

Lion Cagers Finish Tonight with Bisons

By VINCE CAROCCI
Sports Editor

The Penn State basketball team goes out for revenge when it meets the tough Bucknell Bisons in its season's finals tonight at Lewisburg.

The varsity encounter will start immediately after the Lion-Bison freshman tilt. Why the revenge? Well, Bucknell topped the Lions, 63-56, in their first meeting of the

season. To add insult to injury, it was the first time in 10 years that a Bison five beat Penn State at Recreation Hall.

The contest also marks the close of their collegiate cage careers for two Lion seniors. Co-Captains Steve Baidy and Ron Rainey—the only two graduation losses on the current club.

Both Rainey and Baidy are three-year lettermen for Coach John Egli. And from what he said, he's sorry to lose them. "We'll certainly miss 'em . . . they're fighters. For four years, they've always given all they've got," said he.

Turning from co-captains to Bucknell, Egli said: "They have a better club than most people realize." The record certainly bears him out. Since that victory over Penn State, the Bisons have defeated Lafayette, 67-57, Gettysburg, 80-58, and Lehigh, 72-60, to boost their record to a very respectable 14-8.

"That's a better record than some of the NIT (National Invitation Tourney) teams have," Egli pointed out.

Asked on his feelings about finishing the season at Bucknell—where the Bisons have been recognized in the past to be at their best—Egli said: "I'd soon as finish at Bucknell as I would at North Carolina State or Pitt."

The Lions entering the game will carry a 8-10 record. But Egli—and others associated with the team—does not feel that this is truly indicative of the cagers' strength.

"We've been in some tough ballgames . . . some real close ones," he said. "Our opponents this year have been better than they have ever been in the past 10 years." Teams such as Temple, Pitt, West Virginia, North Carolina State, Bucknell and Penn—to name only a few—should substantiate his claim.

For tonight's game, Egli is expected to go with Rainey, Baidy, Bob Edwards, Wally Colender and Tom Hancock in his starting lineup.

Hay Leads Vets To Bowling Win

Bill Hay led the Vets to the only shutout in Independent League A Monday night by bowling both the high league single game of 223 and the high series of 544.

In other league action McKee beat RAR, the Bruins downed Ten Pins, Nittany 34 defeated the Hucksters and the Capitalists won over the Hamilton Hornets—all by 3-1 scores.

The Gutterballers and the Zeros defeated the Darkhorses and the Twenty plus Three club by 3-1 scores, respectively, to remain tied for the League B lead. The AUB's shut out the Peanuts, 4-0, the Brats edged WDFM, 3-1, and Jordan II tied the Aces, 2-2, to end play for the evening.

Bill Hollenback, former Pennsylvania all-America fullback, was Penn State's first full-time football coach in 1909.



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Rainey, Baidy End Lion Cage Careers

By CARMELLA LoSPADA

Basketball co-captains Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy will be making their last joint effort for basketball coach John Egli tonight when the Lion basketball team finishes its season at Bucknell.

Rainey, who lives in Johnstown, learned to throw a ball through the hoops when he was in fourth grade. In fact, Ron's dad, who was quite an athlete himself, was his first teacher; and when Ron and his two older brothers played together, the Rainey boys were tough to beat.

Baidy began his basketball career back in junior high school in Williamsport. Since Steve is the second oldest of five boys, this made it quite convenient for the Baidy brothers to form a team of their own.

While in high school, Rainey and Baidy were all-around athletes and each co-captained their respective teams to the most successful basketball seasons in the history of their schools.

In Rainey's senior year, Johnstown High School's basketball team posted a 26-1 record and won the District VI title. Their lone loss came at the hands of the eventual State champion, Farrell, in the western Pennsylvania title game. Rainey won All-State honorable mention.

In Baidy's senior year, Williamsport's basketball team finished the season with a 22-3 log and captured the District IV crown. Baidy was selected to the All-State first team.

When asked what was the toughest team they faced while

playing for State, both said simultaneously North Carolina State—one of the top teams in the nation last year.

"Rainbow" Rainey, who set a Penn State record last year when he sunk 33 straight foul shots in nine games, named All-Americans Guy Rodgers and Hal Lear of Temple and West Virginia's Hot Rod Hundley as his toughest opponents, Baidy also named Lear and Hundley but added Colgate's Jack Nichols as the best players he has faced.

According to Rainey and Baidy, their most unusual experience at Penn State was during last year's season. It started at Philadelphia's Palestra on a Friday night when the Lions were beaten by the University of Pennsylvania, a team they had trounced earlier in the year. The following night they were scheduled to play mighty West Virginia on the home court. The Mounties, led by the fabulous Hundley, was expected to crush the Blue and White by a large margin. However, the Lions played their best game of the season and upset West Virginia, handing the Mountaineers their fourth loss in 25 games.

In addition to their basketball prowess, Baidy and Rainey also find time to play on Penn State's baseball team. Third baseman Baidy and leftfielder Rainey played an important part in making the Nittany Lions the number two team in the country last year.

These two-year veterans will be back again this season to aid Coach Joe Bedenk in his quest

for another Eastern championship.



Baidy



Rainey

Frosh Cagers Seek Fourth Win Tonight

By DON CASCIATO

Penn State's freshman basketball team, owning a 3-3 record, will travel to Lewisburg tonight to play the Bucknell frosh in the Nittany Cubs' season finale.

The Nittany Cubs will be in quest of a winning record and a second victory over a Bison team. They defeated Bucknell, 71-46, at Recreation Hall two weeks ago.

Frosh mentor Don Swegan said, "We won't beat Bucknell if we play the same way we did against the Pitt Frosh, Saturday. That was our worst game of the year. We were weak on the rebounds, they outthrustled us, we lapsed on defense and our shooting was off."

"DuMars was the only threat we had and he was off on his shooting. John Stanford's services were definitely missed. Gross was fairly good—he made the first eight points, but then tired. Bob Mintz looked good and hustled when he was put in the game," Swegan added.

Penn State cage fans can expect a line-up shake-up for tonight's tilt. The only sure starters are Mark "The Magician" DuMars and Bill Gross. The other posts will have to be filled by three of the following: Biff Naylor, Bill Funk, Jon Musser, Dick Dibert, Bob Mintz, Ron Davis, Dick Whitteker and John Stanford.

The starting five will depend on the outcome of yesterday's practice session. Swegan may not decide on a starting five until game time.

The Little Lions will be up against the same problems they have been faced with all season. The tall men—Gross, Naylor and Musser—must come through. There will also be the problem of depth. If several of the Nittany Cubs run into foul trouble, the



Mark DuMars . . . the Frosh Magician

Frosh may be in danger. Swegan said, "Either the big men must produce or I will use smaller men who will hustle. We can win if we hustle."

The Bisons, who lost their first tilt two weeks ago at University Park will be after revenge. The frosh cagers will have to hold the Bisons' main scoring threats, Dave Evans and Lou Slife, if they are to bring home a 4-3 record and a winning season.

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