter his decision, Egli has decided to go with Fields and Hall at forward and Ramsey at center with either Hoffman or Rainey and Hartnett



and Marisa filling in the two guard posts.

Hoffman (5-9), who was unable to report to practice until the football season came to a close, has made the transition to basketball readily and somewhat to Egli's surprise. The Lion coach attributes the rapid

changeover to the fact that Hoffman was a quarterback and as a result used his hands more than most gridgers.

The Lion sharpshooter, appearing in each of the Lions' 28 contests last year, connected for 123 field goals and 47 foul attempts for a total of 293 points to lead this year's quartet of varsity letterwinners.

Fields (6-0), also playing in 28 1954-55 games, was 20 short of Hoffman in the field goal department, but surpassed him by the same number in free throws for a 273-point total.

Ramsey, tallest man on the squad at 6-7, has 14 varsity appearances behind him. Although he ripped the cords for only 24 points last year as a sophomore, Egli expects him to be a consistent high scorer for the present squad.

Hall, standing 6-5, would be considered a surprise starter by most Nittany fans, but Egli considers the Lion junior one of the "scrappiest" members of his present aggregation.

Marisa, like Hoffman a "newcomer" to the practice sessions due to student teaching the past eight weeks, may not gain a starting berth until he improves his present form. He saw action in 23 games last year and connected for 164 counters on 63 field goals and 38 fouls.

Egli indicated yesterday that Hartnett could be a possible starter in Marisa's place. Standing 6-2, Hartnett is the fourth highest scorer among last year's returnees. In 20 games last year he hit on 25 shots from the floor and seven foul tries for 57 points.

The Lion coach also hinted that Rainey is a contender for Hoffman's starting berth with Baidy close behind. Both were standouts on last year's freshman squad. Both stand 6-2 and tip the scales at 185.

3 Sororities Win On Scoring Sprees

By LIL JUNAS

In the second night of play in the women's 32-team basketball league, Kappa Kappa Gamma trampled Chi Omega, 65-11; Alpha Chi Omega smothered Pi Beta Phi, 50-5; Alpha Omicron Pi crushed Alpha Kappa Alpha, 50-7; and Sigma Sigma Sigma rallied over Gamma Phi Beta, 23-18.

Sally Miller was high scorer for the Kappas with 24 points while Katy Sauer and Carole Ruff teamed up for 31 between them. Diane Lee and Nancy Wemmer were the only scorers for Chi Omega. Mary Ann Lockwood, Carolyn Briggs, and Liz Elliot starred on defense.

Margie Duld sunk 11 field goals to lead the Alpha Chi's in their victory over Pi Beta. Wilda Van Atta and Ruth Kronenwetter hit the double columns with 10 and 12 markers, respectively. Sylvia Haugh, Sally Laughlin and Joyce Gardner scored the five points for the losers.

Top scorer for the night was Nancy King who dunked in 32 counters for the winning Alpha Omicrons. Arlene Zimmerman sunk 11 points, and Mary Long made seven tallies in the Alphas 50-point spree. Pat Dillard and Grace Smith were the only scorers for Alpha Kappa Alpha.

The closest contest of the evening was the battle between Sigma-Sigma Sigma and Gamma Phi Beta. After leading 13-4 at the end of the half, the Tri-Sigs halted a last-quarter rally by the Gamma Phi's to go on to win by five well-earned markers.

Carol Hill was the main factor for the victors when she

tallied 12 points with most of them coming in the last half. Lynn Stollmyer helped the cause with five tallies in addition to playing a good floor game.

Gail Lepine was high scorer for the losers with 11 markers and Katy Queensburg threw in four more.

Tomorrow night Thompson 1 will meet Alpha Xi Delta; Zeta Tau Alpha tests Leonides B; Delta Zeta will play Delta Gamma; and Alpha Epsilon Phi will battle Thompson 4. The first two games will be at 6:30 p.m. and the final two at 7:30 p.m. in White Hall gymnasium.

Fraternity IM Tennis

Because of inclement weather, the championship flight of Intramural fraternity tennis has been postponed until spring.

Quarter-finalists Ken Suro, Alpha Zeta, Joe Galiardi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Dick Kuhn, Theta Delta Chi; semi-finalists Irv Schimmel, Zeta Beta Theta, and Mike Walker, Phi Sigma Delta; and third flight finalists Bruce Williams, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Fred Thompson, Lambda Chi Alpha will vie for the title.



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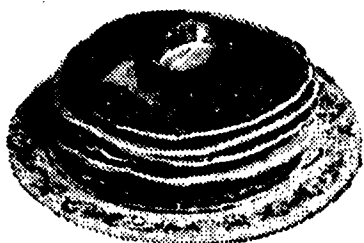
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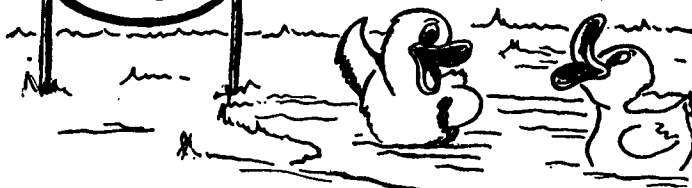


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