

Edwards Tops Lions In Scoring Statistics

Veteran Bob Edwards, the Lions' 6-5 pivotman with a country gait and a shooting eye as deadly as a cobra, is out to make a clean sweep of Penn State individual scoring statistics this season.

Four-game totals show Edwards leading in every offensive department among the Nittany scorers. He leads in point-

total with 69, field goals made with 21, fouls made with 27, and has high single-game honors (27 against Colgate), most field goals for one game (10 against Colgate) and most fouls made, one game (10 against West Virginia).

The accurate Edwards has made 21 of 59 field goal attempts for a 35.6 percentage and 27 of 35 fouls for an even 80 percentage.

Offensively, this is at least the equal of his performance of last season. A substitute at the beginning of last year, Edwards came off the bench after sophomore starter Carmen Palmiero's tragic death in an auto accident during the Christmas vacation to finish second to Ron Rainey in scoring, 377 to 354.

He has been high game-scorer in the past two Lion contests with 24 against West Virginia and 27 against Colgate.

Junior Ted Kubista, a reserve last season, follows Edwards in scoring with 41 points for a 10.3 average. He is the only other Lion to average in the double-figure column in the team's first four games.

Co-captains Steve Baidy and Ron Rainey follow. Baidy has scored 38 points for a 9.5 average while Rainey has 31 points for a 7.8 average. Rainey was hampered by a loss of accuracy when he scored only three points against Carnegie Tech and four against West Virginia. He hit for 12 against Colgate, however.

As a team, the Lions have scored 230 points on 81 field goals and 68 fouls for a 57.3 average. The opponents have scored 257 points for a 64.3 average. The Penn State shooting percentage is 31.8 to date.

Defensively, junior Tom Hancock tops the Lion rebounders with 35, followed by Kubista with 25, Baidy with 23, and Edwards and Rainey with 19 apiece.

Pistons Fire Cage Coach For Losing

DETROIT, Dec. 18 (AP) — The forced resignation today of Coach Charley Eckman points up the woes that have beset the game dropping, money-losing, injury-riddled Pistons since their National Basketball Assn. franchise was switched to Detroit from Fort Wayne, Ind., after the 1956-57 season.

The 36-year-old Eckman, an energetic, cigar-chewing little guy who talks a mile a minute, said he would be paid to June, 1959, on a \$12,500-a-year contract running through the 1959-60 season.

"Resignation is a nice way to put it," Eckman told newsmen at his Glen Burnie, Md., home. "We weren't winning. That's all there is to it."

Owner Fred Zollner, millionaire Fort Wayne Piston manufacturer, said he expects to name Eckman's successor-sometime tomorrow.

Speculation included the names of Bob Davies, formerly with the old Rochester N.Y. Royals of the NBA; Jim Pollard, coach at La Salle and another former NBA star; and Bob Calihan, University of Detroit coach. Zollner said the man "I have in mind" is one of many years experience in the NBA, capable of teaching young players. Calihan said he has never been approached.

The Pistons are mired in third place in the NBA's four western division and have won only 9 of 25 games this season.



Bob Edwards ... sharpshooting center

Engle's East Team Favored by Ten

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 — Texas A&M, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Ohio State were listed as favorites in post season football bowl players. Calihan said he has never been approached.

The odds-makers put Lion Coach Rip Engle on the spot by giving his East team a 10-point spot over the West in the Shrine encounter.

3 Teams Top EIWA Standings

Lehigh, Army and Rutgers top the unofficial standings of the 17-team Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association after two weeks of action with perfect 2-0 records.

The Engineers—a future Penn State foe—have gained the most impressive victories with wins over Cornell, 15-9, and Syracuse, 25-12. Army registered its conquests over Columbia, 32-0, and Franklin and Marshall, 18-6, while the Scarlet blasted Charlie Ridenauer's Penn club, 23-5, and Yale, 17-13.

Four other conference members, including the defending champion Nittany Lions, trail the three leaders with 1-0 marks. Penn State stopped Colgate, 18-8; Navy creamed little Gettysburg, 30-0; Springfield clipped Brown, 19-9; and Harvard stopped Dartmouth, 24-5.

In other meets involving EIWA teams, Cornell blanked Yale, 26-0; Penn stopped Lafayette, 20-11; and non-league CCNY thumped Temple, 28-6. Pittsburgh and Princeton have yet to see EIWA action.

However, these results have no actual bearing on the EIWA championship since the title is awarded to the winner of the annual March tournament and not to the team with the best won and lost record.

Two of the defending individual EIWA titlists are unbeaten thus far while a third—167-pound Dave Johnson of Pitt, has not wrestled yet. Penn State's 130-pound king Johnny Johnston won

his only start, 8-0, and Lehigh's Ed Hamer—last year's 157-pound champ now wrestling at 177—owns a decision and a fall in two outings.

Last year's 137-pound national champion Joe Gratto of Lehigh is also unbeaten this year. Gratto decided Cornell's George Willis, 7-3, and gained a forfeit win against Syracuse. The East's other returning NC-

AA champ, 167-pound Tom Alberts of Pitt, has been idle.

Several EIWA second-place finishers are also undefeated. Lehigh's Dick Santoro owns two lopsided decisions in the 147-pound division; Cornell's Dick Vincent has two decision victories at 157; and Steve Friedman, also of Cornell, is credited with a 6-0 win against Gettysburg.

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14 Lions Pace IM Cage

The Fourteen Lions became the first intramural basketball team to win five games as they beat the Wolves, 37-13 at Recreation Hall Tuesday night.

The Sinkers defeated the Slipsticks, 26-14; and Phi Gamma Delta beat Pi Kappa Alpha, 35-21 to remain unbeaten. Their record stands 4-0.

In the only other independent contest played, the Greensmokers defeated the Hamilton Hustlers, 22-18. Penn Haven won over the Convicts and the Bums beat Pollock 4, by forfeit.

Sigma Phi Epsilon edged Tau Phi Delta, 26-25; Kappa Delta Rho defeated Alpha Zeta, 28-22 and Sigma Alpha Epsilon won over Delta Chi, 27-14 in the remaining Greek tilts.

Ralph Shaefer put on a one-man scoring show as he scored 21 points to lead all players in individual scoring.

Terry Hutton, of Phi Gamma Delta was a distant second with 13 markers. Third was Ken Fasick of Sigma Phi Epsilon with 11 points.

Other scorers in twin figures were: Harry Greyback, Fourteen Lions (10), Bob Pivik, Greensmokers (10), and Ed Walsh, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (10).

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