

Cagers Face Syracuse, Colgate in Weekend Series

The Penn State cagers face their second tough weekend road trip as they travel to New York to meet Syracuse tonight and Colgate tomorrow evening.

A win both nights would push the Lions' season record back up to the .500 mark, but the Nittanians will have to be at top strength to perform such a feat. Syracuse owns a previous victory over the Blue and White, defeating them in Recreation Hall 71-64. Colgate, on the other hand, met the Lions on one of their "red hot" nights when they shot a percentage of .525 to defeat the Red Raiders, 83-75.

If the Lions can match their performance against Bucknell in

this weekend's encounters, they could supply some pretty stiff competition for the New Yorkers. The Nittanians combined a stone wall defense and a sharp pass-and-cut offense to down the Bisons Wednesday night 79-67, for one of their best games of the year.

Coach John Egli said he was "very pleased" with the Lions' showing against Bucknell and said he was going to stick to the winning combination in the weekend series. His "winning combination" is composed of Rudy Marisa and Ron Rainey at the forwards, sophomore Jim Jordy at center, and Earl Fields and Bob Leisher at the guard positions.

He conceded that the lineup lacked height, but said it made



Bob Leisher Starts again tonight

up for it with speed and hustle. He supported his confidence in the five cagers when he used only one substitute in the Bucknell encounter. Bob Ramsey replaced Jim Jordy midway in the second half while Marisa, Rainey, Fields and Leisher played the entire 40 minutes.

The Lions will again have to stop several "big men" to earn themselves a victory over the Orange. The biggest threat will be Vince Cohen who led the Orangemen in scoring as a sophomore last year and racked up 20 points in the first game with the Lions. Cohen, 6'1" is also a valuable man on the backboards.

Another hurdle which the Nittanians will have to get over is

his outstanding performance with the Orange gridders on Beaver Field last fall. Brown has speed, and also tough in the rebounding department. The remainder of the Syracuse lineup will include Gary Clark, who hit for 18 against the Lions in the previous game, Ron Gillespie, and Jim Snyder.

Colgate, an inexperienced team when the Lions defeated them in December, have lost their greenness and will have the edge on their home boards. Jack Nichols, 6'4" forward, tallied 29 points in the first encounter and couples with 6'6" center Milt Graham to control the rebounds for the Red Raiders. The remainder of the squad lacks height but is fast and has several better than average outside shots.

Indoor Trackmen Hold Time Trials for IC4-A's

The Nittany Lion indoor track team has begun running through preliminary time trials in preparation for the IC4A meet at Madison Square Garden Saturday, Feb. 25.

Coach Chick Werner plans to hold another time trial tomorrow afternoon, and possibly another some time next week.

The Nittanians' hopes suffered a stiff blow with the injury of star sprinter and Captain Art Pollard at the New York Athletic Club games at the Garden last Saturday night.

Pollard was spiked in the left foot while participating in the mile relay.

Seven stitches were required to close the wound.

Hurdler Dick Winston and distance runner Don Woodrow are also on the injured list. Winston is still recuperating from a pulled muscle suffered earlier in the season while Woodrow is suffering from a bruised tendon in his left foot.

Werner expressed some doubt as to whether any of the three will be ready to participate in the meet.

Austin Tops in 600
Bruce Austin turned in the most impressive performance of the day when he ran the 600-yard trial in 1:16.

Freshman Ed Moran was also impressive as he posted a time of 2:16.6 to finish ahead of veteran Doug Moorhead who ran the course in 2:18.7.

Moran—a standout on last season's star-studded cross country team—is a leading contender for the mile entry on the freshman medley team.

Clem Schoenebeck, of State College High School—ran away from the field in the half-mile race—open only to freshmen

vying for berths on the medley team.

Kerr, Thompson
Schoenebeck finished ahead of teammate Fred Kerr with a time of 2:01. Kerr ran the course in 2:02.5. Bob Thompson and Charlie King followed the two leaders across the wire in that order.

Jim Norton turned in a creditable performance by winning the quarter-mile race in :53.3. Veteran Bob Matz and Paul Roberts both finished with identical times of :54.

Werner said that Roberts was also making a spirited bid for the mile relay team.

Rossi 1st in 220
Sophomore Dean Rossi finished first in the 220-yard dash in :25.1 followed by Gary Seybert in :25.5. Frosh Bob Manning, bidding for the 220 spot on the medley team, was third in :25.7.

The Lion coach emphasized that because of its square corners, the indoor track at Recreation Hall is three seconds slower than the Garden track.

Although he had not made any definite decisions Werner named high jumper Bob Findley, pole vaulter Ogier Norris, broad jumper Herb Hollowell, and weightmen Charlie Blockson, John Tullar, and Fred Urban as the leading contenders for the field entry berths.

Freshman Lacrosse

All candidates for the freshman lacrosse team are asked to report to the water tower between 4 and 5 p.m. Friday, Monday, and Tuesday, by freshman lacrosse Coach John McHugh. Experience is not necessary. McHugh said.

Gymnasts Risk Perfect Record Against Army

The Nittany Lion gymnastic team will attempt another step up the ladder to defending its Eastern title when it meets Army's presently unbeaten gymnasts tomorrow afternoon at West Point.

The Lions—who have defeated West Virginia, Temple, and Syracuse on the road to retaining their crown—look for their stiffest test of the season against the Cadets.

According to reports which Coach Gene Wettstone has received, the Cadets are not too strong in tumbling but possess a fairly well-balanced lineup in the five other events—especially the side horse.

Wettstone said that he may make one or two changes in his starting lineup in hopes of increasing his team's strength in some of its weaker events.

The Lion coach said that he may start Mario Todaro in place of John Collier on the horizontal bar. Todaro—who will be making his first start of the season—may also replace Captain Tony Cline on the swinging rings.

"Armando Vega will again enter the side horse competition, even though it is probably his poorest event," Wettstone said. Vega mustered a third place against Syracuse in the side horse last Saturday night.

After the Army meet, the Lions will test Navy at Recreation Hall next Saturday night.

Mat, Volleyball Entry Deadline Is Thursday

Intramural volleyball and wrestling entries must be turned in at 202 Recreation Hall by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dutch Sykes, intramural assistant director, has announced.

Each organization may enter one volleyball team. Entry fee is \$1 per team. Matches will be scheduled between 7 and 9:30 p.m. Some matches will be scheduled on Friday nights. Play will start about March 15.

Olympic Emphasis Urged

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, warned today that America must gain a new concept of amateur sports if it is to meet the growing challenge of the Russians.

"As you know, I am opposed to this idea of throwing one nation against another in the Olympic Games," he said. "It is not the Olympic idea. But we cannot ignore the fact that Russia is putting tremendous emphasis on development of its sports teams."

"We hear stories of subsidization of athletes in Russia, of training camps, state-supported program and so forth," Brundage said. "Maybe this is so. Everything in a Communist country is subservient to the state and there's not much we can do about it."

"Understand, I don't attempt to defend the system. But I do know

that Russia puts amateur sport on a far higher level than we do in the United States.

"Over here we glorify our successful business men. We make heroes of our professional athletes, but not our amateurs. In Russia, the athlete is put on a pedestal beside top party men. He's a national hero.

"So in making comparisons we must remember these three things. First, sport is a bigger thing in Russia than in America; two, the athletes over there haven't the distractions which confront our boys and girls; third, they train constantly."

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Phi Tau Cagers Lead Loop E; Phi Sig 2d

Phi Kappa Tau held onto its half-game lead in League E of the fraternity IM basketball league by beating Alpha Chi Sigma 20-13 Tuesday night at Rec Hall. Howie Thompson threw in 10 markers to account for half the Phi Tau scoring in the game.

Second place Phi Kappa Sigma kept hot on the leaders by romping to an easy 40-18 over Phi Kappa. Six of the winner's team members broke into the scoring column. They were led by Guy Tirabassi, Lou Schneider, and Jake Shook who scored eight points each.

In one other fraternity game, in League D, Pi Kappa Phi won its second game of the year by getting a forfeit over winless Chi Phi.

Four independent games were played—two each in Leagues E and D.

Iron Men Win 1st
In League D, the Iron Men won their first game of the campaign, a 29-27 thriller over the Marauding Lions. The winners had lost five in succession before last night's win.

John Grundon, of the Ironmen,

led the evening's scorers with a 19 point outburst. Pete Gano was the big gun for the losing Lions—scoring 13.

Also in League D, the Mounties defeated the Jokers 23-14. Valdimir Karba and Bob Kropcheck scored seven apiece to pace the winners. The defeat was the sixth straight for the Jokers.

Hamilton Rallies to Win
Hamilton Six won its fourth successive League E win, a 29-20 "come from behind" thriller. The column. They trailed 14-10 at halftime, but rallied in the stretch to win. George Vince contributed 10 points to the winners' cause, and wound up as the game's top point producer.

In another League E game the Eight Angels, paced by Dave Martinez's 12 points, dropped the Toppers, 28-16. The Angels were also forced to come from behind to win.

The Angels are now knotted with Hawks for third place in the loop, each sporting 4-2 records.

Horace Ashenfelder, erstwhile Penn State great, was named to the National AAU all-America track team again in 1955.



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