

Grueling Week Ahead

Cagers Seek 6th At Carnegie Tech

The Nittany Lion cagers are off and running on the first of a grueling four-game basketball week when they play Carnegie Tech tonight at Pittsburgh. It is the second time the teams will meet, the Lions winning the first contest, 80-51, at Recreation Hall.

Following the Tartan contest, the Lions will play Gettysburg Monday night, Temple Wednesday night—both games at Rec Hall—and Pittsburgh Saturday night at Pitt.

Coach John Egli plans to open with Bob Edwards and Ron Rainey at forward, Bob Ramsay at center and Steve Baidy and Captain Bob Leisher at guard.

Senior Rod Perry and sophomores Tom Hancock, Paul Bauer, Ted Kubista and Greg Schwendeman complete the Lion traveling roster.

The Lions leave for Tech in as good physical shape as possible. Rainey was suffering with a bruised right hand, Hancock a bruised elbow, and Leisher a bad knee, but all three are ready for full-time duty.

Carnegie Tech will be trying to break a four-game losing streak tonight. Pitt, Geneva, Westminster and Duquesne have beaten the Tartans in their last four outings, and, according to a report from Pittsburgh, Tech would like nothing better than to start the new year with a win over the Lions.

Coach Mel Cratsley's hopes were brightened by the return of letterman John Tucci, a 5-11 guard who was sidelined by a broken wrist during football season, but has been practicing with the team since December.

However, Cratsley will go with the same five who opened against the Lions at Rec Hall: Frank Sobolewski and Charles Goetz at forward, Captain Alan Frank at center and Mike Flynn and Ken Ficery at guard. Goetz topped the Tartan scorers in the first Lion tilt with 13 points, while Frank scored 11 and Sobolewski 10.

Egli said the team will use his usual style of screen-and-cut offense against the Tartans, unless Cratsley comes up with a zone defense. The cagers have used the screen-and-cut offense in all games when the opposition has

played a man-to-man defense.

The Lion mentor did not say what offense he would use should the Tartans stick to the zone defense. Egli will use his standard 3-2 sliding zone defense tonight.

While the Lions were competing in the Christmas Tourney at Richmond, Va., Egli said it seemed as though the team had "suddenly matured." After watching the club in practice this past week, his belief was fully confirmed.

He said that the team was finally grasping the things he had been telling them all season. "Now they are trying the things I tell them and have been showing steady success. The West Virginia defeat was a good example of not doing what they were told," he said.

According to Egli, the Lions have been improving on their biggest offensive problem to date: ball control. The team was not throwing the ball away at Richmond—something it had been doing all year—and showed still more improvement in practice. "We're looking very well... real good in ball control now," he said.

AGR, PKPhi Clinch First Place in Bowling

By LES POWELL

Alpha Gamma Rho and Pi Kappa Phi won first place in fraternity "C" and "D" intramural bowling leagues when first semester competition came to a close Thursday night at Recreation Hall.

AGR, needing one win to clinch the "C" title, climaxed its first-half play by shutting out Chi Phi. Runnerup Beta Theta Pi copped a 3-1 decision from Sigma Nu.

Pi Kappa Phi edged ahead of Delta Tau Delta for "D" laurels by whitewashing Alpha

Phi Gam's Win Features Action In IM Basketball

A 47-10 runaway featured Thursday night's intramural basketball action, with five fraternity and four indie quintets recording victories.

George Welker, tallying 17 points, led the way as Phi Gamma Delta completely outclassed Alpha Gamma Rho by a lopsided 47-10 count. Charles Rine accounted for six of AGR's 10 markers.

Phi Kappa scored a 34-19 victory over Delta Theta Sigma. Dennis Uhrin dunked 15 counters, and Jack Frey paced the losers with six.

Sigma Phi Epsilon notched a comfortable 20-9 win over Alpha Epsilon Pi. Dick Meredith took scoring honors for the winners with seven points.

Phi Delta Theta edged Tau Kappa Epsilon, 25-19, with Bill Schwab netting 13 points. Bill Troutman, Mike Znacko, and Joe Eberly combined for 12 of TKE's 19 counters.

The lone forfeit on the fraternity schedule saw Alpha Phi Alpha get the nod over Chi Phi.

In independent action, the Clowns nosed out the Lazy Five, 26-24; Penn Haven beat the I.I.'s, 26-18; the Tims defeated the Gunners, and the Cougars won from the Hotshots by forfeit.

Logan paced the Clowns' triumph with eight points, and Myers tallied seven for the Lazy Five.

Hart's 11 markers sparked Penn Haven's win over the I.I.'s. Baringer led the losing quintet with seven.

Fire Guts Home Of Ex-Lion Boxer

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—The 15-room showplace home of Billy Soose, retired middleweight champion and former Penn State champ, situated on the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack at Tafton, Pike County, was destroyed by fire early today.

Phi Delta to record 34 of a possible 40 points. DTD garnered a lone win from Beaver House to fall into a second-place tie with the victors. Each quintet chalked up 32 points.

Guy Rhodes, with a 179 game, and Martin Sedlak, who scored a 179 single and a 476 series, led the way as AGR piled up 37 of 44 possible points. Sam Moyer (195 game) and Ed Lyon (528 total) led a fruitless last-ditch effort for Beta Theta Pi, who tallied 33 markers.

Harry Holm and Gordon Pollard teamed up to push Pi Kappa Phi past the DTD keglers. Holm took individual singles honors with a 196 effort and Pollard felled an even 500 pins for the match.

Fourth-place Pi Kappa Alpha (28 points) divided four tilts with Theta Kappa Phi (6th—22 points). PIKA's Ron Rice notched the top series (499), while Bob Oleski copped single game honors with a 228 for Theta Kappa Phi.

Acacia, seventh in the standings with 21 points, topped ninth-place Zeta Beta Tau (18 points). 3-1. Bob Shaw (225-480) paced the winners.

Lowly Sigma Phi Alpha (10th—14 points) grabbed three of four games from Delta Sigma Phi, holding the losers to 20 points and an eighth-place finish. SPA's Don Sutherland rolled the top individual series with a 484 effort, and Don Benner (189-477) led the losing five.

"D" results: Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Kappa remained in a fourth-place tie with 23 points as the two clubs split their match. Ken Fasick of SPE rolled a 452 triple, and Phi Sigma Kappa's Jim Schuyler took single-game honors with 192.

John Marshall (196-511) sparked Sigma Tau Gamma to a 3-1 victory over Beta Sigma Rho. The win placed Sigma Tau Gamma one point behind idle Phi Kappa Tau (6th—21 points).

Sigma Alpha Epsilon moved into an eight-place tie with Beta Sig (11 points) by splitting with Alpha Rho Chi (10th—7 points).

Penn State's pass defense, traditionally tough, yielded only 48.2 yards per game during the 1956 football season. This record placed it fourth in the nation.

Plum Selected To Captain North Defense

Penn State quarterback Milt Plum was selected as the defensive captain of the North squad for today's Senior Bowl game at Mobile, Ala., according to the Associated Press. Brad Bomba, Indiana end, was chosen as the offensive captain.

The South stars were established as one touchdown favorites.

Odds makers accorded the favorites role to the Rebels on the basis of a power-laden backfield headed by Texas Christian quarterback Charley Curtis and a hefty defensive line anchored by All-America guard Bill Glass of Baylor.

There was considerable disagreement over the choice, however.

Railbirds who watched the North practice sessions were impressed with the accurate passing of Purdue quarterback Len Dawson and the running of Colorado fullback John (The Beast) Bayuk.

Dawson led the Big Ten in passing and total offense the past three seasons.

The forecast was for cloudy and windy weather with the possibility of a few showers around gametime. This was expected to hold the crowd under the expected 36,000 capacity.

Coed Finals—

(Continued from page one) Tuesday with Alpha Xi Delta, 7-0, meeting Chi Omega, 6-0.

If both Alpha Epsilon Phi and Gamma Phi Beta win their games on Tuesday they will meet each other at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to decide the Thursday night championship.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, the winner of the Alpha Xi Delta-Chi Omega tilt will battle the winner of the Alpha Epsilon Phi-Gamma Phi Beta fray.

It was exactly 50 years ago—1906—that W. T. "Mother" Dunn first brought all-America football honors to Penn State.



Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCI, Sports Editor

EAST-WEST RUMBLINGS!

It is hardly an ethical practice to express "sour grapes" after losing a game or thinking that certain players were given a raw deal in certain post-season games. But a letter I received yesterday, from a non-Penn State fan, instigated the writing of this column.

Dear Sir:

As I'm sure most of the students at Penn State must be quite disappointed that quarterback Milt Plum wasn't used more often in the East-West Shrine game, I'd like to say that I, too, was quite put out that this fine player wasn't given more of a chance!

I read in the papers that Plum showed up far better than Hornung in East Squad practice sessions, yet in the game I was beginning to wonder if they'd EVER use Plum, until they finally inserted him in a couple of "spots" in the late stages of the game.

Hornung missed a field goal, fumbled away a scoring chance on the one-yard line, and missed the crucial point after touchdown that would have at least tied the score. The television announcers, of course, mentioned that Plum was good—that he could punt, kick extra points, etc., but the implication was that he COULDN'T be as good as "super-duper" Hornung! Yet I think that if Plum had been in there for the extra point, field goal attempt, and the crucial goal-line play at the end of the first half, the East might well have won.

I'm not a Penn State rooter, but I definitely think Mr. Plum got a raw deal, and I am very much fed up with all the favoritism dished out to "O! Notre Dame players" all the time. I hope you agree!

Sincerely,

Mr. M. D. Ball

34 Ingersoll Grove

Springfield 9, Mass.

As the reader can see Mr. Ball's assumptions as to Plum's potential, or what he would have accomplished if he were in the game, are just opinion. An opinion that I and many more fans, and non-fans, I talked to after the game feel is justified.

PLUM RAN TEAM WELL

The controversy was not over the fact that Hornung was starting before Plum, but the fact that after Hornung played most of the game and failed to move his team he was still allowed to play almost every minute on offense. Plum in his only try on offense moved the team down the field, completing four or five passes en route to West territory. The drive was halted on the 14 and Plum was replaced, never to be at the QB spot for the remainder of the game.

I am not condemning East Coach Terry Brennan, of Notre Dame, but I do not condone his actions in relation to playing certain men throughout a game, especially when Plum was drawing rave notices for one week for his outstanding work in practice sessions.

Throughout the game Hornung's signal-calling left much to be desired. Lion halfback and East fullback Ray Alberigi was used the entire game, except for two plays, strictly in a blocking capacity. On the one-yard line, when Hornung fumbled, it seemed natural for one of the halfbacks or the fullback to take the ball over, since the guards were playing in tight and the linebackers were over the middle of the line. Hornung had no running momentum because he had no start, a factor that would have been in favor of another back carrying the ball.

Criticism of Hornung and Brennan could be elaborated on for hours. As for Brennan, he was handicapped by lack of time. Only simple running and passing plays are issued to players and these are worked on during one week's time. The T-formation is the standard system used, but players from single-wing clubs or various other formations find it almost impossible to learn a new system in one week, so Brennan had to use the simplest of plays.

Without a doubt Brennan lost many fans after the East-West game, especially in Pennsylvania, and I say now that I hope this year's game will not be indicative of future Shrine games. Bad publicity would definitely hurt this classic of football.

Waner Improving

SARASOTA, Fla., Jan. 4 (AP)—Paul Waner, hospitalized with pneumonia since Sunday, was reported out of danger today. Waner, 53, had been on the critical list and in an oxygen tent much of the time.

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