

Soph Battle Expected In Gymnasts Will Open Lion-Purdue Cage Tilt

Hoping to bring home their first victory of the 1959 basketball campaign, Penn State's Nittany Lions meet Purdue in Lafayette, Ind. tonight in what could turn out to be a battle between some green sophomores.

"I really think we can take this one," said Lion coach John Egli. "I know they finished second in the Big Ten last year, but if we get help from our sophs and big men we'll do all right"

Penn State had to rely solely on Mark DuMars and Wally Colender in its first game with North Carolina State Tuesday.

The backcourt duo scored 22 and 13 points respectively even though the Lions lost to Everett Case's Atlantic Coast Conference champ, 65-53.

"Our sophomores learned a lot in that game. Now they'll fight back when they're pushed around under those boards," Egli said. "That was one of the main problems Tuesday. North Carolina State just took advantage of them."

Egli plans to go with two sophs—Gene Harris and Jake Trueblood—tonight.

Trueblood, who tallied ten points in the opener, will be at one forward and senior Paul Sweetland will be at the other. Harris will start at center and DuMars and Colender will be in the backcourt.

Egli will be depending on Sweetland to help out DuMars and Colender tonight. "Sweets turned into a real fine player at the end of last season. But he's been sick and isn't in top-flight shape. Once he does get in good shape he'll be able to help us," Egli said.

"He looked a lot better in practice the last few days and I'm hoping to get 100 per cent out of him tonight."

Purdue won its opening game against Valparaiso, 70-57, this week and will be looking for victory number two.

The big gun in the Boiler-maker attack is sophomore Terry Dischinger, a 6-6 leaper from Terre Haute, Ind.

Dischinger is rated as one of the top prospects to hit Purdue in many a moon. Another soph, Darrell McQuitty, also is highly regarded and will be in the lineup tonight at the other forward position.

The rest of Purdue's starting team will be made up of 6-10 John Kamman at center, and lettermen Bob Orrill and Bob Mitchell at guards.

The Lions next game will be a



Paul Sweetland

week Saturday when they take on mighty West Virginia and their great All-American, Jerry West, in Morgantown.

The Lions open the home sea-

son, Dec. 15 with Marc Guley's Syracuse Orangemen, headed by another All-American, little Eddie Goldberg.

—SANDY PADWE

The Nittany Lion gymnastics team, favored to retain its Eastern and National crown, opens its season Jan. 9 at Temple.

The Lions' chief competition for the EIGL title this year is expected to come from Army, which carded second place last year, and Navy which always provides trouble for the Lions. Other opponents on the roster are West Virginia, Syracuse and Pitt.

Following the dual meet season, the gymnasts will return to Temple to compete for Eastern honors at the annual EIGL tournament. The team title will be decided on the basis of won and lost records of the dual meets. The EIGL (Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League) competition decides the individual winners.

The gymnasts close out the season with the NCAA's which will be held here on March 18-19.

To insure a successful season, the Lions have some top performers returning from last year's squad. Leading the field are co-captains Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham. Both men are of championship calibre.

Werner, two years ago, won the EIGL all-around title, beating out Cunningham by one point. Last year, the Nittany duo placed second and third, respectively, behind Penn State's outstanding gymnast Armando Vega.

In the nationals, "The Gold-dust Twins" took the fifth and seventh spots.

In addition to this top all-around duo, Coach Gene Wettstone has sophomore Greg Weiss. The Philadelphia gymnast has had quite a lot of experience in international meets. Last summer, Weiss won the side horse competition in the Pan-American games. In the all-around, he took fourth place.

The Lion mentor hopes that these three men can make up for the losses from last year's squad. These include three national champions.

The G-man who will be hardest to replace is Vega. He took last season's EIGL individual title and the NCAA crown, setting a new record when he racked up 61 points for the Lion. He consistently took blue ribbons in dual meet competition.

Wettstone will also have to find someone to take over for champion tumbler Dave Dulaney and rope-climber Don Littlewood. Both men won the Eastern and National titles.

State Hosts N.C.A.A. Gymnastics Tournament

Penn State will host the 1960 N.C.A.A. gymnastics tournament next March 18 and 19.

Nearly 30 gymnastic powers will vie for the title in Penn State's Recreation Hall.

Penn State is the defending champion. The Nittany Lions won the 1959 crown by scoring a record-smashing 152 points in the tournament held at Berkeley, Calif. State has won the national title five times.

7 Pound Out Wins in IM Slugfests

By BOB KILBORN

Five fighters pounded out unanimous decisions in intramural boxing last night and two more bouts had to be stopped as all participants displayed vicious attacks.

Bill Booker of Omega Psi Phi completely dominated his bout with Jack Melchior of Delta Upsilon. Fighting with a southpaw style, Booker carried the fight to his opponent, scored several long shots to the face and head and walked off with an unanimous decision in the 158-pound class.

Bill Barrick, a stylish 158-pound independent, fought off a strong last round comeback by Bob Foster to pick up a unanimous decision. Dancing and weaving, Barrick punched his way through a strong defense and effectively avoided getting seriously hit himself.

In a losing cause, Carl Moses of Phi Epsilon Pi scored repeated blows to the head of Alpha Zeta's Bob McCown and displayed the most cocky and aggressive style of the evening. McCown, however, came up with the proper punches when he needed them and waded right into his opponent in a toe to toe battle that won him a unanimous victory in another 158-pound battle.

Phi Kappa Psi's John Huber won over Arthur Shapiro of Beta Sigma Rho using flicking left jabs to his opponent's face and head. Huber dominated the first round but Shapiro came right back in the final two rounds. Mixing his punches well, however, Huber rose to the occasion and scored a unanimous decision in the 135-pound class.

Bernard Buhl, 167-pound independent, used a fast-punching attack part of the bout and stayed out of range of Valentine Worona's long left hooks the rest of the time to win by a unanimous decision.

Steve Klein of Beta Sigma used a nursing attack to beat Ronald Bleier of Alpha Chi Rho in a bout stopped in the second round.

Tom Brodrick, in the 150-pound class, was good on the in fighting, but faltered in the third round against Gerald Slagle of Phi Delta Theta. Slagle picked up the win in the midst of a strong comeback.

In the final bout Robert Elliott (Continued on page eleven)

Ulcan Spirit High; Syracuse Favored

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Campus spirit was high and students put on a big noontime rally Friday. But UCLA was still given only faint chance to beat Syracuse, the nation's top-ranked football team.

The two wind up the college grid season today in Memorial Coliseum—the Bruins of UCLA hoping to achieve what would be remarkable upset, Syracuse shooting for its 10th straight victory.

The contest will be nationally televised (NBC) starting at 4 p.m. EST.

Coach Ben Schwartzwalder herded his Syracuse squad to the stadium yesterday afternoon for a light limber-up session and said the men of Orange are physically sound.

Coach Billy Barnes and his Bruin players emerged from seclusion long enough to hear the cheers at the rally.

There was good news for the Bruin backers, who have seen their team win five games, lose three and tie one.

Left halfbacks Bill Kilmer and Bobby Smith, key performers in the single wing attack, appear to be better off physically than they have been for the past several games.

All concerned, including the players, agreed it will take an effort even greater than was needed when they whipped Southern California, 10-3, ending the Trojans' eight-game winning streak.

It was noted that Syracuse hasn't played a single wing team since it tied with Iowa State in 1947 and there hasn't been too much time for the Orangemen to perfect a defense.

Kilmer and company, it would seem, must emphasize their air attack and they can only pray their defense can contain Syracuse's famed line, the "Sizeable Seven," long enough to give the passers protection.

Berra Arrives in Italy

ROME (AP) — The New York Yankee's Yogi Berra arrived by plane yesterday with baseball equipment collected by his club for distribution to Italian teams. He will visit Italy for two weeks.

LATE BASKETBALL SCORES

- NBA
- Philadelphia 124, St. Louis 112
- Boston 122, New York 107
- Collegiate
- Arizona State 79, Kent State 70
- Rollins 60, Catawba 59
- Hamilton 79, Brooklyn Poly 45
- Bethune-Cookman 65, Morris Brown 62
- Chattanooga 71, Washington and Lee 60
- Southern Connecticut State 93, Danbury State, 59
- Case Tech 77, Bethany 65
- West Virginia 98, The Citadel 76
- Virginia State 67, Shaw 45

Olympic Cage Tryouts

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Final team tryouts for the U.S. men's Olympic basketball squad will be held March 31-April 2 at Denver, the Olympic Committee announced yesterday. Six teams will compete.

Knicks Buy Palmer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knickerbrockers yesterday bought Jim Palmer from the Cincinnati Royals for cash and an undisclosed player to be delivered within a couple of weeks.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

SAT. DEC. 12, 1959

8-12 P.M. HUB Ballroom

Sponsored by T.I.M. - Leonides

Tickets \$1 -- On Sale at HUB Desk Now

LOOK... THEY'RE BACK AGAIN

AT THE 'SKELLER!

THE DON SMALTZ COMBO

FOR A SATURDAY AFTERNOON

JAM SESSION

TODAY 2 TO 4:30 P.M.

The All-American Rathskeller

Corner East College and Pugh