

Play Red Raiders Tonight

Cagers Seeking Important Wins

The difference between a possible winning or losing season hangs in the balance this weekend as the Lion cagers travel to upstate New York for games with Colgate and Syracuse.

The Nittanians open the crucial series tonight at Hamilton against old-rival Colgate and then travel to Syracuse Saturday for an encounter with the Orangemen.

The Lions played both teams earlier this season and came out on top both times, beating Colgate, 78-54, and Syracuse, 81-72.

The Nittanians will carry an 8-6 record into the weekend series. A double win or a split would practically assure John Egli's crew of a winning season. But a double loss might turn things the other way.

After this weekend, the Lions have four games remaining. Two are at home—Lehigh Tuesday night and Carnegie Tech Friday night. The other two, Pitt next Saturday and Bucknell March 7, are away.

The Lions lost to Bucknell at home earlier this year and will be in for a tough time on the Bison's court. And it is well known that Pitt is always tough on its home floor.

The Lions have been rated favorites for the two home games. Thus the games this weekend are very important.

The two-day trip has always given the Blue & White trouble and has been the difference between winning and losing seasons in previous years.

Last season the Lions invaded New York with a 7-8 record but lost all chances for a winning season as they dropped both games.

The Lions are in better physical shape for tonight's encounter than they have been for some time.

Bob Edwards, who only saw limited action against Rutgers last week, is expected to be back in the starting lineup against the Red Raiders. He injured his knee against Navy 10 days ago, but the injury has responded to treatment very nicely.

Mark DuMars, who had a sore elbow due to a fall in practice, was also pronounced fit and should be able to go at top speed.

DuMars and Edwards will be in the Lion starting lineup tonight along with Wally Colender, Paul Sweetland and Tom Hancock.

Colgate Coach Howard Hartman has been having plenty of trouble this year as his team has



Bob Edwards ... returns to lineup

been plagued with inexperience. Its record so far is 7-10.

Hartman has been going along with a starting lineup of sophs Ken Norum and Tom Jackson, juniors Larry Ludd and Art Brandon and senior Charley Hagenah.

Hagenah is the man to watch on the Colgate squad. The Red Raider captain is a solid all-around performer and is a top scorer as evidenced by his 37-point outburst against Syracuse last week.

Speaking of the Orangemen, who host the Lions Saturday, things haven't been going well at all. They have a record of 9-9 thus far—which is below par for them.

However, since their loss to the Lions at Rec Hall two weeks ago, they have won two of three games. They lost to Manhattan but beat Colgate and Connecticut. —By SANDY PADWE

3 New Gridiron Foes

Penn State will meet three new football opponents in 1959. Missouri is scheduled for the first time, Illinois returns after a five year lapse, and Colgate is back after an 11 year absence.

Sophomore-Studded Syracuse Hosts Lion Matmen Tomorrow

Syracuse will field quite a different wrestling team against Penn State tomorrow than the one which beat the Lions, 21-8, last winter.

Last year, Coach Joe Scandura had a heavily experienced outfit, featuring seven two-year veterans in the starting lineup. But the current Orange matmen are almost as green as can be whet with only one letterman returning.

Most of Scandura's starting lineup is made up of sophomores—five or six, depending on who goes at 130-pounds. But the mainstay of the team is the sole veteran—junior captain Les Austin.

Austin, who wrestles at 137, has never been beaten in his collegiate dual meet career. He was 6-0 as a freshman, 8-0 last year, and 7-0-1 thus far

this season. The only defeat in his three years of competition was by Lehigh's erstwhile 137-pound Eastern champion Joe Gratto in the semi-finals of last winter's EIWA tournament.

Another Lehigh man—Leon Harbold—pinned that other mar on Austin's record, a 9-9 draw earlier this year.

Scandura feels that Austin is one of the best lightweight wrestlers in the nation. "I wish I had eight guys like him," Scandura said recently. "He's a real hard worker and is a good influence and great example for the rest of the boys."

Scandura also feels that Austin could win the EIWA title this year. "I think that Les, Art Baker and Harry Pollock have the best possibilities of gaining a crown," he said.

"They are all good wrestlers."

Baker and Pollock are two of the six yearlings in Scandura's lineup. Baker, a former two-time Pennsylvania state champion, goes at heavyweight and Pollock is listed at 167 or 177.

Baker owns a 4-0 record, including a win via fall over Army's All-American footballer Bob Novogratz. Pollock is 5-0-2 with one of his draws coming against Pitt's 1957 157-pound National champion Tom Alberts, 1-1.

Other sophomores in Syracuse's lineup include Neil Hays at 123, Howie Mayer or George Stevens at 130, Joe Matisak at 157, and John Wynne at 167 or 177. Juniors John Butterfield at 147 and Ray Kayne, a possible starter at 130, round out the Orange's lineup. —by LOU PRATO

Chamberlain Slated For Warriors

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain is in the bag for the Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball Assn. for next season, it was intimated yesterday.

Owner Eddie Gottlieb of the Warriors laughed out loud at a report from Minneapolis Wednesday night that Minneapolis promoter Max Winter will head a new NBA franchise at the Chicago Stadium with Chamberlain a member of the team.

Pressed to clear the air on the status of Chamberlain, Gottlieb admitted that he had talked with Wilt and with Abe Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globe Trotters for whom Chamberlain now is playing.

While Gottlieb didn't actually say it, his tone and obvious confidence indicated that Chamberlain, Saperstein and the Philadelphia owner had a meeting of the minds although no contract was signed.

The Warriors actually won't draft Chamberlain until next month's NBA player selection meeting. It's a foregone conclusion Gottlieb will take the big fellow as his top choice. Gottlieb obtained rights to the highly publicized former Kansas All-American under a high school territorial rule passed by the NBA some four years ago.

Davis Injured As Buckeyes Await Lions

News emanating from the Ohio State campus brought mixed emotions to Nittany Lion track fans as the Blue and White boardmen prepared for their last duel meet of the season against the Buckeyes.

Two-time world record holder, Glenn Davis reinjured his

back and may be unable to compete against the Lions. But Buck sprinter Lee Williams filled in surprisingly, taking two firsts and a second for 14 points and high scoring honors, as the Ohioans thumped Michigan State, 65-40, last Saturday.

Ailing sprinter Dave McEachern, the Buckeyes' number 2 man behind Davis, is also a doubtful starter, but Williams' performance indicates that they may not be sorely missed.

Bob Brown, along with Jim O'Connor, and George Metzgar, will draw the starting assignment against Williams in the 60-yard dash. Brown won the event at Army last week but his time was 6.5 while Williams clicked off a 6.3. Two Bucks leaped 6½ feet in the high jump against the Spartans but fortunately for the Nittanians they will not be jumping this week. Both Howie Nourse and Dick Furry will be returning to their regular duties on the basketball team. John Fariera, who has been

nursing an injured instep, will jump for Chick Werner's aggregation.

Ohio State completely dominated every running event except the mile and two-mile run against Michigan State. They took first and second in the 440; first and third in the high hurdles and the dash; and first in the 880, low hurdles and the mile relay.

The Bucks are loaded in the field events, even without their basketball players. They have three good shot putters, a 13' 8" pole vaulter, and two 22-foot plus broad jumpers. The Buckeyes' one weakness (Continued on page eight)



BROWN

Butcher Wins Freestyle--

Doubtful Dolphin Swimmers Triumph

In Intramural Swimming action last night, The Doubtful Dolphins took The Knights by a score of 24 - 16. The Dolphins amassed three first places in the freestyle, breaststroke and the relay. They also tied for first in diving.

In the freestyle John Butcher of the Dolphins took first with a time of 37.3 seconds. The other two places were taken by Dick Ahlers and Jim McGoff of the Knights.

Tom Witfield scored the Knights only first place by winning the Backstroke in 51.1 seconds. Second and third were Ed Oden and Gary Patterson of the Dolphins.

The breaststroke was won by Tom McMullen of the Dolphins in 46.2 seconds. Second was Leland Lantz of the Knights. Tied for third were Tom Bryer of the Knights and Barry Sulzbacher of the Dolphins.

In the diving event, Lantz of the Knights and Johnson for the Dolphins tied for first with a 10.8 score. Both men scored a 2.4 in their front dive, and 4.2 in their back and optional dives. Third was taken by Patterson of the Dolphins with an 8.9.

The outcome of the meet was not decided until the last event—the relay. The score was 19-16 in favor of the Dolphins when

the Dolphins relay team—Dick Eppinger, Barry Sulzbacher, John Johnson, and Gary Patterson—beat the Knights—Doug Leighton, Don Davis, Tom Bryer, Jim McGoff.

In other Intramural Swimming action, two teams won forfeit victories as McKee III beat Nittany 36 and The Guppies won over Thompson IV.

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