

Home Triple-Header Starts at 2

Cagers Host Number Two Team--W.Va.

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Penn State takes on a giant-size job when it goes after its biggest upset in University history against the West Virginia basketball team tonight at Recreation Hall. The game will start immediately after the Lion-Syracuse wrestling match.

An that's what a Lion win would be—a giant-size upset. West Virginia is currently rated the number two collegiate team around the nation with a 17-1 record. Its only loss was at the hands of the Duke Blue Devils, 72-68, at Durham, N.C. to end a 14-game Mountie win streak.

Until that time, West Virginia was rated the number one team in the country. It has lost no time in attempting to regain the honor, scoring three consecutive wins in easy fashion.

Comparing both squads on a man-to-man basis, a Lion upset looks as improbable as no rain in State College.

All five of West Virginia's starters are averaging 10 points or better per game.

Sophomore sensation Jerry West, called the best Mountie prospect since Hot Rod Hundley, leads West Virginia's devastating offense with a 17.3 average. Don Vincent follows with a 14.1 average. Lloyd Sharrar (12.7), Bob Smith (11.3) and Joey Gardner (10.8) complete the starting team.

These figures alone are evidence enough that the Mountaineers have probably the most well-balanced, high-scoring offensive attack in the collegiate game today.

Not so with Penn State, however. Only Bob Edwards, with a 14.0 average, and co-captain Ron Rainey, with a 13.9 average, better the 10-point mark.

Faced with obstacles such as this, Lion coach John Egli feels that the Lions' only chance of winning rests on their ability to slow down the Mountaineers' lightning-quick fast break.

To do this arduous task, Egli will call on a starting line-up that will read as follows: Co-captains Rainey and Steve Baidy, Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock and Wally Colender.

Egli returned Edwards to his old starting post because "he (Edwards) proved to me that he wanted to play." Edwards, who was setting a blazing pace in the early stages of the season, hit a midseason slump and was demoted to the second team.

However, as Egli put it: "He's about ready. He's been improving steadily defensively . . . he did a good rebounding job for me against Syracuse."

Asked about his club, Egli said: "We're ready. If we're not ready by now, the show's over." Well, it's curtain time tonight with a partisan audience in the stands. It may be very well described as an all-or-nothing contest—all to gain and nothing to lose.

Baseball Managers

Sophomores interested in becoming baseball second managers should sign up anytime this week at the Athletic Office in Recreation Hall or call Bill Wallis at AD 7-4557.

All candidates must have at least a 2.0 All-University average.

Little Lion Matmen

State College High School boasts one of the best wrestling teams in the state. The Little Lions, unbeaten for two years, are coached by former Penn State great Homer Barr. Barr was a 2-time Eastern heavyweight champion.



Jerry West . . . another Hundley?

Lions Decline Forfeit Offer From Panthers

The Penn State Athletic Department yesterday rejected an offer by Pittsburgh Athletic Director Tom Hamilton to accept a forfeit win in the Lion-Panther contest played here Jan. 25—a contest Pitt won, 71-64.

Pittsburgh officials were forced into making the offer to 11 of the 13 schools Pitt had beaten when it was discovered that varsity performer Dan Woznicki was ineligible for competition under Eastern Collegiate Conference rules.

The violated rule states that all varsity performers must complete their eligibility within five years after they enrolled. Woznicki is now in his sixth year at Pitt.

Dean Ernest B. McCoy, University Athletic Director, issued this statement: "We know that Pitt is innocent of any wrongdoing in this case and we wouldn't consider accepting the offer."

Coach John Egli supported the decision. Feeling that games should be won on the basketball floor, not over a rules table, he said: "It wasn't him that beat us. We beat ourselves. In fact, I didn't even realize that he was on the team."

Woznicki played no major role in the Panther win. Little Don Hennon, with 34 points, and Julius Pegues, with 20, were the Pitt high scorers.

Ogontz Vets Cop 1-Point Win in IM Basketball Action

The Ogontz Vets handed the Red Raiders a 35-34 defeat to highlight intramural basketball action at Recreation Hall Thursday evening. It was the first defeat of the season for the Red Raiders who now have a record of 5-1.

In the other close tilt of the night, the Spaniels edged the Linden Five, 28-26. In other independent encounters the Hoyas defeated the College Co-op, 34-24 and the Gnarps won over the K-Boys, 2-0; by forfeit.

In the fraternity loop, Phi Kappa Sigma beat Sigma Tau Gamma, 33-27; Alpha Sigma Phi won over Phi Kappa, 30-17; Sigma Alpha Epsilon trounced Phi Sigma Delta, 28-9; Pi Lambda Phi beat Phi Kappa Tau, 15-10; and Phi Gamma Delta defeated Delta Tau Delta 29-11.

Keg Tourney Entries Due Monday at Rec Hall Alley

Entries for the second annual University handicap bowling tournament will close Monday. The tournament will be held from Feb. 24 through March 2 at the Recreation Hall alleys.

The event is open to all University personnel active in local bowling leagues.

Rip Engle boasts eight consecutive winning seasons of winning football as head coach at Penn State.

Gymnastics Opens Long Home Stand

By MATT MATHEWS

The long wait for gymnastic followers ends at 2 p.m. today. That's the starting time for the opening home meet of the season and a month-long home stand for the Lion gymnasts.

Today's opponent is Syracuse. In preparation for the highly-regarded Orange team, Coach Gene Wettstone will display a "completely new team—line-up wise."

Tumbling is expected to be Syracuse's strongest event. The New Yorkers boast the top tumbler in the East in Lowell Meier and an excellent supporting star in George Satter. In last year's dual meet, both Meier and Satter defeated Lions' Dave Dulaney and Adie Stevens. And to add to Wettstone's problems, Stevens will not compete because of a recurring leg injury.

Taking Steven's place will be sophomore Lee Cunningham who will be competing on the mats for the first time this year.

But the tumbling trio has Graeme Cowan as the third member of the trio. The sophomore sensation has the best form of the Lion tumblers as confirmed by his scoring. His lowest was a 2.31 when he missed a full sommy (somersault) with a double twist—one of the most difficult stunts in tumbling. Cowan has placed first twice and third once.

Speedy tumbler Dave Dulaney will be the Lions' anchorman in the event. Dulaney has two firsts and a second in competition to date. Speaking of last year's loss to Syracuse, Dulaney said, "We (he and Stevens) just had a bad day last year. I hope I don't repeat Saturday."

An individual fight for first place honors looms between Lion ace Lee Cunningham and his high school nemesis Walt Dodge. Both are regarded as their team's best entry on the side horse and the horizontal bar.

In the Army meet last week, Cunningham defeated the Eastern champ on the side horse, Cadet Gar O'Quinn. Cunningham showed the crowd the highest pair of scissors (kicking both legs out to either side of the horse and as high into the air as possible) seen in Eastern circles for a long time.

But Cunningham has encountered particularly trying times in attempting to outscore his former teammate. Dodge has a particu-



Ray Pottios . . . seeks 1st victory

larly smooth dismount from the horse that ends with a full twist.

On the horizontal bar, Cunningham was beaten only once this year when he had a break in his routine at Army. His dismount is a real crowd-pleaser, a flying giant straddle. (See picture below).

Dodge uses a dangerous vault-cut-catch in which he shoots across the top of the bar after releasing his grip and catching himself on the other side of the bar. His dismount is a half-twisting sommy from a reverse giant swing.

Frank Donatelli and Dave Palmer will fill out the Lion spots on the side horse competing against Harry Michel and Ed Levine. Lou Savadove and Jay Werner will work the high bar for the Lions against Dodge, Meier and Walt Maier.

The rope climb promises to be the second toughest event for Wettstone's charges. Only Phil Mullen has a better time than Syracuse's top climbers, Jack Hall and Mike Shipley. Both of the Orangemen hit for :03.8 clockings in the nationals last year. No data is available on their times this year.

Bernie Parise completes the Syracuse trio. Vince Neuhauser and Don Littlewood will do the climbing for the Lions.

The parallel bars shape up as a fight between Lion captain Bob Fohrt, Jay Werner and Lou Savadove. Syracuse will go with Dick Novotny, powerful Ed Levine and Meier.

The reliable combination of ace Jay Werner, Ed Sidwell and Jack Donahue will oppose Novotny, Levine and Dodge on the flying rings, the final event of the day.

Incidentally, the meet will start at 2 p.m. and not at the hour mentioned on the winter sports schedule.

Lion Matmen Need Victory Over Orange

A victory is almost a necessity for Penn State's wrestling team this evening when it faces a veteran Syracuse squad at Recreation Hall.

The meet, the second portion of a Penn State sports triple-header today, will start at 7:00.

If the Lions win tonight, they will not only restore a little confidence in Penn State mat fans, but they will also avoid (for the time being, at least) what appears to be the first losing season in 11 years.

Coach Charlie Speidel's grapplers have only a win and a draw to show in five outings this season and with only two meets left after tonight's clash, a victory is necessary for a winning record.

Not since 1947, Speidel's first year in charge of the Lions after World War II, have Penn State's grapplers fallen below .500. That year they won 3 and lost 4.

The Nittanians only victim this season was weak Colgate, 17-9, and the draw was against Navy, 12-12.

Losses were to Lehigh, 23-8; Illinois, 19-8; and Cornell, 17-9.

Only one Lion is unbeaten to date and that's the captain and defending 130-pound Eastern and national champion, Johnny Johnston. Johnston owns a 5-0 record this winter and has a 2-year 13-match streak going for him tonight. He hasn't lost since three-time 123-pound NCAA titlist Ed Perry beat him by a point at Pitt last March.

Johnston has looked good in his five bouts but he has not been the most impressive Lion. That honor goes to 147-pound Earl Poust. Poust, a fast and deceptive wrestler, has a 4-1 mark—and even in his lone defeat (to Lehigh's unbeaten Dick Santoro) he has looked impressive.

Johnston and Poust will probably weigh in at their natural weights tonight (but don't bet on it). If so, Johnston will once again face that old vet George Creason and Poust will meet Bill Waples.

Johnston has met and beaten Creason twice before. In 1956, when both were sophomores, Johnston won a 10-3 decision at Rec Hall; and last year, the Lion ace whitewashed Creason, 6-0, up at Syracuse.

Poust will be facing Waples for the first time. However, in case he jumps up to 157 (which is not beyond reality when Speidel is concerned) he will take on Gordon Carberry whom he beat in last year's Eastern tournament.

No one except Speidel and his select few will know who will fill what positions in his starting array. However, in the past, Speidel has used a "standard" lineup only once.

But for what it's worth, here are last week's starters and their records: 123—Gordon Danks (0-3); 130—John Johnston (5-0); 147—Earl Poust (4-1); 157—Sam Minor (1-3-1); 167—George Gray (1-3-1); 177—Hank Barone (0-1); and Hwt.—Ray Pottios (0-4).

Danks, Barone and Pottios hold the key to a Lion win. Danks and Pottios have looked rather listless in their matches, but a complete reversal of form tonight would almost guarantee a Penn State victory.

Barone, on the other hand, will be making only his second start of the season. But if he can do as well tonight as last week, Syracuse will be in for a rough time.

Possible Starting Lineup:

PENN STATE	SYRACUSE	
Danks	123	Carlin
Johnston	130	Creason
Guccione	137	Austin
Poust	147	Waples
Minor	157	Carberry
Gray	167	Marphy
Barone	177	White
Pottios	Hwt.	Beneath



Lee Cunningham

. . . flying dismount from the high bar

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