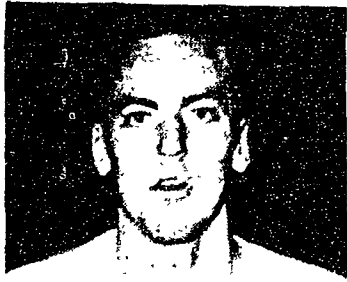


Phillips Surprises Egli With Steady Showings

By SANDY PADWE
Call it fate if you like, but Jake Trueblood's bad luck turned into good luck for John Phillips.



JOHN PHILLIPS
... soph surprise

The Lion forward, you will remember, got his first starting assignment at Bucknell last month when Trueblood was hospitalized with a virus attack, and he's been starting ever since.

Nicknamed "George Jr." because of his close resemblance to George Yardley of the Syracuse Nationals, the balding Phillips has come through with some real fine ball games for Penn State.

His best game against Rutgers last Saturday (14 points) is an indication of his steady improvement and coach John Egli will be depending on the 6-2 soph when the Lions (9-7) play at Colgate tomorrow and Syracuse Saturday.

"I didn't think he'd come along as well as he has," said Egli last night before practice in Rec Hall. "However, we knew he had the ability from his freshman performances."

"When John gets the knack of driving, he's going to be a hellu-

He's got a deadly one hand push shot from the corner and is plenty accurate with his jumper.

His field goal average of 47 per cent tops the Lions and he leads in foul shooting, too, with 17 for 20, a mark of 85 per cent.

The silent type off the court, Phillips changes moods once the action starts. He's been a demon on defense all year long, grabbing up loose balls, blocking shots and clearing the boards.

But he'll have his work cut out for him this weekend as the Lions take to the road after stopping Rutgers and Bucknell this past week at home.

Colgate, State's foe at Hamilton, N.Y., tomorrow, beat the Lions, 69-67, in an upset at Rec Hall Dec. 19 and will be looking for their first season's sweep over the Lions in many years.

Saturday the Lions run into an improving Syracuse team which lost 80-75 at Rec Hall early in December.

Orange star Eddie Goldberg is reported healthy again after an early season virus and that spells trouble for anyone, especially arch-rival Penn State.

SET SHOTS—The Collegiate basketball world has been shocked by numerous brawls and arguments during the past week... The latest came Tuesday in an important game between Western Kentucky and arch rival Eastern Kentucky... Eastern Kentucky forfeited after leaving the floor on a disputed foul call... At Washington and New York full scale brawls broke out in ball games between Georgetown and Lafayette and NYU and Manhattan... The Georgetown-Lafayette game wound up in another forfeit when Lafayette refused to return to the court with 30 seconds left... And in Philadelphia recently there were some weird incidents during the St. Peter's - St. Joes game in the Palestra... Seemed some one had a fish he didn't want so he lopped it right out on the court... A beer bottle followed... It must have been fish and chips day...

Basketball Scores

- NBA
- St. Louis 131, Minneapolis 127
- COLLEGE
- Army 59, Lehigh 46
- St. Bonaventure 72, Villanova 70
- Navy 79, Georgetown 68
- Anherst 65, Westlevan 57
- DePaul 70, Dayton 66
- Pitt 83, Miami Ohio 79
- Lafayette 78, Muhlenburg 74
- North Carolina 66, North Carolina State 62
- George Washington 97, West Virginia 93
- Rowling Green 85, Kent State 71
- Wake Forest 106, Virginia 66
- St. Josephs 99, Delaware 66
- Vermont 71, Middleburg 63
- Syracuse 74, Canasius 71

IM Results

- BASKETBALL
- Phi Epsilon Pi 27, Acacia 22
- Tau Phi Delta 34, Delta Theta Sigma 16
- Alpha Phi Alpha 22, Phi Kappa Psi 19
- Cambria House 17, Luzerne House 4
- Rip Cords 26, Quintets 22
- Linwood House 19, Red Riders 17
- Philadelphia House 31, Lackawanna House 16
- Berks House 18, Delaware House 17
- Dauphin House 33, Centre House 19
- BOWLING
- League A
- Alpha Tau Omega 4, Delta Theta Sigma 0
- Beta Theta Pi 3, Tau Phi Delta 1
- Sigma Chi 3, Alpha Rho Chi 1
- Delta Tau Delta 3, Phi Mu Delta 1
- Lambda Chi Alpha 3, Alpha Phi Delta 1
- Delta Phi 4, Alpha Chi Sigma 0

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va ballplayer. Right now he's still battling inexperience."

Phillips is only averaging 4.4 points a game, but many of his baskets have come in the clutch.

Curtain Goes Up On Winter Olympics

By TED SMITS
Associated Press Sports Editor

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—The VIII Winter Olympics open today with sparkling ceremonies and the usual acrimonious wrangling.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon will speak the simple, prescribed words that set in motion the games that have drawn 850 athletes from 30 nations to this 6000-foot high valley in the Sierra Mountains.

He comes 3000 miles from Washington to make a 15-word speech.

The weather is sharp and clear. Deep snow mantles the peaks.

Opening ceremonies for the 20-million-dollar games, following tradition, include a choir of 2645 and the lighting of the big Olympic torch that burns throughout the games.

Beneath the ceremony, there seathes the inevitable Olympic squabbles.

The East Germans and the West Germans aren't getting along. Nobody likes the main hockey rink with bits of debris frozen into the ice and an exposed end that gets mushy in bright sunlight. The athletes don't want to be quartered four to a room. One man Olympic teams from India and Nationalis China have been shouldered out of the games. The Hockey Federation wants 11 days of competition but has settled for 10.

Competition begins Friday. Opening events are the men's 30-kilometer cross country ski race, the men's downhill, pairs figure skating and ice hockey.

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Carol Heiss, the world figure skating queen, will recite the Olympic oath on behalf of the athletes of all nations at the opening ceremony of the eighth winter games today.

Schoendienst Signs

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Red Schoendienst, ready to fight a comeback battle for his old job at second base, yesterday agreed to terms with the Milwaukee Braves.

No terms were announced by the Braves' office after officials talked with Schoendienst on the telephone from his St. Louis home. It was reported he agreed to accept less than \$50,000, at least a \$5,000 slash from his salary for 1958, his last full season.

Lion Trackmen To Face Army In Final Tune-up

Penn State's indoor track team will meet the Cadets of Army in a dual meet Saturday at West Point as the indoor track season approaches its final stages.

Army is undefeated in four outings so far this season, holding wins over Manhattan, St Johns, Harvard and Princeton.

The Lions, in their only other regular season competition this year, placed second to Navy in a triangular affair at Annapolis.

The Nittany thinclads won six of the eight running events but could place only two men in the five field events in the Navy fieldhouse. Pitt was third in the meet.

This will be State's final tune-up before the IC4A Championships in New York March 5.

Bonnies Beat Villanova; GW Upsets Mounties

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—St. Bonaventure won its 11th in a row by upsetting Villanova 72-70 last night on sub Bill Connery's driving layup with nine seconds left in the battle between two NIT-bound teams.

The Bonnies now are 14-3 and ninth-ranked Villanova 17-3.

St. Bonaventure's Tom Stith was the leading scorer with 30 points.

In another stunning upset, George Washington handed West Virginia its fourth loss, 97-93.

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by Johnny Black
Assistant Sports Editor

GRAPPLERS START NEW ERA

Charlie Speidel's undefeated grapplers, who have ripped through seven opponents with comparative ease this year, have caused rabid mat fans to recall the "golden era" of Penn State wrestling—1950-54—and to formulate visions of a new era.

If the undefeated Lions can get past Syracuse, Pitt and

Rutgers (and Pitt is the only one of the three that should give them any semblance of trouble), they may start Penn State wrestling off on another extended winning streak—the longest since the record 34 posted during that golden era of the early fifties.

That record string started in mid-season 1950, continued through three undefeated seasons in 1951, 1952 and 1953, and extended into the dual meet schedule of 1954 before being halted.

The Lions won the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association title during those three undefeated years and climaxed the era by capturing the National team championship in 1953.

The Blue and White matmen have not produced an undefeated season since then. But they are well on their way this winter and barring any unforeseen tragedies in the Pitt meet should end that dearth.

Neither have they won a National team championship since then, but the Amateur Wrestling News tabbed them as the pre-season pick to take the NCAA tourney this spring. They have since fallen from first to third in the national ratings behind perennial mat powers Oklahoma State and Oklahoma, which are once again having banner years.

But the Lions still rank as one of the top contenders for the NCAA crown next month. One big factor in State's favor is that the tournament will be held at the University of Maryland.

This is close enough that the Nittanians will be able to send a full team rather than a small select complement such as is usually the case when the tourney is in the Midwest.

The only eastern title Speidel's men have annexed since '53 was in 1957 when Johnny Johnston,

John Pepe and Dave Adams helped bring home the trophy after a 6-2-1 dual meet season. Adams is now coaching the Nittany frosh.

The Lions suffered two mediocre years, 2-4-2 in '58 and 5-3 in '59, before surging to the forefront again this season.

The Nittanians' resurgence really started in the post-season tournaments last spring.

Danny Johnston, who is sitting out this season, Sam Minor and Johnston Oberly finished second in their weight divisions and Guy Guccione and George Gray took thirds to garner a second place team finish for the Lions.

Minor, Oberly and Guccione are back this year and spearheading the Nittany drive. Add to this, undefeated veterans Jerry Seckler and Hank Barone and flashy sophs Tony Scordo, Ron Pifer and Phil Myer, and you

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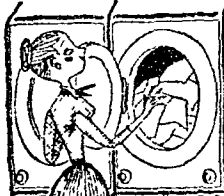
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