

# Cagers Test Raiders Tonight

## Lions Make Home Debut At 8 p.m.

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Basketball finally makes its first appearance on the University Park sports scene when Penn State hosts the Colgate Red Raiders tonight on the Recreation Hall center court.

Game time is set for 8 p.m. There will be a preliminary contest between the Lion freshman squad and Coach John Egli's J.V. team. That game will start at 5:30 p.m.

For their home debut, the Lions will carry a 1-2 record into tonight's contest. The Nittanians lost to North Carolina State, topped Carnegie Tech, and were romped by West Virginia. In the last Associated Press poll, both North Carolina State and West Virginia were rated in the top 15 teams in the country—NCS, 12th and West Virginia, eighth.

Colgate, on the other hand, fared even worse in its first three games, losing to Rensselaer Poly Tech, Bucknell and Cornell before finally winning its first game Thursday night over Florida Southern.

For the first time since the season opened, Egli could not commit himself as to his starting lineup. He said Thursday night, and again last night, that he was thinking of making some switches in his starting lineup but would probably not decide his course of action until shortly before game time.

He did say, however, his starters would come from co-captains Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy, Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock, Ted Kubista, Wally Colender and Paul Sweetland. The first five listed have been Egli's regular starting combination with Colender and Sweetland as his two top reserves.

Colgate, fielding one of its greenest teams in history, will probably go with Russ Brummer, Charlie Hagenah, Joe Murria, Captain Phil Bissille and Jack Durkee. Brummer and Bissille are the only two returning lettermen on the Colgate squad—and Brummer was a reserve last year.

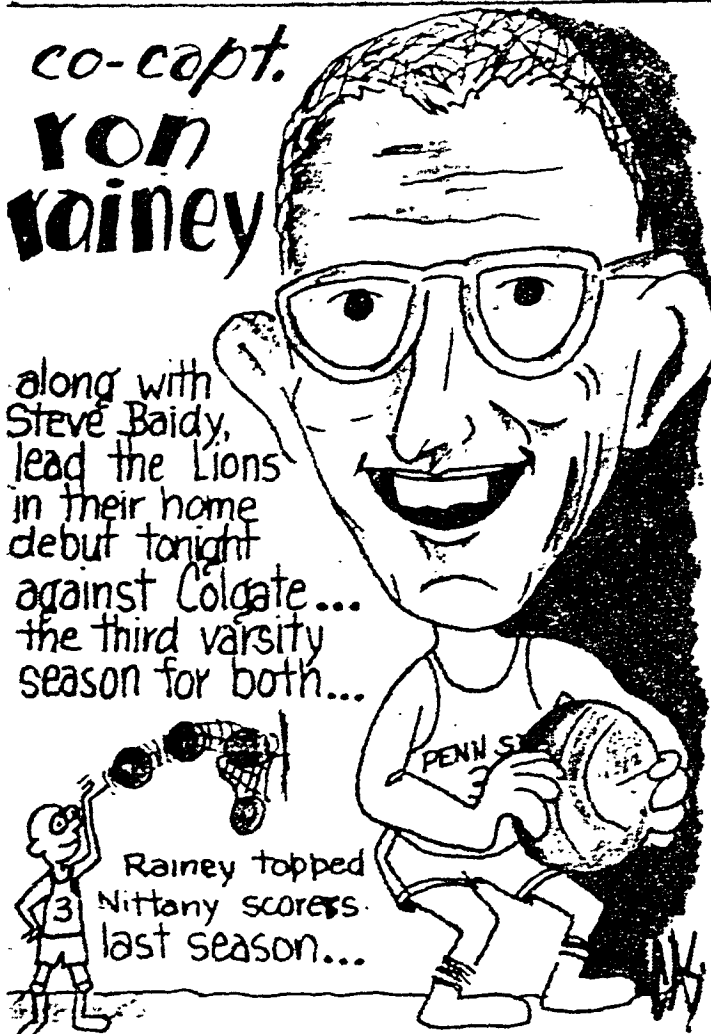
Egli may dress only nine men for the game instead of his usual 10. Dick Schwendeman, Paul Bauer and possibly Cal Emery will complete the game squad. Emery, however, may play in the JV game, in which case he will not dress for the varsity encounter.

Asked if he thought the home court would be a help to his team, Egli replied: "I hope so—if the court doesn't seem too strange to us." In reference to the fact that the Lions' first three games were away. They still have nine road trips ahead of them.

Egli said he did not know too much about the Colgate club. "They're reputed to be a little weaker than last year, but they've lost to some good teams—especially Bucknell," he said.

The cagers went through a light workout last night to sharpen their offensive eyes. Egli placed the emphasis on setting up his scoring patterns—a phase he feels was sorely lacking in past Lion performances.

With the blue chips on the line once again—and this time before the home fans—he is hoping for the best Lion showing to date.



## Come-From-Behind Wins Feature IM Cage Play

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## IC4-A Group Elects McCoy President

Ernest B. McCoy, athletic director and dean of the College of Physical Education and Athletics, was elected president of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Thursday night.

McCoy has held several IC4-A and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association posts since coming to the University in 1952. Others elected to IC4-A posts in the week-long ECAC convention at Newark, N.J., were Eugene F. Flynn of Holy Cross, vice president, and Asa S. Bushnell of the E.C.A.C., secretary-treasurer.

The membership of the IC4-A group was increased to 67 with the election of three Pennsylvania institutions: West Chester State Teachers College, Franklin and Marshall and Lincoln University.

The IC4-A track group also set dates for future track and cross-country championships. The 1958 cross-country championships will be held on Nov. 17 at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City. The 1959 indoor track championships are scheduled for Feb. 28 at Madison Square Garden and the outdoor championships on May 29 and 30 at Randall's Island, both in New York City.

The athletic directors spent the day trying to fill out 1959 sports schedules. They huddled in two rooms in the Military Park Hotel set aside for the purpose from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some of the athletic directors employed a large blackboard to advertise "open date" in the sports in which they sought rivals.

In Friday's business meeting, the ECAC took a long look at the practices of Army and Navy in providing additional academic aid to prospective athletes, but found that there was nothing in the IC4-A rules against the practice, according to the Associated Press.

The principles and policy committee, which arrived at this conclusion, and the delegates who received the report, made it clear that they neither approve nor condone the practice.

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**Late Cage Scores**  
St. 1 Bowl at Pittsburgh: Duquesne 77, Miami (Ohio) 68  
Invitation Tournament at Cincinnati: Cincinnati 81, St. Bonaventure 58

## Cal, USC, UCLA Drop Loop

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (AP)—and the Big Ten was unknown. Three big powers of the Pacific Coast Conference—University of California, UCLA and University of Southern California—today decided to pull out of the 42-year old league.

The USC Board of Trustees set the Trojans' withdrawal date as on or after July 1, 1958.

The Board of Regents for the California universities at Berkeley and Los Angeles voted to end their membership June 30, 1959. The immediate status of the Rose Bowl pact between the PCC

and the Big Ten was unknown. The action climaxed a year and a half of bitterness within the conference which began in the summer of 1956 when heavy penalties were imposed on USC, UCLA, California and Washington for excessive aid to athletes.

Other conference members are Stanford, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State and Idaho. The withdrawals will leave USC, UCLA and Cal free to give financial aid to athletes on their own standards, to schedule more intersectional opponents and to police their own code.



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