

Lions Face Easier Slate Despite 12 Road Games

By JIM BUKATA

The prospect of not having to play teams like Ohio State, Duke, Niagara, Iowa and Holy Cross this season makes the future seem rather bright for head coach John Egli's cagers.

However, what makes the schedule a rough one is the fact that the Lions play 12 of their 20 games on the road where its tough to beat anyone.

The Lions will face a stern test in their opener Saturday evening when they travel to Maryland.

THE TERPS are considered the "darkhorse" of the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference and are led by Jerry Greenspan, being boomed by the Terps as an All America candidate.

Lehigh, Syracuse and Colgate all face rebuilding years.

The Engineers lost high scoring Norm Brandl and four other ballplayers while Colgate lost Bob Duffy, holder of every scoring record at the New York school.

Syracuse should improve on its disastrous 2-20 record of last year, but still should be no trouble for the Lions.

Arch rival Pittsburgh could present one of the top teams in the East.



JOHN EGLI

Coach Bob Timmons has his entire starting five back including Brian Generalovich, Cal Sheffield and Ben Jinks.

Egli is well aware that the Lions could be walking into a man-sized trap in the Alpine Tournament.

The Lions' first round opponent,

Marshall, finished second in the ever-improving Ohio Valley Conference and Morris Harvey was the West Virginia NAIA champion the past two seasons.

Miami lost its fine playmaker, Laverne Benson, and goes into the tournament with the weakest credentials of the four participants.

West Virginia has to be the toughest team on the schedule. The Mountaineers lost only one ballplayer from last season and have returning All-America candidate Rod Thorn and a top guard in Jim McCormick.

CARNEGIE TECH and Bucknell figure to be wins in the Lions' column. Tech has de-emphasized the sport while the Bisons are in the process of rebuilding.

The Lions face both Army and Navy away from home and winning these games will take some doing. Neither team is strong, but not too many teams win games on a service academy court.

With Bob Parker and Ron Warner gone, the Gettysburg Bullets shape up as a weaker team than the one the Lions faced last year.

Rutgers and Temple round out the schedule and, for both, it is a rebuilding year.

Yankees Trade Skowron For L.A. Pitcher Williams

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—The world champion New York Yankees yesterday traded veteran first baseman Bill Skowron to the Los Angeles Dodgers for right-handed pitcher Stan Williams.

The deal, the first by the Yankees in the inter-league trading session, brought to New York a pitcher who is expected to become the fourth regular starter. Manager Ralph Houk needed so desperately in the drive to the American League pennant and the World Series victory over San Francisco.

WILLIAMS, 26, had a 14-12 record with Los Angeles last season, his fifth with the Dodgers.

Skowron, called "Moose" by his Yankee teammates, has been a Yankee regular for eight years, playing on seven championship teams. He had a .270 batting average with 23 home runs last season.

The announcement of the trade, the third in the inter-league session, came after a day-long draft by the majors of minor league players. In all, the majors drafted a record 56 players from their rivals farm clubs for a \$695,000,

making heavy raids on the ranks of bonus babies at bargain prices.

Everybody except the Boston Red Sox got into the act with the New York Mets and the Washington Senators each taking six players. Most of the names meant little to the average fan; for 43 of the 56 were fuzzy-cheeked kids in their first full year of pro baseball.

GEORGE WEISS, former head man of the Yankees and now president of the weak New York Mets, had first pick by virtue of the Mets' sorry last place finish in their first season. Weiss surprised many by taking second baseman Ted Schreiber from the Boston Red Sox' farm at Seattle, where he hit .277 but showed little power.

The draft for the first time was divided into three categories. The experienced players cost \$25,000 each, and 11 were taken.

First year men signed before last December were next. Fifteen were taken at \$12,000 each. Then came the men signed since last December, when a new rule was adopted to discourage payment of huge bonuses to untried school-boys. The majors selected 30 from this category at \$8,000 each.

All but seven of the major league teams took advantage of the rule.

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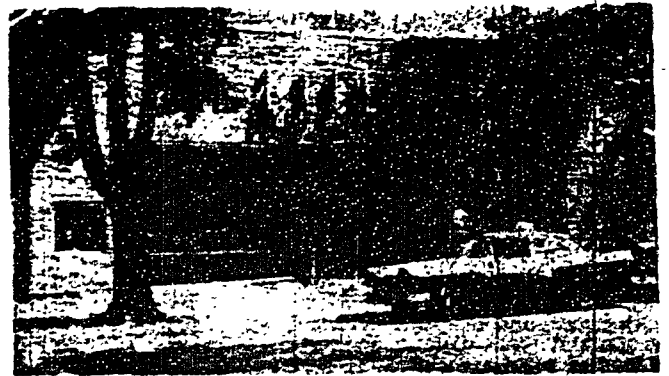
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