

Lions Lose 1st Tilt, Play Titans Tonight

The Penn State basketballers have no time to think about their opening game 80-62 loss to North Carolina State Saturday night at Raleigh, N.C. They play winless Carnegie Tech tonight at Pittsburgh.

Tonight's game marks the first of a consecutive two-game road trip for the Nittanians. Tomorrow night they meet the potent West Virginia Mountaineers at Morgantown, W. Va.

and Steve Baidy, Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock and Ted Kubista in both games. This was his starting team against the Wolfpack.

The Tech Titans seem to have their troubles in store for them again this year—after a poor 8-15 season last year. They lost their first two games of the year to Duquesne, 72-58, and to DePauw, 63-61.

However, Egli showed no overconfidence when questioned about the game. He remembers only too well how tough, especially against Penn State, the Titans are on their home court. Over the years, the Lions have found the Titans to be one of their toughest foes when the clubs meet at Skibo Gym.

The Lion performance against the Wolfpack Saturday night was disappointing, especially since it extended a Lion jinx of never having beaten an N.C. State basketball team.

The Wolfpack shot a phenomenal 51.8 percentage, hitting on 28 of 54 field goal attempts. The Lions, on the other hand, hit on only 24 of 70 attempts for a 34.3 average.

Egli pointed to the Lions' faulty shooting as the chief reason for the loss. "We didn't play very well," he said. I was disappointed

in our performance—we're better than we showed. We were hustling but we weren't sharp."

Egli pointed to a Wolfpack surge with approximately eight minutes left as the turning point of the contest. The score was only 58-53, NCS, at that point, but the Wolfpack took advantage of three Lion misses for three quick goals to clinch the win. With three minutes left, Egli, realizing the Lions were beaten, substituted his second team and the Wolfpack continued to score for the romp.



Ted Kubista ... tops Lion scorers

Egli will take the same 10-man travelling squad that made the N.C. State trip on this two-game road venture. He will probably go with his starting five of co-captains Ron Rainey



Bob Edwards ... hits for 11

The Box Score ...

PENN STATE				N.C. STATE			
	FG	F	TP		FG	F	TP
Rainey	5	2-2	12	Belli	2	2-2	4
Kubista	5	6-7	16	Pucillo	5	6-7	16
Baidy	4	1-1	9	M'C Gillivray	7	5-5	12
Colender	1	1-1	3	Richter	4	2-4	10
Emery	1	0-0	2	Clark	3	2-2	8
Freedman	0	0-0	0	Fatis	0	0-0	0
Hancock	2	1-1	5	Stepanovich	4	2-3	10
Edwards	4	3-4	11	Hopper	1	5-5	7
Schwartz	2	0-0	4	Engelhardt	0	0-0	0
Sweetland	0	0-1	0	Gallagher	2	0-1	4
Totals:	24	14-17	62	Totals:	23	24-29	80

he was pleased with, was the Lions' high scorer with 16. Rainey hit for 12 while Edwards had 11 to complete the Lion double-figure scorers.

AP Poll Ranks N. Carolina 1st

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS North Carolina, the defend-

ing national basketball champion, is rated the No. 1 team in the nation in the first weekly Associated Press poll. In fact, North Carolina, Kansas and Kentucky, which finished 1, 2, 3 in the final balloting last spring, again are ranked in that order.

Coach Frank McGuire's North Carolina team ran its winning streak to 33 by drubbing Clemson 79-55 in its opener and now takes the road to play at George Washington Tuesday.

A total of 121 sports writers and sportscasters voted in the first AP poll of the season, released Tuesday. It turned out to be a three-way race. North Carolina drew 41 first place bal-

lots, Kansas got 34 and Kentucky 23.

On the basis of points, 10 for first, nine for second etc., North Carolina had 1018, Kansas 965 and Kentucky 869. The voting was based on games through Saturday Dec. 7.

Wilt Chamberlain led Kansas to opening week victories over Oklahoma State, Canisius and Northwestern.

Kentucky took Duke by four points, Ohio State by seven, and then was forced into three overtime periods to nip Temple by two points Saturday.

Bradley was ranked fourth after its 97-47 romp over Illinois Normal and Kansas State drew nine first place votes and a fifth place rating on victories over Texas

Western and Indiana.

San Francisco rode over Chico State and West Texas State with no trouble and was voted into sixth position. Then came Michigan State, convincing winners over Butler and Detroit.

West Virginia ran up 100-plus scores in romps over Virginia Military and Furman to earn eighth place. St. Louis, an easy winner over New Mexico Aggies in its opener, was ninth, and Temple, beaten in overtime by Kentucky after an opening slaughter by Delaware, was 10th.

The second 10: Minnesota, North Carolina State, UCLA, Seattle, Notre Dame, Rice, Syracuse, Oklahoma City, Cincinnati and Memphis State.



The Sportseer

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We've never been one to put much faith in the pre-season ratings of collegiate athletic teams—as evidenced by the past pre-season pigskin ratings which picked such teams as Minnesota, Kentucky, Baylor, Pitt, Oregon State and (ugh) Penn State as national powers. But being believers of that old axiom—"Don't do as I do, do as I Say"—we find ourself coming out with a pre-season ranking of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association teams.

National magazines are always rating collegiate grid and cage outfits but I have yet to see a magazine rank college mat squads. That's the basis of our ratings. That is, we are playing the role of an eastern wrestling expert writing for a national journal—and not a partisan (Hail to the Lion) Penn State fanatic.

So without any further adieu . . . Lehigh is undoubtedly the EIWA favorite this year—and everybody knows it, including Pitt's veteran mat mentor Rex Perry. Says the crafty Perry: "Lehigh is the team to beat in the east. And no wonder with men like (Leon) Harbold, (Joe) Gratto, (Dick) Santoro, (Bob) Gunst." That's from the man whose team has dominated the EIWA tournament three of the last four years.

Harbold, Gratto and Santoro form the nucleus of Coach Jerry Lechman's outfit. All are vets and all are rated at the top or near the top of their respective weight classes. In fact, Gratto is the defending National champion at 137-pounds. Harbold is a 130-pounder and Santoro weighs-in at 147.

Ungst is one of three promising Lehigh sophomores. He wrestles at 157. Ed Slater, who goes at 123, and 167-pound Russ Tripony are the other two newcomers.

Two other veterans, 177-pound Ed Hamer, the defending 157-pound EIWA titlist, and heavyweight Pete Davidson give the Engineers an almost unbeatable outlook (pre-season, that is).

Pitt is ranked second in the pre-season ratings by this "expert" with Cornell, Penn State, and Syracuse.

Pitt lost only three men from last year's team which placed second in the National and Eastern tourneys, and even though they were big losses—Bill Hulings, Ed Perry and Ron Schirf (all national champs at one time or another)—Pitt is still the team to beat in the conference.

Among the returnees for Rex Perry's outfit are Vic DeFelice, 137; Ted Bienkowski, 147; Bob Bubb, 157; Dave Johnson, 167 and Tom Alberts—five of the best wrestlers in the East last winter. Alberts is the defending 177-pound NCAA champ.

Cornell coach Jimmy Miller calls the current Big Red squad "the best" he's had at Cornell—and it seems like many of the EIWA coaches agree with him. Veterans Carmen Molino, 139, George Willis, 137, Dick Vincent, 157, Steve Friedman, 167, and Dave Dunlop, hwt, and sophomore Dave Aubel—perhaps the East's best 123-pounder—make the Big Red a team to be reckoned with.

Even though the outlook for Penn State is a bit gloomy, as a national "expert," we'd have to place the Lions fourth on the basis of past performances (just like the football experts did in 1956 when they put Notre Dame in the pre-season top-ten). 'Nuff said.

Syracuse is probably the dark horse of the loop and could very well be the "spoiler." Everyone returns from last season's Orange unit, including Ed Carlin, 123; George Creason, 130; Marty Lavanhar, 167; and Bill White, 177. And if Dick Lasse—the football star—returns,—watch out. He was a top heavyweight 2 years back.

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