

Red-Faced Cagers Out to Avenge Loss

By RON GATEHOUSE

Coach John Egli's basketball Lions visit Lehigh University tonight and if recent Rec Hall practice sessions can be used as a measuring stick, things could well be disastrous for the once-beaten Engineers.

Penn State, nursing a desire to compensate for its shabby Tuesday night showing against Carnegie Tech, has, according to Egli, looked well in daily drills since the sorrowful 69-62 upset handed them by the Tartans.

"They've regained their old hustle," Egli said yesterday, "and if there was any cockiness in them there's none there now. They were practically shoved off the floor Tuesday night and they did not like it a bit."

The Lions will leave University Park at 8:30 this morning and return immediately after the game.

Hoffman at Forward

Co-captain Bob Hoffman will fill one of the Penn State forward posts for the ninth time in as many Nittany contests, but a hand injury suffered Wednesday afternoon may keep Co-captain Earl Fields from opening at the other forward. Should Fields be unable to start or see action at all tonight, Egli indicated yesterday that sophomore Steve Baidy will replace him. The pair is tied for second place in the Lion scoring parade.

Bob Ramsey will again hold down the pivot position, and Norm Hall will get the nod at one of the guard posts.

Leisher Earns Berth

Bob Leisher, a 6-0 junior, will probably open at the other forward position—marking the first time he's broken into the varsity starting lineup. Leisher transferred to Penn State last year from Hawaii University, and as a result was ineligible for varsity competition until this semester. Egli contributes spirit and a recent surge of hustle, doubled with a fine foul-shooting eye, to Leisher's earning a starting berth.

Rudy Marisa may also break into tonight's opening lineup, and will undoubtedly get his share of action.

The Engineers, with a 2-1 log which came on a 90-70 win over Delaware in their opener and a low-scoring 49-45 victory over Swarthmore last week, in addition to a 71-57 setback handed them by Bucknell, are without



Bob Leisher
May Start Tonight

three of last year's top performers.

Scouting reports have found this year's team about on par with the 1954-55 team which dropped 78-37 and 81-75 decisions to the Nittanies. The latter score came in an overtime period—pointing out the Engineers' ability to perform better on their home court.

Lehigh will field a team which averages about 6-2, with seniors Wayne Rayfield (6-5) and Fren Heiser (6-1) heading the height list. Dave Walker, a starting forward for two seasons, at 5-11, is the smallest member of the squad. Sophomore Tom Healy (6-1) and junior Bill Leclere (6-0) round out the Engineers' starting quintet.

Arnelle Rated As Top Rookie By Piston Coach

Jesse Arnelle, former Penn State basketball great, has been singled out by his coach, Charlie Eckman of the Fort Wayne Pistons, as one of the best rookie prospects in the National Basketball Association.

Eckman said recently that Arnelle is grasping the knack of playing professional basketball faster than many other rookies in the league and looks for "Big Jesse" to develop into one of the finest forwards in the NBA.

Arnelle is the first Negro to play in the Piston togs and received one of the biggest ovations in Piston history when first introduced to the Fort Wayne fans.

His best game to date was against the Syracuse Nationals in which he scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds, although only in the game for 13 minutes.

The 6'5" player has scored 101 points to date with the Pistons, playing chiefly in a reserve role.

Arnelle, who holds 10 of 11 Penn State individual scoring records, began his professional career with the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters before joining the Pistons.

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straight loss, 29-16. Jim Garrett pushed nine thru the hoop for the winners.

Sigma Phi Alpha won its third straight game in League C, defeating Alpha Zeta, 28-21. Lowell Underhill tallied nine for SPA, but his output was equalled by the losers' Walt Edelen.

Typical Swiss Form



EDUARD THOMI, one of the 10 members of the Swiss gymnastic team which will appear here for an exhibition next Saturday, displays the form which makes him one of the top sidehorse performers in the world. Thomi is also an outstanding performer on the horizontal bar.

Swiss Rated 'Best' On Parallel Bars

By FRAN FANUCCI

In the International gymnastics meet between Penn State and Switzerland next Saturday, the event that probably will draw the most "oh's" and "ah's" will be the parallel bars, an event where the Swiss are rated the world's best.

Their synchronized routines in this event won them international prominence in the 1952 Olympic games, and, according to Lion Coach Gene Wettstone, "no other country in the world can compare with them."

The event, which requires the utmost in smoothness and perfection, is performed by the entire team and not by one or two individuals.

The gymnasts whom spectators should watch in this event is Oswald Buhler, one of the youngest members of the team, who has excellent style on the bars.

Have Natural Tendency

The question of why this event, year after year, is the Swiss' specialty is considered somewhat a mystery among gym experts. Most answers, or theories, however usually consider the fact that the Swiss are extremely good in any such event because of their natural tendency for rhythmic motion.

In fact, the Swiss hold a Festival of Gymnastics, where perfection of rhythmic motion is often

a prerequisite for any gymnast who enters the contest.

Gunthard to Lead Team

Other events which should raise the eyebrows of the spectators are the horizontal bars and side horse. Unquestionably the world's top individual performances are given on the horizontal bars by the entire team, which is led by 1952 Olympic champion and gold medal winner Jack Gunthard.

On the side horse the oldest member of the squad, Robert Lucy, and Eduard Thomi are the chief participants. Lucy, who is still number one gymnast in his home territory of Bern, is also rated tops in three other events. Thomi has a clean and exact style on the side horse, and also ranks with the best on the horizontal bars.

Tickets for the gym meet are still on sale with a limited number of \$1 unreserved seats available. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Grier's Gone—Blockson Works Shot, Discus Alone This Time

By VINCE CAROCCI

For the first time in two years, weight specialist Charlie Blockson will be performing in varsity track competition without his long-time friend and friendly rival, Rosey Grier.

Blockson and Grier, who graduated last June, combined to give Lion track mentor "Chick" Werner one of the most potent one-two punches in the weight events in intercollegiate circles for the past two seasons.

Both men took turns at smashing Penn State shotput and discus records, with Grier finally holding both marks at the end of the 1955 campaign with throws of 56'3½" in the shot and 170'6" in the discus.

This season, however, the bulk of the load in the weight events falls solely on the huge shoulders of "Blockbustin" Charlie, and if past records are any indication of things to come, he should be able to turn in another outstanding seasonal performance.

Although Blockson's specialty is the discus throw, he stayed right on Grier's heels in the shotput department.

Two years ago, the hefty senior broke Grier's indoor shot record of 51'½" with a toss of 51'3½". Grier broke this mark later that same year with a 51'10¾" heave. He went on to better that mark last year with a 53'4" toss.

Blockson's talents are not limited to indoor competition alone. In a dual outdoor meet with Navy in 1954, he heaved the discus 157'10" to again break another Grier record.

Grier, who reached his peak in



Charlie Blockson
Heads Lion Weightmen

track during his senior year, was not to be outdone, however. A few weeks later in a triangular meet between the Lions, Navy, and Michigan State, he let loose with a 164'8" toss to again claim hold to his coveted crown.

It was during this same tri-

angular meet that Blockson recorded the best throw of his career, 164'3¼", inches short of duplicating his counterpart's feat.

It was because of Grier's outstanding performance that Blockson was forced to remain in the shadows for the remainder of the season. Yet when the final results of each meet were posted, one son's name in the top three finalists in the shot and discus.

The "Blockbuster" failed to qualify in only two of the team's meets during the past season—the Penn Relays and the indoor IC4As.

In a dual meet against Pittsburgh, Blockson placed first in the discus with a toss of 159'9" while Grier finished second. The boys merely switched places in the shotput to chalkup 16 more points for the Lions.

Things remained the same way for the rest of the season as Grier and Blockson continued to add points to the Lion scoring column, much to the pleasure of Coach Werner.

Now Grier is gone and with him that potent one-two punch. But standing in line, waiting patiently to take up the slack is Charlie Blockson, the second-half of that knockout wallop. Watch him in the 1956 campaign.

Wettstone Will Speak

Gene Wettstone, associate professor of physical education and gymnastics coach, will talk on "Switzerland Invades University Park" at the Faculty Luncheon Club meeting at noon on Monday in Dining Rooms B and C of the Hetzel Union Building.

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