

Nittany 'Fleet' Enters Navy Cage Port Today

Penn State's basketball fleet hopes to lower its anchor square in the center of the Navy deck when the Lions test the Middies at 4:30 this afternoon at Annapolis, Md. The cagers left for Annapolis at 2:30 p.m. yesterday following a light workout at Recreation Hall. The contest marks their fourth consecutive away game, the longest consecutive road trip on their schedule.

Frosh Cagers Open Season Against Navy

The Lion frosh cagers open an abbreviated 1957 schedule when they meet Navy's undefeated Plebe quintet at 4:30 p.m. today at Annapolis, Md.

Coach Don Swegan plans to start Frank Magalski and Lou Meyers at forward, Paul Sweetland at center and Wally Colender and Larry Freedman at guard. Sweetland is acting captain for the game.

The frosh mentor looks for a tough contest against the powerful Plebes considering Navy's experience and Lion losses due to academic deficiencies. The potential starters, Don Early and Jack Ray, were lost for the semester due to poor grades.

Jimmy Williams, graduate student assisting Swegan with the frosh, had this to say after watching the Middy juniors play last Saturday: "We have a good chance of beating them. Man for man, we're as good as they are, except they've played eight games."

On the bench, Swegan has John Moon, the number-one big reserve, Mel Ramer, Larry DiGiaccinto, Larry Beghey and Bob Arner.

Using previous practice sessions as a basis, the frosh coach said that Sweetland was probably his top scoring threat. "He drives real well for a big man," he said. Colender, who has an accurate jump shot, and Freedman are the team's playmakers.

The Lions, after completing the first half of their season with surprising consecutive wins over Temple and Pitt, will be looking for their first back-to-back victory since the Panther game—they split in their last four games.

Coach John Egli plans to start his usual five in his attempt to sink the Navy. Ron Rainey, the team's leading scorer, and sophomore Bob Edwards will open at forward, senior Bob Ramsay at center and Captain Bob Leisher and junior Steve Baidy at guard.

In reserve, Egli has Tom Hancock, who is probably the toughest rebounder on the club, Ted Kubista, Greg Schwendeman, Paul Bauer and Jim Lysek.

Although the reserves—particularly Hancock, Kubista and Schwendeman—are gaining steady experience in competition, Egli finds the bench lacking in height. Only Hancock and Kubista better the six-foot mark.

At present, the squad's biggest problem is physical condition, according to Egli. "We're tired... we need rest most of all," he said. Since the Pitt game, the team has had only one hard practice session, and that was Monday night when Egli scrimmaged it for approximately one-half hour.

Egli does not believe that playing away games hurts the team noticeably. Calling away games a severe test on a team's strength, he said he believed the Lions play just as good on the road as they do at home.

The Lion coach said foolish fouling is the main deficiency in the cagers game at present. "We're fouling out front and under the basket when we don't need to... it caused us trouble at Lehigh



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and almost at Army," he said. Navy, featuring a fast-breaking offense—its most effective scoring weapon—carries a 9-6 record into today's game. In their last game, the Middies edged a strong Duke quintet, 71-69, in overtime at Annapolis.

Last year's entire starting lineup of Captain Dave Smalley, Frank Petinos, George Bouvet, Andy Dulik and Al Swanson returns for another crack at the Lions. Penn State beat Navy, 70-65, last season at Navy.

Egli plans to use his screen-and-cut possession-type offense and 3-2 sliding zone defense in an effort to bombard Navy's fast-break, man-to-man game. After the middle tilt, the Lions will get their well-deserved rest. Their next game is a Feb. 13 encounter with Bucknell at Recreation Hall.



Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCI, Sports Editor

KDR REIGNS SUPREME

The publicizing of certain fraternity teams is a policy considered definitely taboo and when violated it usually leads to an oversized amount of "letters to the editor" by fans who feel partiality does not belong on the pages of a college newspaper.

This column concerns the basketball team of Kappa Delta Rho. A team I thought was so good (and records prove this) that it definitely merited special mention.

KDR's team, composed mostly of varsity athletes, has in three years won 25 consecutive games, including two championships. It won ten straight in the 1954-55 and 1955-56 seasons and has won five straight this year.

Except for a loss in the final game of the 1953-54 season KDR would have been over the thirty figure in undefeated games. That season it won six of seven. With three playoff games at the end of each season KDR might have won 10 straight that year.

A unique point of the KDR team is the incredulous fact that three of its players have never lost an intramural basketball game since entering Penn State. Football players Billy Kane, Ray Alberigi, and Dan Radakovich sparked the independent team of the Sinkers to 10 straight wins in their freshman year, which incidentally was also the third consecutive year that the Sinkers went undefeated. The Sinker name was "retired" at the end of that season, 1953-54, and hasn't been used since.

Kane and Alberigi, along with varsity golfer Pat Rielly and Stan Cheslock, continued their outstanding playing for KDR and led it to its two championships. This year Radakovich joined the team and bolstered a center spot weakened by the graduation of George Simpson, 6-5 star of the KDRs. Radakovich has since dropped out of school, but an able replacement in Jack Arnst, football letterman, has kept KDR on the winning road.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STARS

The basketball prowess of each of the KDR players dates back to high school. Kane and Radakovich were both stars in the Pittsburgh area, Kane with Mumhall and Radakovich with Duquesne. Kane averaged 20 points a game, while Radakovich was an all-section pick at the end of the season.

Alberigi was a varsity performer with Jessup High School in the Scranton area and was a top-flight cager for three years. Rielly was on the Sharon team that advanced to the State finals before being beaten by Yaceton and was one of its top playmakers.

Cheslock averaged 20 points a game and was All-Monroe county for Barrett High School in the Pocono mountains, while Arnst was one of the leagues top rebounders when he performed for East Stroudsburg High.

As one can see KDR has an all-star lineup. A lineup that has swept by most of its opponents by large scores. The closest the KDR's have come to defeat was in the 1955 playoff contest with Delta Chi, which they won 41-40 and last Monday when they squeaked by Alpha Phi Alpha, 14-12. Except for these two games, and possibly a few more, KDR has never been in serious trouble.

Kane has been one of the most prolific scorers in IM history besides being one of the all-time best ball handlers. Assistant IM director Clarence "Dutch" Sykes said: "Kane is one of the best players I have ever seen play IM basketball. He is an outstanding scorer and a tremendous playmaker. His team is one of the greatest to ever set foot on the Recreation Hall floor."

KDR has three games remaining on its schedule. If it wins all three and also the three playoff tilts an unprecedented third championship will be assured.

Looking at it from this corner I can't really see KDR losing.

KDR Wins 25th Straight Cage Game

By BOB GULLO

In intramural basketball action Monday night, Kappa Delta Rho, shooting for its third straight fraternity championship, maintained its league A lead as it kept an undefeated record intact squeezing past Alpha Phi Alpha 14-12. Eight other fraternity quintets registered victories.

Paced by Billy Kane's eight points, more than half the team total, KDR overcame an 8-5 Alpha Phi Alpha lead to record its fifth consecutive win and 25th straight in three years in a hard fought defensive battle. John Coleman led the losers with four points.

Also in league A, Delta Sigma Phi, holding a ten to four half time lead, turned back Theta Delta Chi, 22-19. Delta Sigma Phi's Bill Scatchard was high man with ten points while teammate Jim Capone scored five. Jerry Olera led the losers with six.

In league B contests, Delta Upsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon were victorious. DU followed up a half-time lead of 18-8 and handed Alpha Epsilon Pi its fifth straight loss, 25-17.

Dick Parry was high scorer with nine tallies. Jon Plaut's eight points and Dick Schriger's seven

led the losers.

Sigma Phi Epsilon remained on top of league B and ran its winning streak to five games by handing Delta Theta Sigma its fourth straight setback, 28-17. Bob Fox of DTS paced the scorers with ten points. He was followed by SPE's Jim Moore, who scored nine.

In league E, three games were played with Alpha Chi Rho, Zeta Beta Tau, and Phi Kappa Alpha emerging victorious.

Beta Sigma Rho moved dangerously close a winless season bowing to Alpha Chi Rho, 39-34. ACR's Bill Cooper led the field with 15 points. Mowrey, also of ACR, capitalized on seven free throws to total nine points. Harris Coleman's 15 points and Joe Fenkel's 12 points were high for Beta Sigma Rho.

Zeta Beta Tau registered its first win of the season against four defeats with a 22-21 win over Kappa Sigma.

Ernie Susanin was high scorer for Kappa Sig with ten points, while ZBT scoring honors went to Harold Pezzner, who tallied 11.

Pi Kappa Alpha downed Theta Xi, 20-14, in the only other league E contest. John Meyers and Bill McDade accounted for 13 of Pi-

KA's 20 points.

Sigma Chi made it five in a row to stay at the top of league F. Overcoming a two-point halftime deficit, Sigma Chi took a 32-23 decision from Phi Kappa Tau. Jim Keith and Dick Boggs led Sigma Chi scoring with ten and nine points respectively. Sam McKibben's nine and Ron Casarella's seven points paced Phi Kappa Tau.

Also in league F, Theta Chi improved on a 22-9 halftime lead to trample Omega Psi Phi, 42-25. Ed Rhoads and Chuck Caldwell each contributed 11 tallies to the Theta Chi total. Jim Arnold topped Omega Psi Phi scoring with eight.

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