

Poor Shooting Cost Cagers Game, 77-53

Poor shooting from the field cost the Lion cagers their sixth lost yesterday as they bowed before a hard pressing Navy crew from Annapolis, 77-53. This was the worst drubbing the Nittanians have taken since the Kentucky game in the NCAA's last year (by 28 points) and the worst beating by Navy since the 1945 contest which read 60-27.

Penn State was far off their usual shooting percentage and could only find the basket 11 times out of 73 attempts. Percentage-wise, this reads 14%.

On the other hand, the Midshipmen had an "on" night and connected for 24 of their shots out of 50 attempts for a 48 percent shooting average. They still are second up to yesterday in the country for team scoring with 82.6 a game.

A well-balanced Navy squad managed to have four of their five starters hitting in the double figure column. The Nittany Lions could never quite catch up to the Midshipmen after the first few minutes of play and the only lead they ever commanded was a 4-2 margin in the first minute of the game.

(Other statistics weren't received at time of publication. Further details will be given in tomorrow's paper.)

The Lion's record now stands at nine wins and six losses with all of the setbacks suffered on the road. They have four more road games and five home contests. On February 7, the cagers will play Rutgers away; then there will be three games in a row at Rec Hall—American U, Feb. 11; Bucknell, Feb. 14; and Dickinson, Feb. 16. Going out East again, the Lions will meet Colgate and Syracuse on Feb. 20-21; then coming back home, they will face two old and bitter rivals, West Virginia and Pittsburgh on Feb. 25-28. Both of these teams have beaten the Lions. The season's clincher will be played on March 7 against Temple.

The State cagers have scored 1013 points in 15 games at an average of 67.5 points a game. If they can maintain that pace they have a good chance of beating last year's mark of 1596 points in 28 games which was a new team scoring record. They have to make 583 points in the nine remaining games or 64.7 average per game.

Frosh, Seniors Cop WRA Tilts

The juniors lost for the second consecutive time last night as the freshmen trounced them 18-11 in the second game of women's interclass basketball.

Scoring only two points in the first quarter, the juniors lagged behind throughout the entire game. Leading the attack all the way, the freshmen went on to head the score 13-3 at the half.

The freshmen team, including substitutes, had Louise Nudham, Shirley Hartay, Kathleen Queensbury, Lynn Hough, Ann Lederman, Mary Hudcovich, Barbara Lewis, Ethel Ross, Kim Kassoover, Eileen Johnson, Dot Dramble, Joan Bianche, Virginia Ball, Carol Greenawalt, and Faith Rojahn.

Playing for the juniors were Nell Hayes, Nancy Bailey, Margot Muller, Alison Rogers, Ethel Wilson, Carole Kowallis, Pat Hughes, Connie Bell, and Nancy Lusk.

In the second interclass game played tonight, the seniors slaughtered the sophomores 44-18 in a fast-moving well-played basketball game. Amber Hassinger led the sophomores in the beginning minutes of the game, and was backed by Gail Fromer in the last half.

High scorer Pat Lively made 10 points for the seniors in the first half of the game to bring the score to 25-9 at the half in favor of the seniors. Aided by Aneta Tyler, who scored 14 points for the seniors throughout the game, Miss Lively went on to make another 10 points in the last quarter to bring the final score to 44-18.

Sophomore players included Gloria Gershenow, Pearl Papaila, Miss Hassinger, Jackie Van Buskirk, Judy Koenig, Edwina Yudinsky, Miss Fromer, and Nancy Pelz.

Ed Haag's Style ... Is Referee's Problem

By SAM PROCOPIO

Ed Haag isn't sure. The spectators can't explain it either. But whatever it is that makes Penn State's lanky 6-2 guard hit the floor more often than "Canvassack Kid" captures the fancy of Rec Hall basketball rooters.

Since the boeing of officials has become part of college basketball, Haag's colorful style of play represents a constant problem to the whistle-tooters.

In Haag's case, the ref, who is the judge on behind-the-scene activities, must think twice before he hands down the sentence on who is or isn't going to walk to the foul line.

Depends On Aggressiveness

It is difficult to explain Haag's football-like demonstrations and to decide who's to blame—Haag, or his opponent. When they occur, however, the referee's decision is never satisfactory to the crowd or players.

The Lion's guard, a native of Grove City, explains his style of play: "Since I'm no scoring threat, I must depend upon my aggressiveness."

Back in Crafton, where Ed played his high school basketball and starred in football and baseball, it would amaze no one to reveal his style of play on the court because it was there that it all began.

Came To State

It was not until he enrolled at California State Teachers College in 1950 as a freshman that he exhibited his scoring potentialities. The ever-alert guard averaged a respectable 17 points a game and racked up his highest total points for one game with 26. This and his hustle earned him first-place honors on the WPIA all-state team.

The following year he came on campus, breaking in with the finest quintet Penn State has ever seen. Questioned what he thought was responsible for the surprising showing last year, Haag replied: "We had two outstanding team players in Hardy Williams and Tiny McMahan. They took charge of the team."

Hustlers Wanted

This season the aggressive guard has performed well, scoring 86 points. He hooped 14 points against nationally-ranked Oklahoma A&M and 11 points against highly-touted Penn. The records, however, do not tell the story.

In basketball the player with a good shot or set shot may be dangerous to any adversary, but for the extra something that brings vital victories, it's the hustler that's wanted every time.

Haag possesses that extra something. In fact, it has been his hustle and spirit to win that have helped the Lions intercept the ball and halted many two-pointers from registering against State this season.

DRIBBLING AROUND ... he is a sixth semester journalism major ... vice-president of Beaver House ... belongs to Druids ... and is active in the intramural program during the off-season.



Ed Haag

Robinson, Ehlers Confer

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4 (AP)—First baseman Eddie Robinson and Arthur Ehlers, general manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, like everything about each other except how much money one wants and how much the other has offered.

"A grand fellow," Ehlers called the broad-backed fellow from Baltimore.

"A nice fellow that Ehlers," said Robinson. "I can't see how I can miss coming to an agreement with a nice guy like him to deal with."

Gene Wettstone, Penn State gymnastics coach, picked up four prizes at the 1953 Pennsylvania State Farm Show for his hobby—bee keeping.

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Boxers MSC-Bound; Reynolds May Start

An eight-man contingent of Penn State boxers will "go West" at 8 tonight in search of its first win of the season against Michigan State Saturday.

For State, the same team which bowed to Maryland, 4½-3½, last Saturday will make the trip, with the possible exception of Sam Butler, 132 pounder. Coach Eddie Sulkowski indicated that Joe Reynolds is likely to get the nod over Butler for the weekend assignment.

Reynolds was Sulkowski's starter for the first two matches last year and had a record of two decision setbacks against Catholic U. and Army opponents. Butler then took over the 132 chores and had a two-loss, one-draw mark against Syracuse, Wisconsin and Virginia foes. In his first start of the year, Butler dropped a 30-26 decision last Saturday.

Marino at 125

Coaches Sulkowski and assistant Frank Patrick sent the regulars through stiff sparring drills Tuesday night but concentrated largely on shadow boxing, rope skipping, and light and heavy bag work last night.

Except for the 132 class, the lineup will be the same as last week. At 125 pounds Captain Sammy Marino will be out to show that his upset loss last week was a fluke. Never at his best until the championship tournaments, Sam, EIBA 125 king, did not have a spectacular dual record last year either. He did not lose any but was held to a draw three times.

For State at 139, again it will be Tony Flore. Tony won easily last week in his first start and boosted his two-year dual record to 5-1—top team mark.

Andresevic Goes Heavyweight

Adam Kois (176) and Hank Arnold (156), aside from Flore—the only two winners against Maryland, will both be seeking their second wins. Kois, at 176, scored the most lop-sided victory of the match last Saturday by a not-even-close, 30-25 margin. Arnold in his varsity debut came through with a 29-26 victory.

In the heavyweight class Bill Andresevic will attempt to improve on his draw verdict last week. Bill, surprisingly sharp in his first varsity bout, appeared to be winning when the bout was halted because of his opponent's cut eye.

Rounding out the ring crew are Stan Engle (147) and Dick Cameron (165). Engle will be after his first win following his extremely close 28-27 loss last week. Cameron too will seek his initial win. In his debut last week Cameron was looking good against a Southern champ until he tired in the third round.

IM Basketball Resumes After Two-Week Layoff

Phi Delta Theta and Beta Sigma Rho, through winning efforts at Rec Hall Tuesday night, kept their perfect 5-0 records intact and so continued to share the top spot in league D.

League C action saw Beta Theta Pi, by virtue of a 26-18 triumph over Sigma Pi, draw abreast of the league-leading Sigma Chi squad, which was inactive. Both teams possess similar 5-0 slates.

The Phi Deltas overcame an ineffective Tau Phi Delta attack, and the final whistle found the former on top, 31-20.

Beta Sigma Rho trimmed a weak Theta Xi quintet, 44-25.

Also in league D, Alpha Gamma Rho chalked up its first victory of the season at the expense of the Alpha Chi Rho team, 23-16.

SAM Bows, 28-11
Zeta Beta Tau also preserved a "perfect" record by losing its fifth straight game, as opposed to no wins, to Alpha Zeta, 25-14.

League C saw further activity in a rousing Alpha Phi Delta triumph over a Sigma Alpha Mu crew, 28-11. The losers, aiming for their first win, went into the second half with nine points, the

same amount as the Alpha Phi Deltas. The SAM cagers scored only 2 points in the second period.

Ernest Scores 15

Fergy Condliff, with nine points led the Pi Kappa Phi team to a 30-18 victory over Alpha Chi Sigma.

In league E, Dick Ernest, with 15 tallies, paced Delta Tau Delta to a 39-29 win over Delta Sigma Phi.

In the same league, Sigma Phi Epsilon swamped a fighting Alpha Epsilon Pi five, 46-16.

9 State TD's Via Air

Nine of the 24 touchdowns enrolled by Penn State during the 1952 football campaign were scored via the air lanes.

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