

Cagers Switch To Fast Break Brand of Play

Penn State basketball fans who followed the Lion cagers into the National Collegiate semi-finals last season will probably see a new type of Penn State basketball Saturday night when the Nittanies open their 25-game campaign against Dickinson at Rec Hall.

Under their new head coach John Egli, the Lions, who posted a 14-5 record last year and a 4-1 tournament mark, have switched from the deliberate style of offensive play to a fast breaking, pass-and-go team.

Egli took over the coaching job last spring after Elmer Gross resigned and inherited seven lettermen for this year's edition. However, three of last year's mainstays are absent this season.

Ed Haag and Jim Brewer, two key men in the Lions late rise last year have graduated, and the recent loss of last year's captain Jack Sherry, have hurt pre-season prospects.

But the Lions still have three of the 1953-54 strong hold back, plus a corps of Gross' reserve strength, and several promising sophomores.

Arnelle Top Scorer

Leading the field is 6-5 Jesse Arnelle, the able center who has shattered just about every existing individual Penn State scoring record. The big pivot man, voted to the all-tournament team last season, and recognized on several all-American selections, scored 507 points for a 21.1 average. He'll be the main scoring threat for the Nittanies.

Along with Arnelle in the "big man" category is veteran Jim Blocker, 6-4 forward who proved his worth in the National playoffs. Egli's other returning regular is sharp-shooting Ron Weidenhamer, a ball hawking guard who will be playing his fourth season.

Two Positions Open

The other two positions appear to be wide open at the moment with five or six men in line for the jobs. Four returnees from last year—Earl Fields, Rudy Marisa, Bob Rohland and Dave Edwards could break into the lineup for the Saturday inaugural.

Two rangy sophomores, 6-7 Bob Ramsey and Joe Hartnett 6-3, are also in hot contention for starting berths and Egli has indicated that both men are in line for plenty of action. Both players moved up from the 1953 freshman squad.

Egli began work with the squad Nov. 1 and immediately installed the fast-breaking offense, a measure he feels will be more suitable to the type players available. However, he will use the Lions famous sliding zone defense that has been vastly successful in past years.

The Lion coach feels now that his biggest job is in developing a strong reserve corps.

"Once Arnelle and Rohland are ready, our team should be able to give a good account of itself," Egli said, "but in the meantime, my major job will be in the development of an adequate bench."

Both players, along with Bob Hoffman—another veteran who figures to be a lot of help—joined the team late because of football duties. The trio was unable to begin practice until this week.

Egli has a man sized job on his hands this year because he follows directly behind a team that became the talk of the nation last season in its cinderella rise in the NCAA tourney. And he is missing three of the key performers.

Lion Grid Fans Can See Moore In Action on TV

Although Penn State has completed its grid schedule for the season, Nittany fans will get a chance to see the Lions' fabled Lenny Moore in action once more. Football forecaster Norman Sper has selected Moore as one of the 16 top football players in the nation and will show films of each player in action.

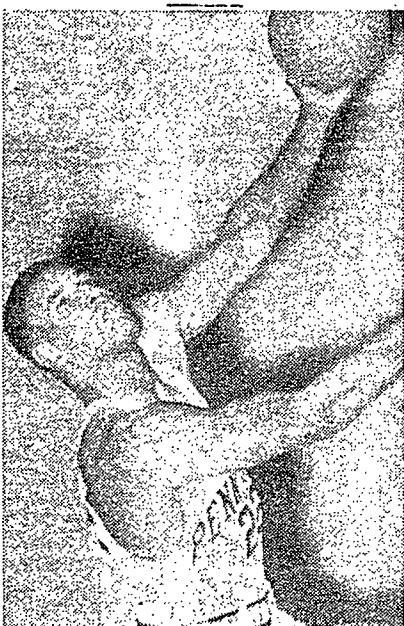
Local viewers will be able to see Moore in full stride at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow on WFBG-TV (Altoona) and at 1:30 p.m. Saturday over WJAC-TV (Johnstown).

Sper's show, which will be his final program of the year, will be seen throughout the nation at various times during the week. "Norman Sper and his Football Forecasts" is carried by 142 television stations.

Oklahoma placed three men in Sper's category of stars to pace the parade of 1954 players. Max Boydston, Kurt Burris, and Buddy Leake are the three Sooners selected by Sper.

Colorado, Wisconsin, and Notre Dame placed two performers on the list. Carroll Hardy and Frank Bernardi represent Colorado and Alan Ameche and Jim Miller flash Wisconsin's colors. Two backfield stars for Notre Dame during recent campaigns—Joe Heap and Ralph Guglielmi—were also picked.

Others listed by Sper are Dickie Moegle of Rice; Elwood Kittler of Texas A&M; Gene Lamore of West Virginia; George Shaw of Oregon; Frank Eidom of Southern Methodist; and Tom Tracy of Tennessee.



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Top Lion Scorer

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Kneidinger, Moore On AP's All-East

Tackle Otto Kneidinger and halfback Lenny Moore were selected to the Associated Press' all-East football team. End Jim Garrity, who was on the first squad last season, was hit hard by injuries this year and was dropped to the second team.

Kneidinger and Moore are both juniors. Garrity was a co-captain this season along with center Don Balthaser. Kneidinger, a 6-3, 205-pound defensive stalwart for the Lions, was paired with Frank Morze of Boston College at the tackle posts.

Moore, first in the East and second in the nation in rushing, shared backfield duties with Army's Pete Vann, Royce Flippin of Princeton, and Sam Pino of Boston University.

In nine games this season Moore ripped through the opposition for 1082 yards—a new Penn State rushing record. Moore scored 13 touchdowns, equalling another Nittany mark. He averaged an even eight yards per carry this season.

Ron Beagle of Navy and Don Hollender of Army filled the ends for the all-East squad. Another Cadet, Ralph Chesnauskas, was named to one of the guard posts. Harvard's William Meigs filled the other guard slot. Charles Beemus of Colgate was named as the top center.

Garrity was the Lions' top extra point booter again this year, and was a standout on defense. Last year Garrity was Penn State's No. 1 pass receiver. However, a foot injury slowed him down this season.

Three of the players named to the second team competed against the Lions this season. End Lou

Palatella and back Corny Salvatore represented Pitt on the second squad. Another back, Ray Perkins of Syracuse, rounded out the list of opponents who were named.

Penn State defeated both Pitt and Syracuse by scores of 13-0 in road contests.

WRA Results

VOLLEYBALL

Delta Gamma 43, Alpha Theta 35
Kappa Delta 39, Sigma Sigma 29
Chi Omega 31, Alpha Omicron Pi 30
Kappa Kappa Gamma 32, Gamma Phi Beta 24
Alpha Kappa Alpha 36, Little Lions 30

Robinson Given Suspension

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