

Lion Cagers Hope to End Losing Streak Against Pitt

By SANDY PADWE

The last time Penn State won a basketball game was two weeks ago and the victims were the Pitt Panthers, State's opponent at the Pitt Field House tonight.

Since their 73-59 victory at Rec Hall Feb. 11, the Lions have dropped four straight and consequently their chances for a winning season rest heavily on tonight's game.

They have a 9-11 mark with four games to play—so a slip against Pitt could mean trouble. The Panthers can't afford any slips either. They have an 11-11 record and tonight's game is their last.

A near-capacity crowd is expected for tonight's Easter-Seal Tripleheader which begins at 7:30 with Carnegie Tech-Grove City.

The Pittsburgh Wheelers face the Johnstown Wheelers in the middle encounter with State and Pitt winding up the festivities at approximately 9:30.

Even though Pitt is playing .500 ball, the Panthers are extremely tough on their home floor with 10 wins in 13 games.

Their only win away from home was an 80-75 overtime victory over NIT-bound Temple, Penn State's foe at Rec Hall Tuesday. State had a relatively easy



JOHN MITCHELL
... returns home

time with the Panthers at Rec Hall even with Mark DuMars on the sidelines.

Nevertheless, Lion coach John Egli has the jitters.

"You never know what to expect when you play them in Pittsburgh," Egli said. "Heck, we've beaten them here the last two years but then we go there and lose. You figure it out. We'll have to be at our best

if we're going to win. You can't relax on Pitt."

Egli is hoping that the familiar atmosphere of the Field House will help State tonight.

Three of his starters — Mark DuMars, Gene Harris, and John Mitchell — are products of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania basketball.

Harris played for Pittsburgh's Schenley High while Mitchell was a standout for Pittsburgh Central Catholic.

DuMars played at Sharon High School but he made frequent trips to the Field House during the WPIAL playoffs.

Penn State's other starters tonight will be Jake Trueblood and Earl Hoffman.

Pitt will go with John Fridley, Dick Falenski, Ben Jinks, Don Steinhart and Tom Maloney.

SET SHOTS—The Lions return home to face Temple Tuesday and they'll be back in Pittsburgh to face Carnegie Tech Wednesday . . . They wind up the campaign with Rutgers at Rec Hall next Saturday . . . Temple hasn't officially accepted its bid to the National Invitation Tournament . . . The Owls are hoping that Muhlenberg can upset St. Josephs tonight . . . That's highly improbable because the Mules are in last place in the Middle Atlantic Conference and St. Joes has one of the top teams in the nation . . . If Muhlenberg does win, Temple would take the MAC crown and would qualify for a spot in the NCAA tournament . . .

Nittany Thinclads Counting on Sophs

The unbeaten Penn State track team makes its final indoor dual meet appearance of the year at Ohio State today with five sophomores expected to carry the scoring load.

The meet is scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon in French Field House, Columbus, Ohio.

Gerry Norman, a 25-year-old sophomore from Bristol, England, has crushed all opposition in both the mile and two mile in State's victories over Navy and Army. He should give State the edge in both distance events against the Buckeyes.

Bob Grantham, a double winner at Army last week, will perform in three events today —both the low and high hurdles and the broad jump.

Howie Deardorff, a two-time winner in the 1000 this year, will drop down to the 880. Ciro Risoldi will be aiming for three straight firsts in the pole vault.

Ray McAlevy, a sophomore sprinter, will probably run on State's mile relay team. McAlevy topped his best previous time by running a 50.3 quarter against Navy and equaled that time against Army.

Another sophomore, Birdis Coleman, will make his varsity debut in the 440 along with George Metzgar and Don Davies.

Ohio State has lost its only two

meets this year, 91-50 to Indiana and 64½-61½ to Michigan State.

The Buckeyes have no really outstanding performers, but a strong shot put trio and a well-balanced corps of distance runners make them dangerous.

George Mirka, Ron Weldy and Sam Tidmore should give Ohio State a clean sweep in the shot put and Jim Massey, the Buckeyes' top distance runner, may give Norman some competition in the 2-mile.

Ohio State, coached by Olympic mentor Larry Snyder, is only average in the other field events. Walter Williams usually broad jumps around 22 feet. Gordie Campbell hit 13 feet in the pole vault against Michigan State and Dave Paige high jumped 6 feet.

Bob Brown and Tony Wayne are entered in the 60-yard dash and Grantham and Dick Campbell in the hurdles. Mike Miller, Moorhead and Deardorff will run the half mile.

Moorhead will back up Norman and Herm Weber in the mile and Ernie Noll will run along with Norman and Weber in the two mile.

The Lion freshman team will be at Pittsburgh today. The frosh are 0-1, losing to Navy, 75-25.



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Inviting Wrigley Field Fences Should Make Angels Tough

(Another in a series of major league team prospects written under the managers' own bylines.)

Los Angeles Angels
By BILL RIGNEY

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—I'd like to clear up one thing right at the beginning. No one in the Los Angeles Angels organization, myself included, thinks our team will be as bad as most experts are predicting.

My personal opinion is that we came up with some good, experienced players in the expansion draft and a few others who will help us in the future.

I've always liked to have a club with power and there's no doubt we'll have plenty of "crash" with Ted Kluszewski, Bob Cerv and Steve Bilko.

Wrigley Field, our home park, is ideal for sluggers and you're going to see plenty of home runs by these three.

At the moment, I'm undecided whether it will be Kluszewski or Bilko at first base. We also have Julio Becquer, a good glove man, I was especially happy to get Ken Aspromonte from Cleveland for second base.

He had a fine year with the Indians.

Eddie Yost is good for another year or two of solid play at third base. Ken Hamlin does a good fielding job at shortstop and we're going to work on his batting in spring training.

We're fortunate to have a couple of exceptional youngsters to go with Cerv in the outfield. Ken Hunt, from the Yankees, and Jim McAnany, from the White Sox, are the two. Behind them, I have Faye Throneberry and little Albie Pearson, both experienced big leaguers.

Basketball Scores

- NBA
Boston 144 Syracuse 123
College
Akron 88 Oberlin 66
Wayne State 80 Western Reserve 68
Slippery Rock 76 California State 69
Columbia 59 Yale 55
Cornell 67 Brown 65
Central State 60 Lincoln 56
Villa Madonna 69 Bellarmine 62
Akron 88 Oberlin 66
Bethany 91 John Carroll 73
Colgate 95 Syracuse 86
Clemson 85 Virginia 63
Rochester Tech 90 Utica 80
Rensselaer Poly 63 St. Lawrence 56
Indiana State 76 Carnegie Tech 74
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Penn 77 Dartmouth 69
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Baseball Candidates

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