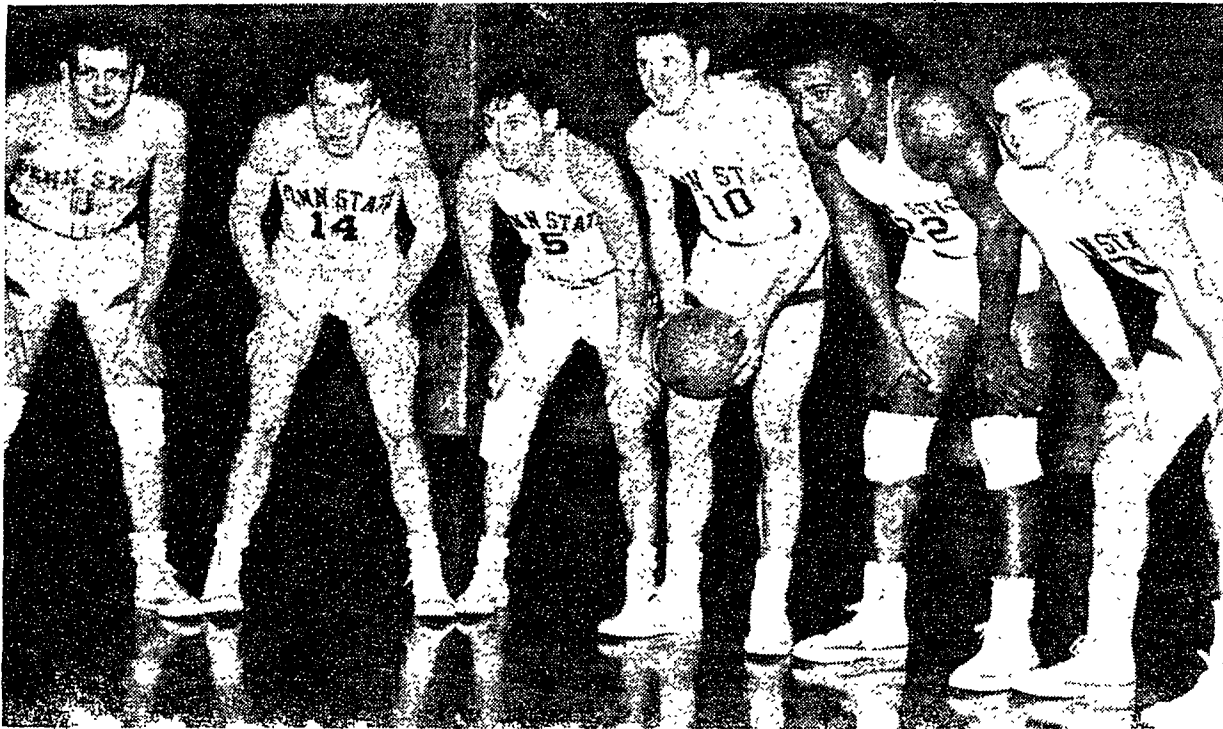


### Gross' Top Six Cage Specialists



THE TOP SIX basketball Lions. (l. to r.) Joe Piorkowski, Jack Sherry, Ned Haag, Captain Herm Sledzik, Jesse Arnelle, and Ron Weidenhammer, are poised and set for tonight's curtain

raiser with Alfred. Coach Elmer Gross will probably start sophomores Sherry, Arnelle, and Weidenhammer, junior Haag, and senior Sledzik. Game time is 8 p.m.

# Courtmen Open--

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Both teams are directed by former players of ex-Lion mentor, John Lawther. Starting his fourth year at Penn State will be Elmer Gross who played under Lawther from 39-41, while the Saxons have as their coach Jay McWilliams, who played for the Lions in 1936-38. So McWilliams is well versed in the sliding zone defense that Mr. Lawther taught and which is now being used by the Lions.

The Saxons will enter the game with a slight advantage in the experience department. They already have three games under the hoop, losing one and winning the other two.

#### Alfred Lost Once

They swamped a future Lion opponent, Ithaca, by some 20 points and took a Brockport contest by 11 tallies. This was the first time they were able to beat this team in three years.

Their only loss was at the hands of Cornell University. Incidentally, Ithaca lost by only five points to St. Bonaventure last week. The Bonnies, an annual powerhouse in basketball, entered the NIT tourney last year and defeated Duquesne in consolation play.

#### Successful Exhibition

In their two winning contests, the Saxons used an all-court press with a dribble weaving offense, but it is doubtful if they'll use the same type of offense tonight since it isn't very effective against the zone.

The Lions have just completed a very successful six game exhibition program, winning five while dropping one. They defeated Lock Haven State Teachers twice, Juniata College twice, and last Saturday avenged an earlier setback by knocking off powerful St. Francis and Maurice Stokes College. Score was 69-63 with Stokes getting 30 points.

Most of the Lion starters are in good condition with the except-

ions of Sherry, Rohland, and Arnelle, who because of the lateness of the football schedule, weren't able to start until two weeks ago.

#### Season Schedule

Joining the team last Tuesday, they were in time to help knock off the Frankies, with Arnelle getting 17, for the Staters high scorer. Sledzik took second place honors with 16.

State will play a 21 game schedule, with an All-College tournament during the Christmas holidays. The Schedule include 11 home game and ten away contests.

The Schedule: Dec. 12—Alfred (H); Dec. 13—W&J (H); Dec. 19—Colgate (H); Dec. 29—All-College Tournament, Oklahoma City; Jan. 7—Syracuse (H); Jan. 9—Carnegie Tech. (A); Jan. 10—Pittsburgh (A); Jan. 14—West Virginia (A); Jan. 15—Gettysburg (H); Jan. 17—Ithaca (H); Jan. 31—Pennsylvania (A); Feb. 3—Georgetown (A); Feb. 4—Navy (A); Feb. 7—Rutgers (A); Feb. 11—American U. (H); Feb. 14—Bucknell (H); Feb. 16—Dickinson (H); Feb. 20—Colgate (A); Feb. 21—Syracuse (A); Feb. 25—West Virginia (H); Feb. 28—Pittsburgh (H); and March 7—Temple (A).

#### Fourth Campaign

Elmer Gross, looking forward to his fourth basketball season at Penn State, owns a record of 49 wins in 74 starts.

## Frosh Meet JV's In Cage Preliminary

By DICK McDOWELL

Coach John Egli's freshman basketball team will be put to its first test tonight—probably the toughest the yearlings will face all season—when it meets the junior varsity squad at Rec Hall. The contest will be played as a preliminary to the varsity tilt with Alfred University. Game time is 6 p.m.

The frosh will be opening a comparatively short eight game schedule, all home games, and will meet the JV's again tomorrow night prior to the State-Washington and Jefferson game.

Leading the untried frosh will be sharpshooting Hall Brown of York. The 5-10 guard climaxed his last two years in high school with All-State honors before entering the college ranks. He's a speedy play-maker who can hit from anywhere on the floor, and he should give the frosh a big boost.

#### Brennan, Marisa Forwards

The big man on Egli's squad is Ed Hauck, a 6-6 center. Hauck is a good man on the backboards and a fine shot from inside. Two more tall men, Jim Dowrick, 6-5, and John Hamilton, 6-4, will probably see plenty of action in the pivot spot and under the boards. Both are good rebound men and possess fine pivot shots.

Jim Brennan, 6-3, and Rudy Marisa, 6-2, two aggressive forwards, will play a lot of ball at position. Brennan is a driving type ball player and a very effective passer.

Art Martynuska and Hugo Mori have been very impressive at the guard position. Martynuska, 6-1, is an excellent ball handler and passer. Mori, standing at 5-9, is the small man on the squad.

Earl Fields and Ed Rudler round out Egli's first ten men. Both are forwards, standing 6-0, and will probably see a lot of action. Rudler is a set shot artist, and Fields is a play-making fast break man.

Egli has indicated that he will use two platoons for the first two quarters of the game. He will have Mori and Rudler at the guard slots on one team, Hamilton at center, and Marisa and Fields at the forwards.

Martynuska and Brown will handle the guard duties on the second squad, with Hauck at the pivot slot, and Brennan and Dowrick at the forwards.

No definite lineup has been indicated for the Junior Varsity squad. The team is composed of varsity reserves.

#### Winter Sports Later

Basketball is the only winter sports, team which swings into action at Penn State prior to the new year. Boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, and indoor track begin active campaigning in January. Basketball gets underway Friday.

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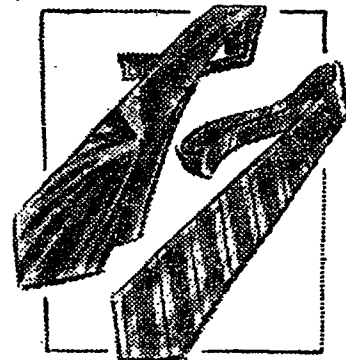
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