

Cagers to Meet 8th Ranked Owls

By ROG BEIDLER

The Penn State cagers will be facing one of their toughest weekends as they invade Philadelphia's Convention Hall tonight to face a once-beaten Temple aggregation which is determined to avenge the double-overtime loss suffered at the hands of the Lions last year.

The Blue and White will remain in the city of brotherly love to face the University of Pennsylvania tomorrow night.

In the Temple Owls, ranked eighth in the nation, the Nittanians face a team which packs a one-two punch only one team has survived this year. High scoring Hal Lear and his partner Guy Rodgers have teamed to lead the Owls to a 16-1 record which seems to have clinched the Middle Atlantic Conference berth in the 1956 NCAA playoffs.

The Owls' performances have astounded many fans, including their coach Harry Litwack, who conceded that his team was outstanding only after they suffered their first loss last week to Muhlenberg. The Owls first caused eyelids to go up when they trounced the Kentucky Wildcats on the latter's home floor near the start of the season. They then proceeded to post 13 consecutive victories until their loss last week.

Since their defeat, the Owls have scored wins over highly rated Duquesne and St. Francis. Last year Temple was flying high when it met Penn State in Convention Hall, only to be set on its heels, 88-84, in two overtime periods. After that the Owls could not regain their momentum and finished with a mediocre 11-10 record.

Coach John Egli is hopeful that his squad can do a repeat performance of their upset win last year, but is worried about two losses the Lions have suffered. Sophomore guard Steve Baidy will not be with the team as he was called home because of a sickness in his family. Baidy, who was in the starting lineup during the first part of the season, is still one of Egli's mainstays. An ankle injury in the West Virginia game will also keep reserve center Norm Hall on the sidelines and will leave the rebounding chores to Bob Ramsey and Rudy Marisa.

Outside of this, Egli is pleased with the Lion's outlook. He said he was pleased with their performance against the Mountaineers and said if they would have been a little sharper, the outcome would have been reversed.

Egli plans to stick with the combination which battled WVU to the final buzzer in the attempt to upset Temple. Co-Captains Bob Hoffman and Earl Fields will start at guard, Bob Ramsey will be in the pivot, and sophomore Ron Rainey and Rudy Marisa will go at the forward posts. Bob Leisher is expected to see plenty of action.

Saturday night the Lions will have revenge in their hearts themselves as they meet the Penn Quakers, spoilers of Penn State's longest string of victories on its home court.

Baseball Managers
Sophomores interested in applying for the assistant managers positions for the varsity baseball team should apply in room 249 Recreation Hall.

Town House
Shrimp Sandwiches

Well, today is the first TGIF of the new semester. Let's make it a real zone club meeting. I'll see you at 3 o'clock.

T.G.I.F. Session Today

2 Cage Teams Move Closer To Playoffs

Two Intramural cage teams moved within one game of their section championship with victories on the Recreation Hall hardwood Tuesday night.

Seven other Independent quintets registered wins, with three of the conquerors still in the running for section crowns.

The B.M.O.C.'s, behind the 14-point output of Sertz, ran their victory skein to six by thrashing the Two Sixteen's, 35-19. The winners are the only unbeaten team in League C.

Another team stepped closer to a playoff berth when the Cougars planted a 45-19 loss on the Phantoms. Ed Houck with 14 points led the League D leaders to their sixth win.

Two close games marked the opening fracas of the night. The Eight Angels rallied from a 14-10 halftime deficit to pin a 24-22 defeat on the Birds.

The other game saw the Yo Yo's win their fourth straight game after an opening season loss with a 34-32 triumph over the Wesley Five. Ron Griffis, 12, and Wilson, 11, topped the Yo Yo scorers but Wesley Five's Bill Pharaoh tallied 15 to cop scoring honors for the night.

The Bullets fought off a determined Crusader squad to capture a 25-22 overtime win. The Bullets led by one point at half-time but at the end of regulation time, the score was deadlocked 21 all. But the Bullets scored four markers to the Crusaders one charity toss to pull the victory out in the extra session.

Atherton Hall Men copped a battle of the winless with a 20-13

Phi Epsilon Pi's forfeit over Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The other was a 4-0 stint recorded by Beaver House over Acacia.

In other games Phi Mu Delta defeated Delta Theta Sigma, 3-1, and Alpha Rho Chi stopped Phi Kappa, 3-1.

Mile Relay Team In 'Garden' Meet

By VINCE CAROCCI

Indoor track mentor Chick Werner named Captain Art Pollard, Bob Matz, Jim Norton, and Bruce Austin as the Penn State entry in the mile relay race in the New York Athletic Club Invitational Games at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

This is the Nittany Lion's first invitation to participate in a relay event this season and Werner knew very little about the class of opposition his relay contingent will face.

"We'll just have to wait and see how things turn out at the Garden Saturday night," he said.

Werner named Pollard—one of the outstanding sprinters on the inter-collegiate scene—as the lead-off man in the relay race.

Pollard is also a veteran in the relay events, being a member—along with Jack Morin, Dave Leatham and Austin—of the team which broke the Penn State mile relay record last year in 3:14.9.

Senior Matz, the fifth man on last year's relay team, will run the second slot Saturday.

Norton, sophomore quarter-miler from Kearney, N.J., the same hometown as a former Nittany relay ace, Ollie Sax, will follow Matz with the baton.

This will be Norton's first taste of intercollegiate competition. He

decision over the One Tens. Both teams went into the scrape with a 0-5 record. Paul Hutko scored 11 for the Atherton Men.

In a loop C encounter the Geechee Birds edged Penn Haven 21-18. Jim Erb led the winners with nine points.

Two forfeits marred the evening's action. College Co-Op gained a win over the Vulcans when an ineligible player was found on the Vulcan quintet. The Vulcans had defeated Co-Op, 35-26 in a regulation fray, but the win was nullified.

The Two Tens also claimed an easy victory when the L.E. Five failed to appear. The Two Tens own a 5-1 slate.

was ineligible for varsity action as a freshman.

The veteran Austin will again run in his usual anchorman position. The senior trackman, according to Werner, has been improving steadily as the season progresses.

The races Saturday night will serve as a warm-up for the Annual IC4A competition at the Garden, Saturday, Feb. 25.

Werner also said that he plans to enter a freshman medley team in the only frosh activity in the IC4A's.

The frosh, coached by Norm Gordon, have looked especially impressive in the mile and half-mile departments with Ed Moran, Clem Schoenebeck, Fred Kerr, Bob Thompson, and Charlie King coming in for most of the praises.

Penn State's 17-year record in gymnastics under Gene Wettstone, current coach, shows 56 wins as against 25 defeats.

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