



BARRY SMITH (foreground) and BOB OLIVER
Lion fencers sharpen up

State Fencers to Rely On Epee, Sabre Teams

By IRA MILLER

If strong epee and sabre teams can compensate for a woefully weak foil squad, Penn State fencing coach Dick Klima should be in for a surprisingly successful debut when the Lions meet Johns Hopkins at Baltimore, Md., tomorrow.

The Nittany mentor isn't letting himself get too optimistic, however. As Klima put it recently, "I'm not going to build my hopes up too high. Instead, I'd rather take a conservative outlook until we prove ourselves."

JOHNS HOPKINS fields a perennially strong fencing squad and Klima views this meet with some apprehension. The Lion coach is pinning his hopes on strong performances by his epee and sabre squads.

State's top-notch epee team will be led by Dave Lewis, one of two starters from out-of-state. Lewis, a junior, at 6-3 and 195 pounds, is the biggest man on the team. He'll be backed up by Bob Oliver, the only starting senior, and by Steve Serpeca. If a substitute is needed, Klima will call on Barry Smith.

In the sabre class, State has only three men, which means that in case of injury or illness there is no available substitute. The number 1 sabre man is a sophomore, Charles Poole. He is backed up by Earl LaKier and Larry Chamberlain on what Kli-

ma calls "a very well-balanced sabre team. On any given day, any one of the three could be number 1 man."

A BLEAK OUTLOOK is in store, however, for the Lions' foil team. The loss of Klima's two top foil men because of academic probation has left the Lions hurting in this area. However, Klima hopes that his foil squad can come up with possibly three or four points that might prove decisive in a match.

The top Lion foil man is Art Fuller, who inherited the job by default and has proved best in his class by a wide margin. He'll be backed by a pair of late-comers, Joe Bubiak and Ron Buszko. Klima has indicated however, that he may make early use of his fourth man in this class, Nainuchit Chaturachinda of Bangkok, Thailand.

No Where To Play



SALLY REYNOLDS

Sally Stymied In Cage Tryout

Yes, it's true. A Penn State coed with a yen for basketball did her level best to get a try-out with the Lion varsity. Sally Reynolds, a junior from Upper Darby, Pa., who claims she "misses basketball, like some girls miss their boyfriends," was lent an understanding ear by Lion Coach John Egli and Athletic Director Ernest B. McCoy.

But after some careful consideration by all parties concerned, it was decided that no matter how talented or how attractive, Sally just couldn't be permitted to play on the team.

A former fashion model, Sally displayed, among other things, an amazingly accurate hook shot in her Rec Hall workouts.

She averaged 22 points per game for the girl's basketball team at Friend's Central High School in 1959. But except for a few pick-up games with the boys of Pollock Dorms, Sally has been unable to find adequate competition.

The 5-11 blonde was disappointed at the decision, but she said that she understood the circumstances.

"Honest, I just wanted to play basketball," she said.

Bullets Impress Snowed Simpson

By JIM KARL

Assistant cage coach Snowy Simpson took-in the Gettysburg-Muhlenberg battle at Gettysburg Wednesday night, and the results didn't produce any winks or pokes in the ribs.

The Bullets, scheduled to meet State in Rec Hall Tuesday night, ran away from Muhlenberg, 67-41, with Ron Warner getting 30 points for the winners.

"They shot as well as any team I've seen this year," Simpson said yesterday.

"Both Warner and Bob Parker looked good and they have two big men in Gaeckler (6-5, 210) and Bruce Simpson (6-3, 210) to handle the boards."

THE BULLETS are riding a seven game winning streak and have a 10-3 record overall.

Warner and Parker, two senior backcourtmen, have done most of the damage to opposing teams' defenses. Against Rutgers Saturday Parker got the 1000th point of his career and Warner got his 1500th.



Snowy Simpson

SIMPSON SAID THAT the Bullets use a shuffle type offense (pass instead of dribble) which

enabled Warner and Parker to get open for shots. Last year Gettysburg rolled to a 19-8 record under coach Bob Hulton, which included an eight game winning streak at the end of the year.

The Bullets ran that skein to 11 with three wins to start the current season, but dropped their next three contests to Albright, Navy and Bucknell.

Since that time they have defeated Bucknell, Lehigh, Johns Hopkins, Lebanon Valley, La Salle, Rutgers and Muhlenberg.

WITH HIS LIONS inactive since the Carnegie Tech game Jan. 20, John Egli is a little worried about the effect the 16-day layoff will have on the squad. But he's more concerned about the Bullets.

"If we get past them we'll be okay," Egli said yesterday. "But it's getting past them, I'm worried about."

The Lions are 9-7 so far, with an outside chance for a postseason tournament berth if they win their remaining seven games.

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