

A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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LION CAGE PREVIEW—

Football last weekend, basketball this weekend. The 1956-57 Penn State basketball team inaugurates its regular season at 8 Saturday night when it hosts Carnegie Tech on the Recreation Hall center court.

After five or six weeks of practice, Coach John Egli's Lion cagers finally swing into competitive action for the first time this season. In order that the fans could have a fair idea of what's in store for them, Penn State-wise, we went to see the amiable Lion mentor for a rundown on his team. Here's what he gave us:

The team as a whole has shown steady progress and improvement in practice. There could be a number of surprises on this year's club.

Individually, here's the way the team shapes up:

BOB LEISHER—6-0 senior captain . . . will man the center point on defense, handle an outside spot on offense . . . the brains of the team . . . good ball handler and a fair shot when he shoots . . . will sacrifice a shot when he spots an opportunity to pass inside.

RON RAINEY—6-0 junior forward . . . saw considerable action last season . . . rugged player, fair rebounder . . . shooting improved, his best shot a one-handed jump from the foul circle or closer .

STEVE BAIDY—6-2 junior forward . . . also saw considerable action as a sophomore last year . . . same type of player as Rainey . . . best shot a one-handed push from outside the foul circle .

BOB RAMSAY—6-3 senior center . . . has a fair hook shot and a good two-handed overhead toss . . . rebounding has improved, moving much better under the basket . . . has a fair tip in shot . . . could be the key to a successful team .

CARMEN PALMIERO—6-4 sophomore forward . . . will be one of the back men on defense along with Ramsay . . . gets off his feet quite well . . . has a fair right handed hook shot . . . plays a good floor game, very strong rebounder .

JIM JORDY—6-3 junior forward . . . has a good one-handed jump shot . . . can play anywhere on offense . . . hard worker . . . good at blocking opposition passes . . . one of top reserves .

BOB EDWARDS—6-5 sophomore center . . . will replace Ramsay when necessary . . . starting to improve since his ankle injury healed . . . fair rebounder but lacks the desired speed right now.

TOM HANCOCK—6-4 sophomore forward . . . excellent rebounder . . . will be back on defense . . . fair shooter, but needs more experience to gain the necessary confidence.

ROD PERRY—6-1 senior guard . . . fastest, quickest man on the squad . . . great deal of natural ability but needs to sharpen his shooting eye . . . good spring makes him a strong rebounder.

GREG SCHWENDEMAN—5-9 sophomore guard . . . quick both offensively and defensively . . . good ball handler . . . deadly two-handed set shot . . . size hurts him.

JIM PATTERSON—6-4 sophomore guard . . . fair one-handed push shot . . . fair rebounder . . . lacks experience . . . conscientious worker.

JIM LYSEK—5-8 senior guard . . . miniature Rod Hundley . . . good ball handler, fancy dribbler, accurate shooter . . . size also hurts him.

TED KUBISTA—6-4 sophomore guard . . . rugged rebounder, fair shooter . . . gets off his feet well . . . will play back on defense . . . needs experience.

That's the story as far as the Lions are concerned. Leisher, Rainey, Baidy, Ramsay, and Palmiero will be the starters. If two or three of the reserves, especially the tall sophomores, adjust rapidly to the varsity style of play, the Lions will be trouble. One thing's for certain—the team will be a hustling outfit.

U.S. Sends 3 Decathlon Aces, 440 Star to Thwart Red Rally

MELBOURNE, Thursday Nov. 29 (AP)—The United States sends its three decathlon stalwarts and quarter-mile whiz Lou Jones into the Melbourne Cricket Ground arena today to crack Russia's late Gold Medal rally in the Olympic Games.

The Soviet Union, which previously had failed to live up to stories of its new track and field might, shot into the picture with a second Gold Medal for Vladimir Kouts, the tireless sailor from Leningrad; a triumph in the women's javelin and a 1-2-3 grand slam in the 20 kilometer walk Wednesday.

Coupled with a comeback victory in the modern pentathlon after trailing the United States through four of five events, these performances gave the Russians their biggest one-day medal harvest of the games.

The spurt by the state-subsidized Soviet sportsmen came at a time when American Olympic officials were celebrating their early successes and saying as did Dan Ferris, hospitalized executive secretary of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union, that the Russians had failed to live up to scare stories of their prowess and apparently were "over the hill."

The Americans still appear to be in the driver's seat in the unofficial team race, but Russia's sudden burst is enough to keep the Yanks from getting overconfident.

Still well ahead in points, the Yanks figured to strengthen their position by winning the 400-meter race with Lou Jones

of New Rochelle, N.Y., and taking a strong lead in the first half of the exhausting decathlon, which concludes Friday.

The United States, still unbeaten after trouncing Brazil 113-51, meets Russia in the basketball tournament semi-finals tonight. Both should advance to the finals, in the round-robin play, regardless of who wins.

Wednesday wasn't all Russia in track and field, but almost. The U.S., leading 306 to 214 in the point race, swept the 110-meter hurdles as Lee Calhoun upset Jack Davis in record time, and finished 1-2 in the shot put with world record-holder Parry O'Brien and young Bill Nieder.

Calhoun, of Gary, Ind., and Davis, the world record-holder from Glendale, Calif., both were timed in 13.5 seconds, clipping

two tenths of a second off the record. But Calhoun got the nod. In 1952 at Helsinki, Davis also was second by a wink but wound up with a share of the old mark with winner Harrison Dillard.

Joe Shankle of Durham, N.C., was third in yesterday's slam.

O'Brien, now an airman stationed at Travis AFB, Calif., repeated as the shot put champ by bettering his 1952 record with a toss of 60 feet, 11 inches. Nieder, the Lawrence, Kan., strongboy, and Ken Bantum of New York, who finished fourth, also cracked O'Brien's old mark of 57 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

Penn State again in 1957 will play a nine-game football schedule, including five on the road.

Cotton Bowl Drops Pitt

DALLAS (AP)—Four teams—Navy, Tennessee, Georgia Tech and Syracuse—will furnish the visiting team in the Cotton Bowl and the selection will be made Saturday.

President Bob Cullum said today that the field to provide Texas Christian's opponent in the Jan. 1 football game here had been narrowed to these and that Pittsburgh, which had been a contender, had been dropped because of a late game.

Pitt, with a 6-2-1 record, plays Miami Dec. 8 at Miami and that's too late for the Cotton Bowl to wait.

He would not indicate which of the four left in the running was the leading contender but, indicating that they all are being strongly considered, said communication lines would be established for a quick conference with all when games involving three of the were over.

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