

Lions Meet Temple At Palestra Tonight

Upset! That's the only thing Penn State will have on its mind when it meets the vaunted Temple cagers tonight at the Penn Palestra in Philadelphia.

The Lion-Owl affair is the second game of the usual Palestra twinbills. West Virginia, the nation's number one collegiate team and an 84-50 victor over Penn State, puts its 10-0 record on the line against Villanova in the first game.

Beating Temple is no easy trick. Beating Temple on its home court could be considered one of the "Ten Wonders of the World." Coach Harry Litwack's club, currently rated 12th in the country has gained a reputation through the years as one of basketball's strongest home teams. This year is no exception.

Led by everybody's All American Guy Rodgers, who has already been called "better than Cousy" (Bob Cousy, Boston Celtics star), this Temple club has run to an 8-2 record including the championship of the annual Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden. Only losses to Kentucky—in three overtimes—and Cincinnati mar the Owl record. Temple officials consider it among the best teams in the school's cage history.

Realizing this, Coach John Egli said he was not going to try to outsmart the Owls. "The only way we'll surprise Temple is by beating them," he said. "We're going to play our same type ball and hope we can beat them."

With this in mind, Egli will start his standard five tonight: Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy at guard; Bob Edwards at center; and Tom Hancock and Ted Kubista at forward. He'll have Wally Colender, Paul Sweetland, John Bozick, Larry Freedman and Paul Bauer in reserve.

Offensively, Egli said the Lions would try to control the ball as much as possible. "We have to," he said. "They (Temple) are a quick defensive team and a clean defensive team... they have the lowest percentage of fouls called against them in the country."

Litwack will go with Rodgers, Jay Norman—who many rate as one of the most underrated ball players in the country—Tink Van Patton, Mel Brodsky and sophomore sensation Bill (Pickles) Kennedy. It's a well-balanced offensive club with Norman and Van Patton doing most of the rebounding.

The Temple offense is based around a terrifying—to the opposition, that is—fast break led by the fabulous Rodgers. Rodgers takes the ball down floor, trailed by Kennedy and Brodsky, and has the option to shoot, pass off or hold. It usually goes for the score.

Last year, Penn State upset the Temple applecart with a 62-53 win at Recreation Hall. Although the cards are stacked heavily against it, Egli—and the team—would like nothing better than a repeat performance.

Vets, Brats Cop Indie Keg Crown

The Vets and the Brats emerged as the top teams in their respective leagues on Monday night as Independent Leagues A and B rolled the first of the championship matches of the semester.

Although the Vets of Independent A dropped their last match to Pollock 11, 3-1, their season total was 35-9. Don Steck became the Vets top scorer with a total pin fall of 4916 and an average of 169 after 29 games.

The Brats won their Independent League B final over Jordan 11, 3-1, rounding out a 31-13 season record. Jim Shusha, who bowled in 26 games, had an average of 157 points per game. His actual pin-fall totalled 4094.

Seniors in the Colleges of Mineral Industries and Physical Education may have their LaVie pictures taken at The Penn State Photo Shop until Thursday, Jan. 9.

This is the Final Notice



HAPPY TO BE BACK... Giant Jesse Arnelle, the greatest player in Penn State's basketball history, renews old memories with Coach John Egli last night at Recreation Hall. Arnelle played on Egli's first varsity squad here.

Lion Great Arnelle Returns to Campus

Jesse Arnelle came home yesterday to the scene of his numerous collegiate triumphs. For the unknowing, Jesse Arnelle is recognized by most Penn Staters as the greatest basketball player in the University's long cage history.

If you're among the unbelievers, a look at the record book should change your mind. Jesse Arnelle only holds every individual scoring record in the book—with the exception of most fouls in one game. You name it, Jess holds it.

Arnelle returned to campus to further his plans to return to the University for post-graduate work in political science. He plans to start his work next semester.

Included in his four year achievements were two trips to the annual NCAA tournament—his junior and senior years. In his junior year, he led the Lions to the finals of the tourney's Eastern playoffs, finally falling before the TomGola-led LaSalle team. In his senior year, the Lions were eliminated in their second game by Adolph Rupp's Kentucky contingent. That year was current coach John Egli's first season at the Lion helm.

Presently Jesse is playing with the Hazleton Hawks of the Eastern Basketball League. The EBL has some of the nation's best basketball players in its lineup, including such greats as CCNY's "Whiz Kids," Ed Roman, Floyd Lane — a teammate of Jess' — and Ed Warner, Sherm White of Long Island U, Larry Hennessey, Villanova grad, and Hal Lear of Temple, to name only a few.

After graduation in 1955, Arnelle played with the College All-Stars, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Mitchell Air Force team and the Fort Wayne (now Detroit) Pistons of the NBA. A broken nose called a halt to his NBA career after his coach Charlie Eckman called him one of the league's outstanding rookie prospects.

Lehigh Tops EIWA Teams With 3-0 Mark; Pitt is 1-0

By LOU PRATO

Unbeaten Lehigh, Penn State's opponent this Saturday night at Bethlehem, still leads in the unofficial standings of the 17-team Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association after more than a month of competition.

Coach Gerry Leehman's Engineers, who along with Pittsburgh are the conference favorites, scored their third straight triumph last Saturday by thumping Franklin and Marshall, 18-5. Earlier in the season the potent Lehigh matmen had drubbed Cornell, 15-9, and Syracuse, 25-12.

Leon Harbold, Joe Gratto, Dick Santoro and Ed Hamer—four of the East's outstanding grapplers—kept their individual winning streaks intact against the Diplomats. Each has won three.

Gratto had to go all out to beat Gordon Muse, 4-3, on the strength of riding time, but his three teammates had a relatively easy time. Harbold decisioned Steve Stazman, 6-2; Santoro rapped highly-thought-of Joe Yeats, 8-0; and Hamer, the defending EIWA 157-pound champ, stopped John Hannan, 4-0.

The loss was the second in three meets for the F & M crew. The Diplomats were beaten by unbeaten Army, 18-6, in their opener but thumped non-league member Washington and Lee, 32-0, their last time out.

Officially, Army and Rutgers trail Lehigh in the standings—both with 2-0 records. But most observers are looking past those clubs toward Pitt, which inaugurated

rated its campaign last Saturday with a 22-6 win over Michigan.

The Panthers, victors in the EIWA tournament for three of the last four years, copped every match except 130-pounds and heavyweight in its slaughter of the Wolverines. Two falls were recorded in that meet—both by Pitt. Two-time 167-pound EIWA champ Dave Johnson floored Jay McMahon and 147-pound Bob Senter threw Lloyd Hamady.

Bob Bubb and Teddie Bienkowski, two regulars for Coach Rex Perry last winter, didn't wrestle, although both are still on the squad. The two are highly-regarded EIWA middleweights.

Harvard, Springfield and Navy are the only other undefeated league squads with 1-0 records. None of the three has wrestled since the second week of December.

E. B. McCoy, Jr., son of the Penn State athletic director, is a member of the football squad at the University of Michigan.

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