

# Engineers Host Mat Win Against Lehigh Nittanies Tonight Depends on Improvement

Above or below .500—that's where Penn State will find itself after tonight's basketball encounter with the Lehigh Engineers at Bethlehem.

The contest is the first of two consecutive games for the Lions. They travel to Rutgers tomorrow night for a return engagement with the Scarlet. The Lions walloped Rutgers in their first meeting, 77-58, at Recreation Hall.

The Nittanies of Coach John Egli, fresh from a 64-45 loss to Temple Wednesday night at the Penn Palestra, carry a 3-3 record into tonight's contest. All three of their losses—North Carolina State, West Virginia and Temple—were incurred on the road.

Tonight's tussle, the Lions fifth on the road in their first seven games, promises to be another in the standard of tough road games for the cagers. Although Lehigh had a 2-2 record at last notice—the Engineers met Lafayette Wednesday night but no word was received here on the score—it is always considered to be at its best at home.

In fact, the Engineers upset the Lions last year in their Bethlehem contest, 72-67—the defeat coming on the heels of the Lions' victory over NCAA-tournament-bound Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh. Get the idea?

Plans call for Egli to go with his usual starting lineup with possibly one exception. That exception may find the rapidly developing sophomore prospect, Wally Colender, making his second start of the year in place of slumping co-captain Ron Rainey.

Colender, who is rated the "comer" among the sophomore candidates, has shown steady improvement in his past two games, hitting for 16 and 10 points with a steady floor game to boot. Rainey, on the other hand, has yet to regain his scoring touch of last year when he led the Nittanies in final scoring statistics. He has broken the twin-figure mark only twice thus far.

The rest of the lineup will undoubtedly stay the same with Tom Hancock and Ted Kubista at forward; Bob Edwards at center; and Steve Baidy at the other guard slot.

For the Engineers, their high-scoring co-captain duo of Tom Healy and Bob Roepke will



Arnis Balgalvis ... will he control the boards?

start at forward, 6-6 Arnis Balgalvis at center and Terry Eckert and Norm Zelenko at guard.

Roepke and Healy are the big offensive guns for Lehigh. Roepke topped the Engineers in scoring last year with 332 points—just 26 shy of Lehigh's all-time single season scoring mark. Healy hit for 209.

Balgalvis does most of the Lehigh rebounding. He took 192 off the boards last season while scoring 170 points.

How fast can a team improve in one week? Penn State wrestling fans will find out tomorrow night when the Lion matmen face eastern power Lehigh at Bethlehem.

The Lions won only two of eight individual matches in losing to Illinois, 19-8, last Saturday and undoubtedly will have to make a miracle-like improvement if they expect to upset the Engineers.

All eight of the men who wrestled in the Illinois affair will start against Lehigh. Out of the eight, only captain Johnny Johnston and 147-pound Earl Poust came through with wins over Illinois—both on decisions. Another man, 167-pound George Gray, earned a draw in that meet.

Johnston and Poust will be seeking their third straight win of the campaign, both having won decisions against Colgate foes in the season opener. Gray also gained a decision victory against Colgate.

There's another unbeaten man on the Penn State team, but he won't be wrestling tomorrow. He's 123-pound Jack Maher, a winner in the Colgate meet, who will be giving way to Gordon Danks again because of an elimination loss.

Danks is 1-1 for the season. He won his Colgate bout while wres-



John Rusnak ... gets nod at 177 again

ting for the 130-pound division, but lost to Dave Moore of Illinois last week after moving down to the 123-pound slot.

The rest of the Nittany lineup will be filled with Sophomores—Guy Guccione, 137 and Sam Min-

or, 157 and seniors John Rusnak, 177, and Ray Pottios, heavyweight.

Guccione will be on the rebound after having his 72-match winning streak snapped last week by Bill Muther of Illinois. He beat Ted Tobias of Colgate for his only win this season.

Minor is still seeking his first (Continued on page seven)

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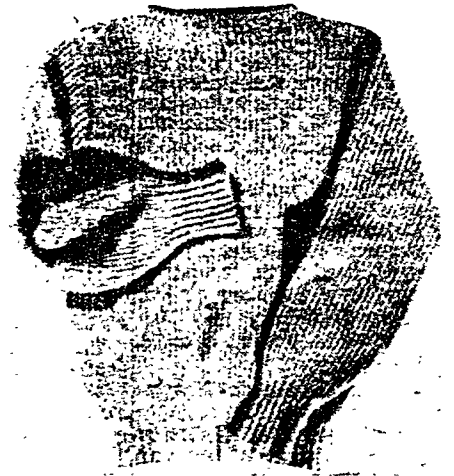
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## PhiPsi Sets Cage Record

Phi Kappa Psi broke the intramural basketball fraternity team scoring record for the season as they trounced Sigma Alpha Mu, 57-10 Wednesday night in Recreation Hall. The previous high was 56 by Sigma Alpha Epsilon on Dec. 5, 1957.

In other fraternity games Lambda Chi Alpha defeated Triangle, 29-24; Theta Kappa Phi beat Sigma Nu, 26-20; Alpha Tau Omega won over Theta Xi, 29-21 and Pi Kappa Phi defeated Alpha Phi Delta, 26-20.

In the indie circuit, Nittany 25 beat the Celtics, 32-27; Nittany

22 won over the Yellow Jackets 34-28, Nittany 23 walloped Lucky 13, 32-13, and Night Riders edged the Greensmokers, 20-19.

Bob Foor, Nittany 23, and Wally Neff, Phi Kappa Psi, led the individual scoring with 20 points each.



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