

6 Returning Veterans Form Cage Nucleus

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Six returning lettermen form the nucleus of the 1957-58 Penn State basketball team, currently in its fourth week of practice on the Recreation Hall hardwoods.

Coach John Egli hopes to build another creditable crew around his six returning veterans—senior co-captains Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy and juniors Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock, Ted Kubista and Dick Schwendeman.

Of the six, Rainey, Baidy and Edwards were starters while Hancock, Kubista and Schwendeman were front-line reserves. To add to the brightness of the cage picture, Rainey, Edwards and Baidy were the three leading Lion scorers in that order last season.

The only major losses incurred by graduation were that of last year's captain Bob Leisher and center Bob Ramsay. Finding a suitable replacement for Leisher, the team's floor general last season, seems to be Egli's major problem at the moment.

Last season, Leisher handled the middle-man duties in Egli's 3-2 sliding zone defense and the Lion coach has already used three men in the position thus far in search of the replacement.

Rainey, Edwards and sophomore Wally Colender, who Egli feels may be the replacement he is looking for once he gets the feel of varsity play, have worked the spot and, so far, Edwards seems to be top man—although he played it for the first time last night.

With Edwards, who is 6-4, out front, Egli feels that the Lion defense will be tougher on the opponents' outside shooting. Hancock, 6-4, and Kubista, 6-4, will play back men with Rainey and Baidy, both 6-1, on the front sides.

Next in line for a varsity berth are three sophomores—Colender, Paul Sweetland and Larry Freedman. Then comes junior Cal Emery, of Lion baseball fame, and sophomores Mel Ramey and Bob Arner. All played freshman ball, but Emery did not go out for basketball last year.

Egli said that right now his team has fair height with good experience among the front-line candidates but lacks experienced bench strength. He said his club was slow in speed but very aggressive.



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IT'S PRACTICE TIME AGAIN . . . for the Penn State basketball team. Gathered around Coach John Egli for pre-practice instructions are his six returning lettermen: (from left to right) Co-captain Steve Baidy, Ted Kubista, Tom Hancock, Bob Edwards, Dick Schwendeman and Co-captain Ron Rainey.

ATO Swimmers Push '56 IM Relay Record

Alpha Tau Omega's 120-yard relay team—Larry Bayer, Ed Schwarr, Harry Sloat, and Bob Wild—came within :006 of the 1956 IM record in last night's swimming intramurals at Glenside Pool.

The team swam the four laps in 1:00.2—just missing the :59.6 mark set by the Natators. The win was one part of the 37-3 ATO rout over Theta Chi.

In the independent meets, the Corn Grinders won by forfeit over Pollock 6, and the Nittany Mermen defeated the Yellow Jackets, 27-12.

Theta Chi took only three third places in the sprints and a third in the diving competition, while ATO's Schwarr took first in the 60-yard free style in :33.4. Sloat swam to a 60-yard backstroke first in :46.0; and Carl Tongberg won the 60-yard breast stroke in :41.1. Tongberg also compiled 15.4 points to cop the diving event.

In the Yellow Jackets and the Nittany Mermen meet, the first

place positions were again dominated by one team—the Mermen. The 60-yard races and the relay went to the Mermen with Lou Benzac taking the freestyle, Dick McCoy winning the backstroke, and Ken Dodds finishing as the only qualified swimmer in the breast stroke. The Mermen's relay team won the event in 1:09.4.

The only Yellow Jacket win came when George Whiting won the diving honors with 9.6 points.

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