

Cagers Host Bucknell

Game Last Of Season At Rec Hall

The Penn State basketball team makes its final home appearance of the 1957-58 season tonight when it tangles with the Bucknell Bisons on the Recreation Hall center court.

The game will start immediately after the Bison-Lion frosh contest, which starts at 6:15 p.m.

The contest also marks the final home basketball appearance for Lion co-captains Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy—the only seniors on the current club.

Both are three-year lettermen and have held starting positions for the past two years. As usual, both will be in the Lion starting lineup tonight.

Joining Rainey and Baidy in the starting lineup will be juniors Bob Edwards and Tom Hancock and sophomore Wally Colender.

For the Lions, the contest has one purpose of utmost importance—to get them over the .500 mark for the third time this season and on the road to a winning record once again. The cagers are 7-7 on the season with five games—counting tonight's—remaining. The last four are on the road.

For Bucknell, however, the game has no such purpose. The Bisons are 11-8 on the season and seem fairly certain of finishing with a winning margin. But, Bucknell and Penn State are strong basketball rivals and a Bison victory would only add to the pleasantness of that winning year.

The Bison offense is led by two veterans—6-6 Hal Danzig and 6-9 Ellis Harley. Danzig, who led the Bison scorers as a sophomore last year, is again their top scorer with over 300 points to his credit. And he doesn't stop there, either. He also tops the Bisons in rebounds.

Harley, also a junior, is second in scoring with 237 points. He was hampered by a sprained ankle for the past two weeks but is expected to be ready for tonight's contest.

Senior John Strizzi, junior Jack Flanagan and sophomore Tommy Thompson are expected to complete the Bison starting lineup.

Both clubs lost their last ball-games. The Lions almost upset the dopesters in losing to West Virginia, 71-74, while the Bisons never came close in losing to Carnegie Tech, 61-50, at Pittsburgh Saturday night.

From the home angle, fans will get their last look—from the stands, that is—at the individual scoring race being waged by Rainey and Edwards for Lion honors this year.

Rainey, last year's top Nittany marksman, grabbed the lead post for the first time this season with his 20-point effort against the Mountaineers. He has an even 200 points to his credit.

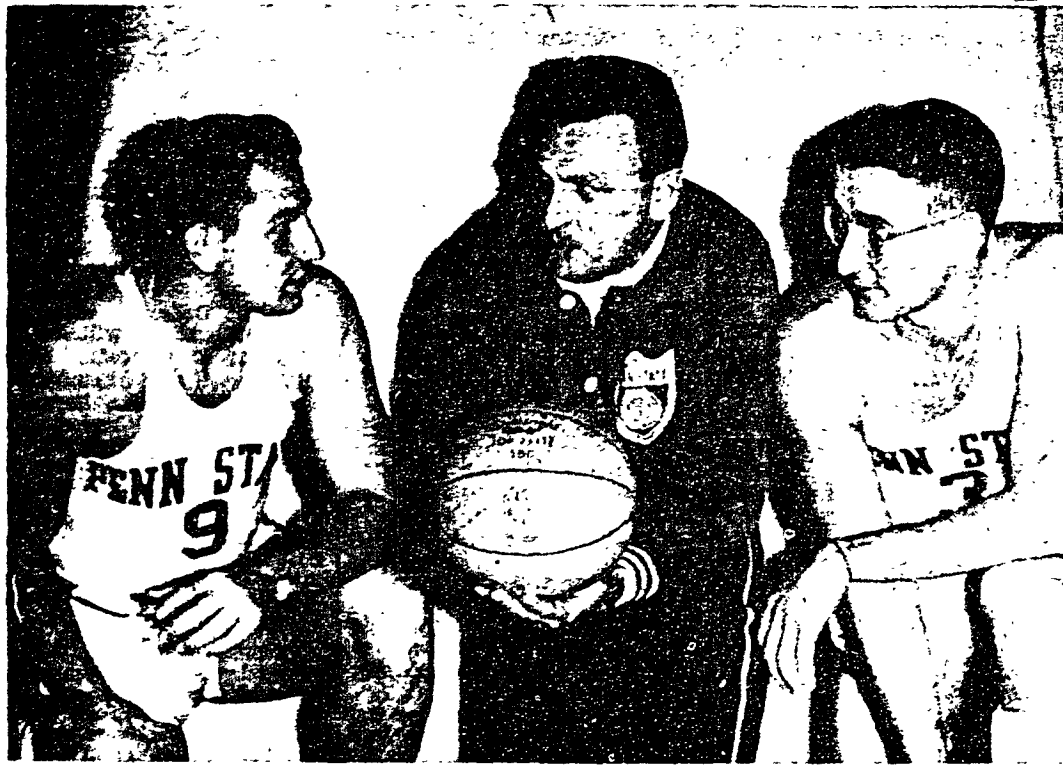
Edwards, who finished a close second last year, lost his season-long lead when he hit for 12 against the Mounties. He now totals 194 points.

Both players were plagued by slumps this year. Rainey had his in the very early portion of the season while Edwards' came around midseason.

The Bisons and the Lions will have one more meeting this year. Penn State ends its season with a March 5 engagement with the Bisons—this time at Lewisburg.

The clubs played on a home-and-home basis last year with the Nittanics winning here and bowing at Lewisburg. In fact, that's the way the record went in the 1955-56 season.

Both teams are going for a complete script change this year with the first instalment of that "new" script on the line tonight. Only in this effort, there are no actors—just basketball players.



CO-CAPTAINS STEVE BAIDY (l) AND RON RAINEY (r) contemplating the last home game with Coach John Egli.

Frosh Host Bucknell in Home Finale

By DON CASCIATO
Penn State's freshman basketball team seeks its third win of the season when it meets the Bucknell frosh cagers at 6:15 tonight in Recreation Hall.

Frosh Coach Don Swegan thinks his cagers are improved despite many hindrances at practice sessions.

The sessions are sometimes limited to 15 minutes due to players having late classes.

Biff Naylor, Jon Musser, Mark Dumars, John Stanford and Bill Funk are slated for starting roles against the Bison frosh. The Bucknell squad will enter the game with an 8-4 won-lost record. Swegan expects the visitors to work off a single and double pivot on offense and a man to man type defense.

The Nittany Cubs will enter the contest with a height disadvantage—the Bisons boast three 6'4" starters. Swegan is also concerned with a lack of depth due to player losses at mid-year.

This game will mark the last home appearance of the season for Dumars, Stanford, Musser, and company. The Frosh cagers will have games with Pittsburgh and Bucknell on the road before the season comes to a close.

Two erstwhile Penn State basketball coaches, John Lawther and Elmer Gross, still remain on campus as teachers and administrators.

Kansas State Tops Cage Poll; Cincy Grabs 2nd from W. Va.

By HUGH FULLERTIN JR.
The Associated Press

A lot of enthusiastic voters hopped on the Cincinnati bandwagon today after the Bearcats had shown they could handle a couple of tough rivals. But the weight of numbers still favored Kansas State for top ranking in the weekly Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters.

Kansas State, which snatched the national lead from West Virginia a week ago, remained on top this week by the extremely slim margin of nine points.

Cincinnati actually drew more votes for first and second places than Kansas State. But there was more general support for the Wildcats, who picked up enough points in the balloting for third and fourth and a few scattered spoils farther down the list to hold first place in the

point scoring. Points are awarded on the basis of 10 for each first place vote, nine for second, etc., down to one for 10th. Cincinnati was first on 37 of 121 ballots and Kansas State on 33. The Bearcats also were ahead 33-30 in the second place voting, but Kansas State gained from there on down. The final count was Kansas State 980, Cincinnati 971.

At least it was close enough that Cincinnati almost was voted another "Oscar" to go with its brilliant sophomore, Oscar Robertson.

West Virginia, beaten only once in 21 starts this season, slid back to third place in the rankings with 27 first place votes and 859 points.

Last week Cincinnati beat Bradley, second in the Missouri Valley Conference, 94-77, then stopped Oklahoma State, which has switched from that league to the Big Eight, 71-59.

Kansas State meanwhile turned back Colorado, 68-62, for its 17th victory in 18 starts. West Virginia racked up three victories but two were rather soft touches.

Oklahoma State's loss to Cincinnati dropped the Cowpokes from sixth to eighth in the rankings as Temple and Duke moved up. Maryland lost its place in the top ten to Notre Dame after a triple-overtime loss to North Carolina State.

After the first three, the top-10 order was this: Kansas, San Francisco, Temple, Duke, Oklahoma State, North Carolina State and Notre Dame. Dayton, winner of its last 12 games, barely missed a first 10 spot.

Notre Dame, improving steadily this season, impressed the voters with an 89-70 victory over last year's national champion, North Carolina. Temple ran its victory string to 17 straight, beating LaSalle and George Washington.

IM Mat Entries Due Tuesday At Rec Hall

Entries for the Intramural wrestling tournament are due by 4:30 Tuesday afternoon in the IM office at Recreation Hall. The entry fee is 25 cents per man.

The tourney, which will start about March 12, is expected to have eight weight classes for both the fraternity and independent divisions. However, if fewer than eight men register for any one class in either division, that class will be dropped from that division.

An organization may enter only one contestant in each weight class but may have three alternates. Alternates do not have to specify a weight class and may wrestle as substitutes for any of the regular entries.

'Sinkers' Lose 1st in Cage

Be on time. Failure to adhere to this old rule gave the Sinkers their first intramural cage loss via the forfeit route Monday night at Recreation Hall.

The Night Riders won the forfeit for their fifth win, 2-0. The Sinkers apparently thought the contest was to begin at 9:25. The Wildcats now lead Independent League D with a 6-0 record.

In the fraternity circuit, Alpha Sigma Phi also put an undefeated record on the line, but they emerged victorious, as they defeated Phi Delta Theta, 36-18.

In other fraternity games, Delta Sigma Phi defeated Phi Sigma Kappa, 37-26; Phi Mu Delta won over Phi Epsilon Pi, 29-22; Chi Phi walloped Alpha Gamma Rho, 32-9 and Omega Psi Phi, beat Pi Kappa Alpha, 2-0 by forfeit.

The McElwain Men edged the Bullets, 18-17; the Terrapins won over Hamilton-B, 35-26; and the Bruins defeated the Greensmokers, 2-0 by forfeit. In independent

ball, the leading individual scorer of the night was Bob Toney, Phi Mu Delta, with 16 points. Harry Wilson, Terrapins, 15; Dick Ferrari, Alpha Sigma Phi, 15; Dick Lippe, Phi Epsilon Pi, 11; Richie Lucas, Phi Delta Theta, 10, and Bill Scatcherd, Delta Sigma Phi, 10, were other scoring pace setters.

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