

# Lion Quintet Plays Wolfpack Tonight

By VINCE CAROCCI  
The Penn State basketball team goes after win number three tonight when it plays North Carolina State's potent Wolfpack at Raleigh, N.C.

This is the first time Coach John Egli's squad has taken the floor on hostile grounds and promises to be one of the toughest tests on the Nittany 25-game schedule.

In view of the Wolfpack's outstanding record over the past three or four years, and its opening game 97-85 victory over Pittsburgh, the Lions will be definite underdogs at game time. Last year, Coach Everett Case's team romped the Lions in the opening game of the season, 78-42, on the same Raleigh court.

Egli pinned his upset hopes on a ten-man traveling squad, regulars Ron Rainey, Carm Palmerio, Bob Ramsay, Bob Leisher and Steve Baidy and reserves Greg Schwendeman, Tom Hancock, Bob Edwards, Rod Perry and Ted Kubista.

Rainey, Palmerio, and Baidy have broken the double-figure scoring column in both Lion wins—80-51 over Carnegie Tech, and 90-58 over Rutgers. Both Leisher and Ramsay have a two-game scoring average in the double column, however, Leisher hit for 18 against the Tartans and eight against Rutgers, while Ramsay scored nine against Tech, 15 against Rutgers.

The creditable play of his reserve unit has bolstered some of Egli's hopes. Schwendeman and Edwards both hit double figures in the Rutgers tilt, while Hancock did a fair rebounding job against both the Tartans and the Scarlet. Bench strength could be a telling factor in tonight's test.

Egli said that he would open



Carm Palmerio  
High-Scoring Forward



Bob Edwards  
Reserve Center

with the same five that started against both Carnegie Tech and Rutgers—Rainey and Palmerio at forwards, Ramsay at center and Leisher and Baidy at guards.

Tonight's game will be the first time that the Lions will find themselves "looking up" to an opponent. North Carolina will be the taller ball club, headed by 6-11 Bob Seitz and 6-7 John Richter.

Seitz, who spent much of last season in the shadows of departed All-American center Ron Shavlik, and Richter are expected to share the center chores. However, both will move into a double pivot set-up at times.

Co-Captains Cliff Hafer, 6-5, and John Maglio, 6-0, are expected to be sure starters, Hafer at

forward and Maglio at guard.

Whitey Bell, 5-11, will probably share the starting guard roles with Maglio with either Nick Pond or Tom Hopper at the remaining forward post. Case did not disclose his starting lineup, preferring to use several combinations in an effort to find his most potent unit.

The Wolfpack, according to reports from Raleigh, are considered to be an excellent rebounding team with a great deal of speed. Case's teams have always had the reputation of being high-scoring outfits.

This game should answer one big question in Egli's, and probably most of the Lion fans', mind: how can the Nittanians operate against a taller unit? The answer will be known later tonight.

# Russia Wins Olympics; U.S. Swim Star Wins Gold Medal

MELBOURNE, Saturday, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Melbourne Olympic Games formally close today with Pat Keller McCormick of Los Angeles established as undisputed, but retiring queen of the diving boards, and a boyish Australian, Murray Rose, 17, king of modern swimmers.

The Star Spangled Banner rang out for the last time last night for the magnificent Mrs. McCormick who completed an unprecedented Olympic "double double" by leading an all American sweep in the women's platform diving competition. Juno Irwin of Glendale, Calif., petite mother of three, finished second and Paule Jean Meyers of Glendora, Calif., was third in a brilliant display off the tower boards.

The United States ended its competition with 593 points and second place in the unofficial team race, behind Russia's 712 point total. The Soviets have captured 36 Gold Medals to 32 for the Americans and could add another Gold Medal today as they enter the soccer final favored over the Yugoslavian team.

Mrs. McCormick, 26, also a mother and coached by her airline navigator husband, thus added the high dive to her previously won springboard title and matched the double victory she achieved four years ago in Helsinki.

"This was my last competitive dive," the smiling matron said afterwards. "Now I plan to attend to the business of being a housewife."

Earlier in the evening Rose, a handsome, superbly conditioned youngster who is the son of Scottish-English parents, won his third Gold Medal of the games by upsetting America's world record holder, George Breen, in the 1500 meter free-style race, a thrilling contest of speed and endurance which brought a packed house to its feet at the swimming stadium.

Breen, 21, American champion from Buffalo, N.Y., who had set a world record of 17 minutes 52.9 seconds in preliminary trials, faded badly and finished third behind Takeshi Yamanaka of Japan.

Rose's time last night was 17:58.9. Yamanaka was timed in 18:00.3 and the distraught Breen in 18:08.3.

# Valentine Named to AP All-America 2nd Team

Penn State's Sam Valentine added another All-American award to his collection when he was named to the Associated Press' second allstar unit yesterday.

Valentine has been picked on every All-American team that has been selected thus far, chiefly on the second squad.

The Associated Press honor came shortly following the announcement that Valentine had been named to the 'Look' 22-man All-America squad.

Ohio State's Jim Parker and Baylor's Bill Glass were the first team nominations at the guard posts. Oklahoma's Tommy McDonald was the AP's lone first-team repeater, winning a halfback spot.

Tennessee's brilliant tailback, Johnny Majors, Miami's Don Bossler, a pile-driving fullback, and Syracuse's Jimmy Brown round out the first-team backfield. Brown has made every first-team selection so far.

The ends are Ron Kramer,

Michigan, and Joe Walton, Pittsburgh; the tackles are Alex Karras, Iowa, and John Witte, Oregon State; Oklahoma's Jerry Tubbs was an overwhelming choice for center.

The team was selected on the basis of recommendations from regional boards complete through all games of Dec. 1.

The second-team backfield found Notre Dame's brilliant quarterback and winner of the Heisman Trophy, Paul Hornung, leading the balloting. Iowa's Ken Ploen, Texas A&M's John Crow, and Wake Forest's Bill

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# Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCI, Sports Editor



SAM VALENTINE—SWEETHEART OF A GUARD!

It was 10 minutes before game time. Coach Rip Engle was finishing his last-minute instructions to his now famous football team, which was about to meet a powerful West Virginia team on Beaver Field. Captain Sam Valentine, as is the usual procedure, was asked to speak to his teammates. He waited until the coaches left the dressing room before beginning his off-the-cuff talk.

"I guess everybody thinks we'll be down for this game after beating Ohio State last week," Valentine said, "but I want this one just as bad. We're not Notre Dame so we can't win one for the Gipper, but there is one person that I think deserves it just as much—Chuck (Medlar), team trainer.

"He's worked as hard as we have and not once did he ever ask for anything. I know everyone feels the same way about him as I do, so let's win this one for Chuck and then give him the game ball."

Valentine or the team did not disappoint each other. They beat the Mountaineers rather handily, 17-7, and after the game gave the ball to a surprised Medlar.

Dressing room scenes like this were common under Valentine, whose inspiring leadership was probably the greatest factor in the Lions' 6-2-1 record.

His tremendous defensive play on the field was the highlight of almost every game and it earned him an All-America berth on Look Magazine's team and second team on almost every major All-America team in the country. The ninth player in Lion football history to accomplish that.

But life was not always so cheerful for the rather small guard from DuBois.

When he was only three his father died and five years later his mother passed away, leaving the family of 10 under the care of his three oldest brothers. In his junior year in high school his brother Pat took out guardian papers and Valentine moved in with him.

At DuBois High School he was varsity center on the football team and because of his outstanding defensive performances the 5-11, 205-pound star was named to the All-State High School team in his senior year.

Valentine chose Ohio State to play football, but stayed there only three days, mainly because no one at Columbus felt impelled to aid him since they had their own schoolboy sensations there. The following February, 1953, he enrolled at the University, a move which has probably added more sleep to Engle's nights than any other in the last four years.

Valentine was immediately switched to guard in his freshman year and has played there for his entire four years here.

He broke into the starting lineup last year and almost at once established himself as an outstanding linebacker and diagnoser of plays.

Engle said Valentine is one of the "greatest linebackers I ever coached. He's a great defensive performer and an outstanding leader. He is one of the real reasons why our team did so well this year."

Probably no captain in the past decade was so popular with the fans as Valentine was. His jarring tackles on kickoffs and punts brought cheers and screams from the entire stadium. To the student body he could do no wrong.

His influence over his teammates and the respect they hold for him, both as a player and an individual, is obviously terrific. Dis-sension was obsolete on this year's team.

Asked if he intended to play professional football following graduation, Valentine said "yes, unless something more attractive shows up." He is slated to be drafted in January by one of the leagues' top teams.

But if he attempts a pro career or not, he will still be regarded as one of the Lions' greatest linemen. And the picture of "big number 60" will stand, along with Penn State's eight other All-Americans, in the corridor of Recreation Hall.



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