

Lion Cagers Favored Over Scarlet Cornered

Rutgers Rattles With Two-Year Depth Problem

North Carolina State, Dickinson, DePaul—these three college basketball teams have combined to give the Nittany Lion cagers a 1-2 record to carry into their opening Recreation Hall appearance tomorrow night against Rutgers.

For the second time in the still-young season the Lions will be rated the favorites. The Scarlet Knights this year have been plagued by two factors which provided the Nittanies' Waterloo in their losses to North Carolina State and DePaul—a height deficiency and a lack of experience.

According to Leslie Unger, Rutgers sports publicist, the Scarlet Knights probably will finish the 1955-56 basketball season with a record only slightly better than last winter's 2-22 mark.

Added Team Height
However, a ray of light has been cast on the prospects for Rutgers in the present campaign. The main reason for the quiet optimism is a great improvement in overall team height, although a really big man still is missing in Coach Don White's starting quintet.

Improved Rutgers rebounding is certain to be the result of having five 6-4 and three 6-3 performers available. The current Rutgers roster lists only one man below 6-0. He is Bill Whitacre, 5-11, a starter on last year's frosh team.

Rebounding, where sophomore Ernie Hansen and junior Ken Eiker are expected to shoulder the burden, should provide the Scarlet added strength.

Few Opportunities
Rutgers grabbed only 908 rebounds to its opponents' 1371 last season, thereby having fewer scoring opportunities. Last year they scored a season total of 1703 points, while their 24 opponents amassed 2104.

Experience is still a problem, but six juniors and two seniors, all veterans of considerable action, are helping to steady a promising six-man sophomore group. Second-year man, 6-3 Whitey Leaf, 6-1 sophomore Ed Puk, and Hansen, 6-4, in particular, have the inside track on early-season starting berths.

Even the most optimistic in the New Brunswick area, however, find it hard to foresee the Knights winning over one-third of their eighteen scheduled games.

IM Bowling --

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third place, three games from top.

Beta Theta Pi leads Sigma Alpha Mu by one game in League D. The Betas grabbed the top spot after beating the Sigma Alpha Mu keggers, 3-1, last week. Sigma Phi Alpha is in third place.

Dorm 14, independent League A leaders, is followed by Dorm 23 and the Magambos in the standings.

League B leaders, the Dark Horses, holds a comfortable four-game lead over the Newman Club. The East Five bowlers are in third place.

Two Unbeaten Teams

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Outing Club Sets Sign-up Deadline For Banquet

The Penn State Outing Club will hold its annual banquet at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Forestry Cabin, Gordon McCartney, club president, has announced.

The banquet will be sponsored by the Field and Stream division of the club. James Bealer, division president, has announced that a full course dinner will be served.

Club members wishing to attend must register at the main desk of the Hetzel Union Building before noon tomorrow. A 50 cent fee will be charged.

Transportation will be provided for those attending the dinner at 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday.

A skating party will be held at Beaver Dam prior to the banquet, weather permitting.

The club will also hold its annual Christmas party at the cabin following the banquet. Those attending should bring a 25 cent gift with them for the gift exchange.

IM Boxing --

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ned the first defeat on cocky Chip Engle, Phi Delta Theta, in another 145-lb. event. Hand's domination on offense accounted for the win.

Ray Flint, Theta Kappa Phi, blasted Dan Zellem, Theta Chi, to the canvas with a right hook in the second round to eliminate him from the 165-lb. weight class. Both fighters exhibited powerful offensive attacks, but the Theta Kap entry was able to sneak in his winning blow before Zellem could block it.

Hard Punching Attack
Sigma Pi's Steve Flamporis moved into a semi-final bout in the 165-lb. division with a unanimous decision over Earl Carins, Theta Xi. Flamporis' hard counter-punching attack brought him the victory.

Stokes Lazarus fought off the wild swinging tactics of Jim Tuttle to cop a split decision verdict in a 135-lb. independent fracas. Tuttle battled toe-to-toe with his foe but the cautious Lazarus waited for an opening before throwing his punches.

DU's lone winner, Jack Stewart, completely outclassed Theta Delta Chi's Bob Fish in the final fight of the night. The winner won all three rounds with his devastating punches and a better-than-average defense.

Merle Smith, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Bill Sullivan, and John Metzger, Phi Kappa, advanced on forfeit wins.

3 Teams Cop Cage Victories In WRA Loop

Rallying in the last quarter for ten points, Women's Building beat Mac Hall in the coed intramural basketball league 28-24.

Alice Balk was top scorer for the winners with 18 points. Petite Dee Honstine and Pat Claybrooks played a fighting game, and added the remaining 14 markers between them.

Margie MacColl led the losing Mac Hall team with 16 counters. Little Betsy Buckhout played her usual outstanding role at forward and tallied six points.

Atherton Bumps Frosh, 51-38
Atherton stamped Thompson 4, 51-38, with Ginny Lewis sinking 28 of the victor's points. Barbara Drum added 16 markers for the sophomores.

Thompson's leading point-producer for the night was Doris Beane who anchored 23 points in the losing cause. Eileen Catz scored 11 points for the frosh.

Leonides Trounce Co-op
Leonides A poured its power on Co-op by trouncing it 46-4 in the final game.

The Independent's defense held the Co-ops scoreless in the last half, after permitting only one field goal and two fouls.

Sara Fague singlehandedly prevented the Co-ops from being whitewashed when she scored the four points.

Mary Goode starred in reserve for Leonides, and led the Independents in scoring with 16 points. Ginny Ball also hit the double scoring column with 14 markers.

Chess Players Lose Matches

The chess team lost two tournaments over the weekend, one to the downtown Young Men's Christian Association of Pittsburgh and the other to Bethany College.

The meet with the downtown YMCA of Pittsburgh on Saturday ended with a score of 4½-½. The only score was due to a tie match by Frederick Kerr, sophomore in science from Allison Park.

The score of the match with Bethany College on Sunday was 3-2. The two games for Penn State were won by Edward Herr, sophomore in electrical engineering from New Market, N.J., and Carl Deitrich, freshman in arts and letters from Bellefonte.

Other players which took part in the tournaments were William Friedman, senior in arts and letters from Philadelphia, and Arthur Stein, freshman in arts and letters from Philipsburg.



—JOE KORNBAUGH PHOTO
JACK LONG, Chi Phi, misses a left jab to the head of Phi Sigma Kappa's Joel Gamble after cornering Gamble in his corner in a 155-lb. bout last night in IM boxing ring. Gamble however, came back to win the fight on a unanimous decision.

McComb Says Smoking Rule Is Satisfactory

The new rule allowing smoking in the reserved book room of the library seems to be working satisfactorily, according to Ralph W. McComb, University librarian.

The new smoking rule has not interfered with the operation of the room, and students seem to be taking care of the safe disposal of the cigarettes, McComb said.

However, the original problem of students congregating and talking in the halls has not been eliminated, McComb said.

The smoking ban was lifted as an experiment to alleviate noise in the halls. McComb said that the disturbance is greater at some times than others, but he has had requests from students asking him to obtain more quiet at all times.

The solution appears to be in a smoking lounge in which students could talk, smoke, and relax, McComb commented. But at the present this would be impossible due to lack of space in the library, he said. He has asked the students' cooperation in keeping the halls quiet so that those who wish to study in the library can do so.

TIM Ice Skating Group Will Practice Tonight

Town Independent Men ice skating committee will meet at 7 tonight at the ice skating rink to practice.

John Tannenbaum, freshman in business administration from Truksville, will be in charge of working with the skaters and working out the routines.

Members of the committee will be practicing for the intermissions of the TIM mixer planned for the second week of February.

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