

Lions Face 'Must Win' At Syracuse Tonight

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SYRACUSE, N.Y.—Faced with what may very well be insurmountable odds, Penn State lays its hopes of a winning season clearly on the line here tonight when it tests the Syracuse basketeers in the first of a two-game weekend card.

The Lions journey tomorrow night to Hamilton, N.Y. for a return engagement with the Colgate Red Raiders.

Penn State carries a 7-8 record into tonight's contest and a loss to the Orange will almost certainly put the cagers in the red when the season ends. A win, although not guaranteeing a winning record, will still keep the chance open—and the Lions know it.

Coach John Egli's team finds itself in this unenviable situation because of a lethargic performance Wednesday night in a 63-56 loss to Bucknell.

In that game, the Lions looked nothing at all like the team which gave West Virginia—the number two team in the nation—a run for its money Saturday night at Recreation Hall.

The Bisons outplayed the Lions most of the way and, with the exception of one or two brief Penn State spurts, were never in any serious danger of being overtaken. The contest had Lions fans wondering how a team could look so entirely different from one game to the next.

Egli, himself, is wondering a bit. However, he said he did expect a letdown for the Bucknell game. "You couldn't expect those kids to play another game like that (West Virginia) . . . they worked themselves hard to be ready for that one and they were."

Now, the situation looks bleak. Everyone knows that the Lions will have to be at their best to win these four remaining games—or even the three necessary for that winning season.

To make the situation worse, Penn State has not beaten both Syracuse and Colgate on their home courts in the same year for the past six seasons. Last year, the Lions nipped Colgate but in turn were nipped by Syracuse.

That's what faces Egli and company this weekend. In hopes of getting the Nittanians off on the right foot, Egli will call on co-



John Egli . . . he's got problems

captains Steve Baidy and Ron Rainey, Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock and Wally Colender to start. This is the same starting team Egli has used in the past two Lion games.

Tonight's contest is a return engagement for both clubs. Penn State edged the Orange, 68-60, in a Feb. 12 encounter at Recreation Hall. That, incidentally, was the last Lion victory.

Syracuse Coach Marc Guley is expected to counter with his regular starting lineup of Larry Loudis, Hal Noyes, Jon Cincibox, Ed Goldberg and Bruce Schmelzer.

Syracuse, 6-8, on the season, has had only one game since the first Lion meeting, a winning effort over Colgate last Saturday here at Syracuse.

Moran Runs 3/4 Mile In Blazing 3:01.0

Junior Ed Moran set a new unofficial Penn State record for three-quarters of a mile on the Recreation Hall track with a blazing 3:01.0 in practice Wednesday afternoon.

The former record of 3:01.9 was set by 1948 track captain Gerry Karver, holder of the Lion outdoor record of 4:11.6

Karver also won the IC4-A indoor and outdoor mile titles in 1947 and 1948 and the N.C.A.A. mile championship in 1948.

Moran appears to be the top Nittany prospect for the IC4-A meet at Madison Square Garden on March 1. Varsity track coach Chick Werner has indicated that he will use the Kane speedster in either the 1000 or the mile at the New York meet.

Moran has been defeated only once so far this winter when he coasted to a second place behind team mate Bill Schwab in the 1000-yard run against Army. Also against the Cadets Moran won the mile in 4:20.4 and anchored the two-mile relay with a fast 1:53 half-mile.

Against the Navy, Moran won the 1000, the mile and anchored the winning two-mile relay team.

In the two-mile relay race at the Millrose games two weeks ago, he turned in his best performance to date, running the final 880 leg in 1:51.6—just .6 of a second off the unofficial world's record for 880 with a standing start.

Moran's next appearance for the Lions will be in Saturday's dual meet with Ohio State at Columbus.



Moran

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Ilsa Konrads Sets Swimming Marks

MELBOURNE, Feb. 20 (AP)—Despite a heavy cold, Ilsa Konrads, 13, clipped 1.5 seconds off her world records for 880 yards and 800 meters tonight in winning the Australian women's free-style swimming championship.

The slender, Latvian-born blond won by 60 yards in the 880-yard race half-mile with a time of 10 minutes, 16.2 seconds. En route, the youngster also bettered her 800-meter 875 yards record in 10:09.6.

That made a total of 12 World record performances during the championships in the 55-yard Olympic Pool.



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Dean Tennyson, Sigma Chi, Kappa, 3-1, to retain its slight first place edge over the dead-locked second place teams, Delta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Delta Chi blanked Delta Theta Sigma to register the only shut-out for the evening while TKE defeated Phi Kappa Psi, 3-1, to produce the second place tie. Delta Tau Delta and Theta Chi beat Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Epsilon Pi respectively by 3-1 scores to complete the circuit. Phi Epsilon Pi downed Phi play.



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