

Grandstand Views



A Change Of Heart?

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Collegian Sports Editor

The Rec Hall rulers must be having a change of heart. First they get a full-time assistant for John Egli and now it appears that they're actually going to give his basketball team a chance to hit the .500 mark next year.

The schedule-makers released Egli's 1961-62 winter date book yesterday and it lists 20 games—10 at home, 10 away plus three on a "neutral court."

For the sake of quibbling we'll revise the schedule and call it 10 home and 13 away because the Penn Palestra, where the Lions will play in a Christmas tournament, is the home floor for Villanova and Penn, two other tourney entrants.

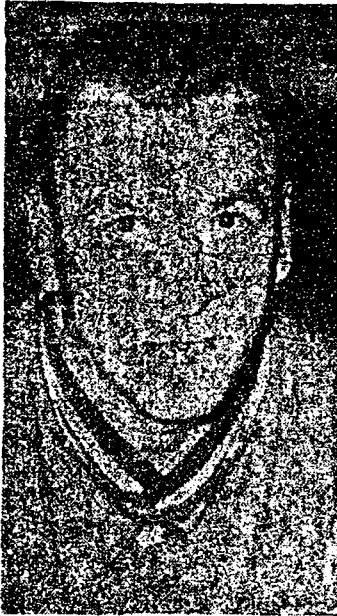
Actually, the Lions may play only 22 games, depending on the outcome of their first two tournament tilts. If they lose the first two games they'll be out, but if they win one or more they continue.

At this point, Egli isn't worrying about how many games he'll be playing. He's just overjoyed that his Lions won't have to struggle through another schedule like the 1960-61 outrage.

If you have a short memory, the Lions spent most of the winter on the road playing 16 away games. They were at home eight times and consequently wound up with an 11-13 record.

No one can figure the sudden benevolence toward the hoop sport on Mt. Nittany but it's here and rumors say there may be some other surprises on the way.

Maybe so, but in the meantime Egli's new assistant, Snowy Simpson, and the improved schedule will serve as a starter toward making Penn State basketball respectable again. Don't be fooled, though, there's a long way to go.



JOHN EGLI

The highpoint of the new schedule will be a meeting with NCAA runner-up Ohio State at Columbus Dec. 23. The Lions probably will come back with a fat guarantee and some future football contracts but that's about all.

In addition to Ohio State, the Nittanians will face such national powers as Duke, Temple, Army, and West Virginia.

They could meet up with some real tough competition in the ECAC Quaker City tournament too. This tournament is the counterpart of the ECAC Holiday Festival in Madison Square Garden and between the two, the ECAC has a near monopoly on some of the nation's top teams.

Appearing with the Lions from Dec. 26-30 will be Penn, Villanova, Niagara, Iowa, Holy Cross, Duquesne and Wyoming.

That's quite a field. Penn loses only Bob Mlkvy this year and the Quakers should be the top contender for the Ivy League title.

Niagara and Holy Cross, a pair of NIT entrants, have their big guns back while Villanova will have Hubie White and a brand new coach—Jack Kraft.

Iowa, along with Purdue, should give Ohio State a real battle for the Big Ten crown next year even though the Bucks still have Jerry Lucas.

The Lions will open their home season and the campaign Dec. 2 against Maryland. The other home opponents are: Lehigh, West Virginia, Syracuse, Bucknell, Navy, Colgate, Gettysburg, Army and Pitt.

On the road State will face: Duke, Colgate, Syracuse, Ohio State, Pitt, Carnegie Tech, Bucknell, West Virginia, Temple and Rutgers.

The schedule: Dec. 2, Maryland; 5, Lehigh; 8, at Syracuse; 9, at Colgate; 16, West Virginia; 19, Syracuse; 23, at Ohio State; 26, 29, 30, ECAC Toruney at Philadelphia; Jan. 3, at Duke; 6, at Pittsburgh; 9, Bucknell; 13, Navy; 16, Colgate; 20, at Carnegie Tech; Feb. 6, Gettysburg; 13, at Bucknell; 17, Army; 20, at West Virginia; 23, Pittsburgh; 28 at Temple; March 3, at Rutgers.

Brown Rips Londoner In 5th Round

LONDON (AP)—Lightweight Champion Joe Brown of Baton Rouge, La., cut Dave Charnley's nose in the fifth round and hammered out a decision over the blood-smeared Briton yesterday.

It was Brown's second straight title victory over the 25-year-old Londoner and his tenth defense of the 135-division crown.

The 35-year-old American stopped Charnley on a cut over the right eye in six rounds at Houston, Texas, 16 months ago.

There were no knockdowns although both fell to the canvas after a collision in the first round.

The long-armed American repeatedly smashed Charnley's gashed nose with fast rights and snapping left jabs. By the 12th round Charnley was bruised about the eyes, streaming blood from the nose cut and trying desperately for a long shot knockout. But Brown calmly pecked away with both hands and piled up points.

A sellout crowd of 18,000 in Earls Court Stadium paid about \$112,000 for London's first title bout since light heavyweight champion Archie Moore knocked out Yolande Pompey in the tenth round. Brown earned about \$50,000 and Charnley about \$28,000.

Brown weighed 133 1/4 pounds, Charnley 134 1/2.

It was the first defeat for Charnley, British and European lightweight champion, since he was stopped by Brown. He had won five straight. His record is 37-7-1.

Brown's victory made his record 83-18-10. Until Brown surpassed it, the great Benny Leonard held the record for lightweight title defenses, eight.

Ball-Edwards Duo Cops Handball Doubles Title

Delta Upsilon's Ed Ball and Tom Edwards scored an upset over Tau Kappa Epsilon's Gene Flick and Gene Rocky to win the fraternity IM handball doubles championship 21-19, 21-11, last night.

Flick has won the singles title the past two years. The win widened DU's lead in the overall IM standings.

Footballers Pete Liske and Steve Popp copped the independent handball doubles crown by defeating Howard Schimmel and Stan Lebofsky, 21-8, 21-16.

New NBA Cage Team To Reveal Draft Choices

NEW YORK (AP)—The owners of the new Chicago franchise will announce their draft choices in the professional player draft of the National Basketball Association at noon April 26 the league office announced yesterday.

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Lions Hope DeLong Can Regain Form

By JOHN MORRIS

At the start of the 1961 season Joe Bedenk based Penn State's chances for a successful year on a good showing by the pitchers and a return to form by Zeke DeLong.

It may be a little too early to tell, but the Lion captain hasn't come through as well as expected so far.

"We're counting on Zeke for our power," Bedenk said before the season started. "He'll be our cleanup hitter and we hope he'll drive in some runs for us."

DeLong was the Lions' regular right fielder in his sophomore year, batting .368 as State finished fourth in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Big things were expected of the Lions and DeLong last year, but the Nittanians staggered to a 9-9 record and DeLong slipped to .222.

The soft-spoken senior is one for nine so far this year, a single in the Lions' opener with Gettysburg.

The Nittany coaching staff can't figure out what's the matter with DeLong, and Zeke isn't sure himself.

"I haven't changed my swing," DeLong said, "I'm just not hitting the ball."

"Last year I always seemed to be swinging early and now I'm swinging late," he said.

His RBI production dropped off from 19 in 1959 to eight last year, but Zeke is confident he will do better this season.

"I'm not changing anything," he said, "but I think the hits are



ZEKE DeLONG

going to start dropping in."

To top his troubles, DeLong strained his shoulder making a long throw in the Gettysburg game.

The shoulder is responding to treatment, but the veteran outfielder doesn't have full throwing power yet.

"It doesn't hurt," DeLong said, "I just can't throw as hard as I want to."

DeLong has yet to make an error in two years as the Lions' regular right fielder. He handled 21 chances flawlessly and threw out four runners trying to take an extra base last season.

He hopes to break his slump this Saturday when the Lions host Lafayette on Beaver Field.

2nd Draft Choice Signs Contract With Cincinnati

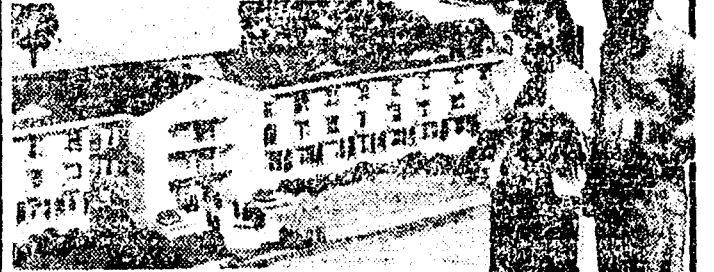
CINCINNATI (AP)—The Cincinnati Royals of the National Basketball Association announced yesterday that Bob Wiesenhahn, leading scorer on the University of Cincinnati's 1961 NCAA champion team, has agreed to terms to play with the Royals next season.

Wiesenhahn was the Royals' second choice in the recent NBA draft of college players.

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