

Lions at Syracuse Saturday for 1st Triple Header

Winter sports are doing things in triplicate this weekend as the "Big Three" travel to Syracuse. The Saturday triple-header will be the first of two straight such events. On the following weekend, the wrestlers, gymnasts and cagers will again move out in mass—this time for Pittsburgh.

(In case you're looking at the

Winter Sports Schedule, we remind you that through a mutual agreement the sites of the Panther-Lion basketball games were interchanged. The reason given that the Pitt fans wanted to hold a "Don Hennon Night" on Feb. 28.)

But the immediate opponent for the trio of sports is Syracuse.

The only team that lost its last outing with an Orange unit is the wrestlers. Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen won

only two bouts and drew a third with the Big Orange last year in Recreation Hall. They lost, 21-8.

Gene Wettstone's gymnasts fared better with the Piety-men as they won, 67½-28½. The Lions won all six events with four of these winners remaining on this year's unit—Jay Werner on high bar and rings, Dave Dulaney in tumbling and Lee Cunningham on the side horse.

In contrast to the Lions who lost few important competitors

via graduation (as a matter of fact, they gained one in Armando Vega) the Orange G-men lost 1957 Eastern tumbling champion Lowell Meier and all-around performer Walt Dodge. Meier and Dodge personally accounted for over half of Syracuse's points.

Without them, the Orangemen have lost all four their meets to date and are not expected to give Wettstone's crew a tough time.

The basketball team has had the most recent—and satisfy-

ing—encounter with a Syracuse squad. Earlier this month they defeated the Orange in Rec Hall by an 81-72 count.

But the cagers had two things going for them that night. They had a home court advantage and they played their "best game" of the year.

On their way to Syracuse, Coach John Egli and company will stop off at Colgate for a warmup tomorrow night. They also whipped the Red Raiders in their Rec Hall meeting, 78-54.

Cagers Open Road Trip Against Colgate Friday

Faced with the heaviest part of its schedule, the Penn State basketball team travels to Hamilton, N.Y., Friday night for a rematch with the Red Raiders of Colgate.

The Colgate game marks the first of five games which will be played in 10 days by Coach John Egli's boys. Saturday night the Nittanians play Syracuse on the latter's floor.

Following the Syracuse game the Nittanians come home for a Tuesday night tilt with Lehigh at Rec Hall. They play host to Carnegie Tech next Friday night and travel to Pitt the next day.

The Lions close out the season a week later against Bucknell at Lewisburg.

The Nittanians will take an 8-6 log into the weekend series. Earlier this year they beat Colgate (78-54) and Syracuse (81-72) at Rec Hall.

"Both teams are always tough on their home floors and we'll be in for a rough time, even though



Tom Hancock ... leading rebounder

scoring lead as the Lions go into the final part of the campaign. Unofficial statistics show him with 233 points in 14 games, for an average of 16.5 points per game.

Backcourt running mate Wally Colender is in second place with 220 points, for a 15.7 average. Bob Edwards is next with a 12.7 average and Ted Kubista, who is sidelined for the season with a hair-line ankle fracture, has 124 points in 10 games for a 12.4 average.

DuMars is the team leader in assists, while Tom Hancock has pulled down 138 rebounds to lead in that department.

BASKETBALL BANTER—Syracuse has won only one game since its meeting with the Lions Feb. 7. . . . They beat Colgate, 97-79 Saturday night. . . . Look for Bucknell to play in one of the post-season tournaments. . . . Navy lost a tough one to Duke at Durham on Saturday, 64-63. . . . Edwards' knee is still giving him a little trouble but he probably will start against Colgate.

we beat both teams," cautioned Egli. Mark DuMars still holds the

Causes Many Surprises--

Doc's Juggling Act Seen Every Week

One of these days the United Jugglers Union will have to bestow some kind of award upon Penn State's talented wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel.

The crafty Lion tutor surely deserves some recognition for that juggling act he performs on the Nittany matmen's starting lineup every week.

Speidel has been working his juggling routine for a good many years now—switching his men up and down the weight scale or inserting a surprise starter here and there.

But this season, Speidel's act seems to be more frequent and more surprising. In six meets, Speidel has used 13 different men in the eight starting spots. And seven of those men have wrestled in at least two different weight divisions.

Take last week's meet with Maryland: out of the eight starters, only five had seen action in the previous week's engagement with Cornell. And one of those men, junior Hank Barone, dropped all the way down from the 177-pound class against Cornell to the 157-pound division for Maryland. Just for the record, Ba-

rone also had wrestled at 167 (against Lehigh).

The "newcomers" to the lineup for Maryland included Don Wilson, 123, Guy Guccione, 137, and Joe Haines, 177. But all of them had started in at least one previous meet—and Wilson had been considered a regular.

Barone's entry at 157 and Guccione's insertion at 137 for unbeaten Dan Johnston in the Maryland affair have been the biggest surprises that Speidel has pulled. Barone had tied two of the East's top wrestlers at 177 in his last two outings, but Speidel pushed him down to 157 for the Terps. He came through brilliantly, by pinning his man, breaking State's 52-match pin drought.

The replacement of Guccione for Johnston was even more surprising. For Johnston, who was unbeaten with a 5-0 mark, had been the Lions' most consistent (and best) wrestler. But in pre-meet drills last week, Guccione eliminated Johnston and earned the starting berth.

With the aforementioned figures and examples in hand, it is safe to assume that Speidel will be performing his juggling act once again this weekend when the Lions meet Syracuse.



SPEIDEL

3 Coast Colleges Propose Direct Aid to Athletes

EUGENE, Ore (AP)—Northern division schools, left with a dying Pacific Coast Conference on their hands when other colleges withdrew, turned Wednesday toward a program of outright financial aid to athletes.

The University of Oregon's athletic director, Leo Harris, said the program has been approved in principle by the university, but details still were to be worked out.

Oregon State and Washington State also were expected to do away with labor programs.

The old requirement of so many hours of work in exchange for board, room, tuition and books will be dropped.

TKE Scores Sixth Victory To Tie ACR in League 'D'

With Lou Troutman's nine counter effort leading the way, Tau Kappa Epsilon hit for its sixth straight victory in Fraternity League "D" Intramural basketball by edging Beta Theta Pi, 21-18.

This win places the Tekes on an even par with Alpha Chi Rho, which also boasts a 6-0 record.

Paul Beehee swished the nets for 21 counters as Delta Upsilon romped to a 40-14 victory over Sigma Tau Gamma in League "E".


In other fraternity games, Phi Delta Theta downed Zeta Beta Tau, 32-26; Phi Epsilon Pi stopped Omega Psi Phi, 29-17; and Sigma Pi whipped Phi Kappa Tau, 47-20.

In independent play, the Thun-

derbirds, led by Bob Mugford's 15-point scoring effort, handed the Huskies their second defeat in eight starts, giving the Thunderbirds undisputed first place in League "A".

In other independent games, the 22 Tigers whopped Nittany 26, 31-14, and the Tribe eked past the Chuckles, 26-25.

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