

Cagers Defeat Colgate, 71-58

Egli Says Lions Have 'Potential'

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The performance may have lacked all the desired polish, but it did the job Saturday night when the Penn State basketball team scored a 71-58 victory over Colgate University at Recreation Hall.

The Lions, although lacking in finesse and coordination of a standout squad, showed to Coach John Egli at least they have the potential to be a winning ballclub as they took an early lead, relinquished it for a few short moments in the first half, and then regained it to win going away over the speedy, but inexperienced Red Raiders.

Reviewing his team's effort, Egli said: "We looked pretty good in some basic phases. Our defensive fundamentals were excellent in some points.

"I think we're going to be pretty tough. They (the players) have the potential to be a tough club—if we can iron out our errors between games," he said.

But, to prove he was not over-optimistic, Egli said emphatically, "We still need to do a lot of work." He mentioned, in particular, that he still needs to find a floor leader to set the scoring patterns in motion.

"We're still not alert enough," he said. "We're not moving quick enough... we need more of it." He added that he, himself, profited by the Lion performance because he spotted more weaknesses which need to be corrected.

On the debit side of the Lion picture, these three things stood out:

1. The performance, chiefly on offense, of junior veteran Bob Edwards. Edwards, who finished second to co-captain Ron Rainey in the Lion individual scoring race last season, was high man for the game with 27 points—10 field goals and seven fouls.

Faking deceptively from his pivot post, Edwards scored almost at will with a repertoire of hooks jumps, drive-ins and one-handed push shots. It was his second-straight night as the game's high scorer—he led all scorers with 24 points in the West Virginia contest.

2. The Lion rebounding. Capitalizing to the fullest on their slight height-advantage, the Lions completely dominated both backboards throughout the game. Team totals showed the Lions with 61 rebounds to their credit compared to 36 for Colgate.

Junior Tom Hancock, always a bulwark on defense, led the Lion rebounders with 14, followed very closely by "Jumpin'" Ted Kubista and Edwards with 10 each. Sophomore Paul Sweetland was next with eight.

3. The impressive first-start performance by Sweetland. The 6-5 soph showed plenty of potential as he scored 12 points and played an aggressive defensive game.

Of Sweetland, Egli said: "I



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WHO'S GOT IT?... Lion cagers Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock and Paul Sweetland (l-r) engulf Colgate's Charlie Hagenhah while reaching for a rebound under the Nittany basket. Edwards finally came down with the ball.

was well-pleased with his performance since he was starting his first game in front of a home crowd. He's got a lot to learn but he showed me that he wants to play. I hope he continues to improve."

The Lions now enter a three-week respite period. Their next game is Jan. 4 against Rutgers at Rec Hall.

The Box Score . . .

PENN STATE				COLGATE			
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP		
Hancock 3	2-4	8	Hagenhah 2	4-6	8		
Sweetland 4	4-5	12	Brandon 1	1-1	3		
Edwards 10	7-7	27	Brunner 7	1-2	15		
Bandy 2	1-3	5	Durkee 3	5-9	11		
Colander 1	0-0	2	Bisselle 6	5-7	17		
Rainey 5	2-3	12	Maurer 0	0-0	0		
Kubista 2	1-2	5	Heaghen 0	0-0	0		
Schw'd'n 0	0-0	0	Ewbanks 2	0-0	4		
Bauer 0	0-0	0	Smith 0	0-0	0		
Totals	27	17-24	71	Totals	21	16-25	58

Walters in Senior Bowl

Les Walters, Penn State's stylish end, will go from the East-West Shrine game at San Francisco, Dec. 28, to the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala., Jan. 11. Walters has already been drafted by the Baltimore Colts of the pro league.

N.Y. Termed Open Territory By Ford Frick

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, reiterated today that New York, vacated by the Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers, still was open territory.

In a meeting with members of the four-man committee appointed recently by Mayor Robert Wagner to bring a National League team to New York, Frick gave his assurance that he would not oppose any sincere attempt to put another major league team in New York.

Frick advised the committee, however, that the more immediate and most important objectives were to get a team, a franchise and a suitable stadium. The major league club owners are scheduled to meet early in the February to discuss the New York territorial problem.

Veteran Performers Return for Gymnasts

Two experienced performers in each of the rope climb, parallel bars and flying rings events should give gym coach Gene Wettstone enough point men to have strong Lion threats there.

Heading the list is senior Phil Mullen, a two-time letterman. The ace climber holds the Lion Rec Hall record of 3.5 seconds in the rope climb and is out to regain the Eastern and National championship which he lost last year.

Although Mullen will not compete in the opening meet Jan. 11 at Temple, Wettstone will have another experienced climber in junior John Hiding. Hiding has improved considerably in practices this year, according to Wettstone, with one clocking under the four-second mark to his credit.

Fighting for the third spot will be junior Don Littlewood, sophomores Vince Neuhauser and Bill Fosnacht and second-semester freshman Frank Donatelli. Donatelli will be eligible to compete under NCAA rules at the beginning of the spring semester.

Captain Bob Foht leads the contingent on the parallel bars. His third place finish in the Easterns last year rates him as one of the top in the East this season. Backing him up will be junior Lou Savadove and the "Gold-

dust Twins" sophomores Lee Cunningham and Jay Werner. Werner easily won both p-bar events in his freshman competition and will probably be the third Lion competitor there in the opening meet.

Savadove is also one of the three athletes expected to compete on the high bar. Against West Virginia last year, the versatile little junior finished third, while returning senior John Collier finished fourth in the same meet.

On the flying rings, Wettstone has two returnees in senior Eddie Sidwell and junior Jack Donahue—again backed up by one of the "twins." Wettstone will probably chose Werner, who also won this event for the frosh.

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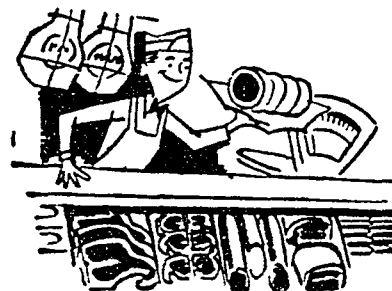
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