

Lions Visit Bisons Tonight 9 'Indie' Quintets Register IM Wins

Coach John Egli's Penn State basketball quintet, hoping to snap a three-game losing streak, visits Bucknell University tonight in a game which will mark the close of the first half of the 1955-56 Lion cage season. Egli's "Touring Lions" will be appearing on a foreign court for the seventh time this year, and still have 10 away contests remaining after tonight's game.

The Lions, 5-7 for the season, will be hoping to gain ground on the .500 mark once again. At no time this year has their record been more than one notch heavier in the win column than in the losing category.

Frosh Five Look for 2d At Bucknell

By LOUIE PRATO

With a revamped starting lineup in the offing, Coach Don Swegan will send his freshman floor-men against Bucknell's frosh quintet tonight at Lewisburg. The game, slated to start at 6:30, will precede the Lion-Bucknell varsity attraction.

The Little Lions, who will face a more experienced foe in the Little Bisons, will be seeking their second win of the season. Last Saturday the frosh inaugurated the 1955-56 campaign with a 85-62 conquest over Altoona Center.

Swegan is planning two changes in the lineup that opened against Altoona. Because of their sparkling performances against the Mountaineers, 6-5 Tom Hancock and 5-10 Joe Fenkel have been elevated to first string berths.

Hancock will replace Dick Geesy at a forward position, and Fenkel will move into John Myers' guard spot.

It was Hancock and Fenkel who led the second half drive that squelched Altoona's hopes. Although he didn't get into the game until the last 10 minutes of the first half, Hancock was the game's high scorer with 22 points.

Fenkel, a second semester freshman, contributed 12 markers to the cause, and was outstanding on defensive.

Another starting slot, that of 5-11 Greg Schwendeman, is also in doubt. The Little Lion guard injured a shoulder in the Altoona contest, and may not be ready at game time. If not, his place will be taken by Myers.

Forward Carmen Palmiero, 6-5½, and center Bob Edwards, 6-6, will fill out the starting five.

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Egli will take the usual 10-man traveling squad to Lewisburg, with Co-captains Bobby Hoffman and Earl Fields and Bob Ramsay listed as sure starters. Four candidates are listed as possible openers at the guard posts—Rudy Marisa, Norm Hall, Bob Leisher, and Steve Baidy. Also making the trip will be Joe Hartnett, Ron Rainey, and Ed Ritter.

Several Tough Foes Remain

With several better-than-average opponents still remaining on the Nittanies' schedule, a win over the Bisons is almost a must if the Lions are to finish the season with a better than .500 winning percentage.

In last year's meeting between the two schools, Penn State walked away with a resounding 94-45 win at Rec Hall. In that game, all-time Lion basketball great Jesse Arnel set the Rec Hall individual game high scoring record with 44 points. The Lion-Bison cage series began way back in 1896, and since then Penn State has defeated the Bisons 41 times in 52 meetings. Thirty-four of the Lion wins have come at home.

Bucknell Coach Ben Kribbs and most Lewisburg observers gave out with a pre-season forecast that the Bisons would have a better

record this year than their 1954-55 3-18 slate.

Kribbs, in his fourth year at Bucknell, has been blessed with a fine sophomore crop up from last year's freshman team, which won at a 13-2 pace. The sophos have provided Kribbs with both depth and height.

Last year's team lacked three prime ingredients—height, depth, and experience. Only two men on this year's squad—6-4 centers John Beatty and Al Kenzie—could rate in or near the "big man" category. No other member is above the 6-2 mark. The fact that five sophomores comprised the starting line-up during most of the 1954-55 campaign was evidence of the dire lack of experience.

Depth No Longer Problem

With 15 members now listed on the Bison roster, depth should be much less of a problem.

This year's quintet is built around the five juniors who made up Kribbs' starting five as sophomores—Beatty, 6-0 Joe Baccelli, 6-1 Norm Voorhees, 6-0 Marty Tannenbaum, and 6-2 Mike Corrigan.

Penn State and Bucknell have had three common foes—Lehigh, Colgate, and Carnegie Tech. The Lions lost to the Tartans, and the Bisons were beaten by Colgate.

Nine Intramural Cage teams, representing Independent Leagues A, B, C, D, and E, scored triumphs Monday evening on the Recreation Hall basketball courts.

All of the "Indie" five's saw action in their fifth game of the season. One of the wins came on a forfeit.

The forfeiture occurred in a loop A encounter when the Western

Boys failed to appear for a scheduled contest with the Fighting Eight. The win was the first for the Fighting Eight after four losses.

In two League B matches, College Co-op defeated the Erieites, 27-17, and the Nice Guys trounced the Bill Towners, 39-24. The Co-op win was the fourth in five games; the Nice Guys' record now stands at 3-2.

Lenn Clark ripped the cords for 17 points in the Co-op conquest, giving him the top scoring mark of the night. Bob Thomas and Rich McMillan split 20 to lead the Nice Guys.

The Geeche Birds brought its slate over the .500 mark in League C by squeezing past the McElwain Men, 16-12. Jim Erb and Jim Beatty each tallied six for the victors, but McElwain's Joe Matos topped all scorers with eight.

Another Loop C fracas saw the Engineering Colts upset the previously undefeated Barfers, 31-23. The loss, first in four games, dropped the Barfers from a first place deadlock with B.M.O.C.

Andy Pyetl, 10, and Fred Fitch, nine, were the big men for the Colts. Marshall, of the Barfers, also scored 10.

The Phantoms edged the Jokers, 20-18, and the Mounties

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Czekaj's Wish: Eliminate 'Bowl' Post-Mortems

If Ed Czekaj had one wish it would probably be to eliminate bowl game post-mortems from college football. His reasons are simple and plain:

It was Ed who missed the second of two extra points to bring the 13-13 tie in the 1948 Cotton Bowl between Penn State and Southern Methodist.

Now ticket manager for all Penn State sports, Ed is always introduced to alumni groups as "the player who missed the extra point in the Cotton Bowl."

Ed complains that nobody ever introduces him as "a member of the unbeaten 1947 team or as the player who matched Doak Walker's extra point in the Cotton Bowl."

He still shares with Pete Mauthe the Nittany Lion record for extra points in one game, eight, and is sole owner of the record for extra points in one season, 32.

Penn State will play its first two football games in 1956 on the road, against Pennsylvania and Army.



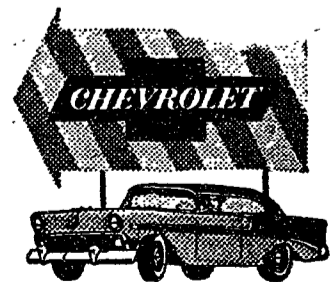
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