

Unbeaten Punxsatawney Rated PIAA Underdogs

HARRISBURG, March 20 — (AP) — Punxsutawney, the only unbeaten Class A basketball team in Pennsylvania, runs up against a stubborn Pittsburgh Westinghouse tomorrow night in the PIAA playoffs.

The Chucks, which have won 20 straight games, will enter the Western Regional semi-final at Farrell High School as slight underdogs to Westinghouse's tournament-tested Bulldogs.

Accuse Arizona Coach of Grid Rule Violation

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 20 — (AP) — Larry Siemering, head coach at nearby Arizona State College at Tempe, stood silent today in the middle of a man-size football scandal.

He has been accused by Joe Matesic, an All-Conference lineman at Tempe last fall, of arranging a deception to get around Border Conference eligibility rules.

Matesic's charges, made public in a notarized statement this week, rocked the state.

A member of Indiana University's varsity team in 1950, Matesic admitted he enrolled at Arizona State under the name of his brother, Andrew, in September, without waiting a year as required.

Walt Ruth, Siemering's line coach who resigned soon after the Matesic ineligibility case first was made known in January, confirmed most of Matesic's statement.

Dr. Grady Gammage, president of the college, investigated the circumstances when they first were disclosed. The report of a special college committee was never made public.

But Dr. Gammage said he talked it over with the state board of regents and they approved his recommendation that Siemering be given a new contract for 1952-53.

Opens 78th Season

Penn State will open its 78th season of intercollegiate baseball against American University, at Washington, D.C., April 11. The Lions, annually one of the East's top teams, will face Georgetown in a double-header the following day.

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Class B Regionals
Punxsutawney will be making its first playoff appearance after beating out Bradford's Owls, 48-44, Tuesday night for the District 9 title.

Also on the night's schedule are three excellent Class B regional semi-finals. They match Kutztown, (26-2) defending state champion for the past two years, against Darby (21-1) at Reading; Shickshinny (24-7) against Wellsboro (23-4) at Lewisburg, and Avalon (26-0) against Shade Township (21-2) at McKeesport.

Slippery Rock of District 9 already holds a berth in the March 25 western finals at Pittsburgh's Pitt fieldhouse against the winner of the Avalon-Shade Township game.

Darby Meets Kutztown
The class A regional semi-final round will be completed Saturday night with Coatesville of District 1 meeting Swoyersville of District 2 at Philadelphia's Penn Palestra and Farrell's defending western champions taking on Westmont of District 6 at the Pitt fieldhouse.

The Darby-Kutztown clash stacks up as tomorrow night's closest game in the Class B eliminations. Darby beat out Radnor's defending District 1 Class A champions in winning the section 2 title of the Philadelphia Suburban League.

Shickshinny, led by the sharp-shooting of Jake Handzelek, is a slight favorite over Wellsboro's Green Wave.

Avalon, the only unbeaten Class B school in the playoffs, is a strong choice over Shade Township of District 5.

'Kids' Star in Cage Tournaments

NEW YORK, March 20 — (AP) — The youth-will-be-served movement, evident in the surprise outcome of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament last week, likely will be continued through the National Collegiate A.A. championships beginning tomorrow.

LaSalle's "Fuzz Kids," who won the NIT and a place in the Olympic tryouts, won't be present when 16 teams start in the NCAA regional tournaments in four cities. But at least four of these 16 will have key players as young as the LaSalle lads. It's another situation where the freshmen and sophomores could come through brilliantly or collapse miserably.

Generally speaking, the young teams are the ones selected "at large" for the tournament on the basis of good all-season perfor-

mances. The ten major conference champions who qualified automatically are mostly experienced, veteran teams.

Santa Clara Coach Bob Ferrick learned that he'll have to depend largely upon sophomore center Herb Schoenstein and freshman Kenny Sears when he named his traveling squad. Mark Butier, relief man for Schoenstein, was hospitalized with infected tonsils, leaving Ferrick with only one steady pivot man. Sears will alternate between forward and center as needed. Santa Clara's leading scorer, Jim Young, is another sophomore.

U.C.L.A. has two reliable senior stars, but the players who stood out when the Bruins beat Washington in the conference playoffs were freshman Don Bragg and

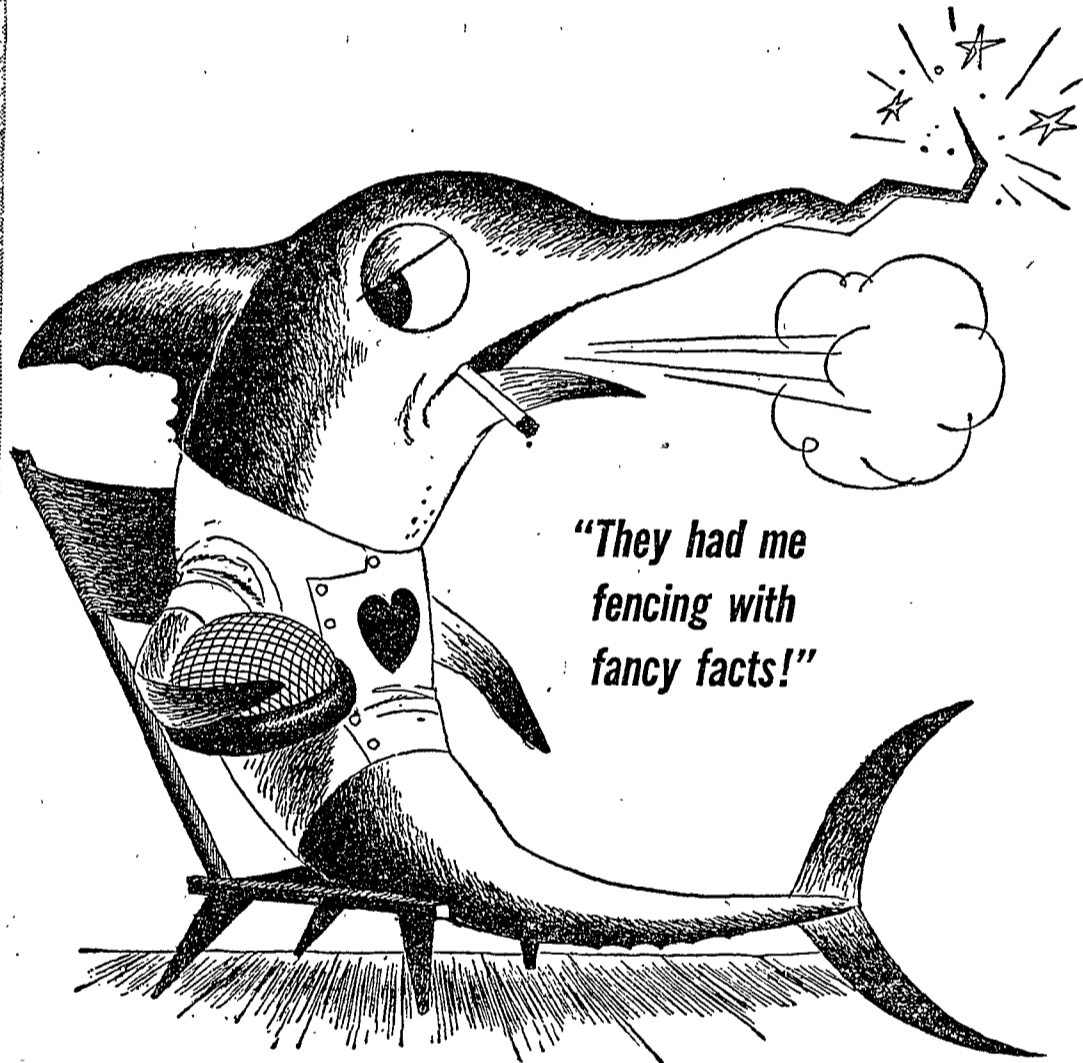
sophomores Mike Hibler and Ron Livingstone.

When Duquesne, the NIT favorite, finished fourth in that tournament, Coach Duddy Moore attributed the poor showing to the youth and inexperience of his team. The key men are Jim Tucker, a tall, high-jumping sophomore center who handles the rebounds, and a sharp-shooting freshman, Dick Ricketts.

Freshman Jesse Arnelle, tabbed as the hottest all-around athlete to enroll at Penn State in many years, made the difference between a mediocre team and a NCAA contender. Besides Arnelle, the Penn State squad has yearlings Jack Sherry and Ronnie Weidenhammer among the first eight players and three other freshmen.

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