

# Hennon--The Man to Stop In Lion-Panther Contest



Don Hennon

A roly-poly basketball player with what is acclaimed to be the "softest touch in collegiate basketball" figures to be the man Penn State must stop if it hopes to win its Saturday night contest with the Pittsburgh Panthers at the Pitt Field House.

That player is, of course, the Panthers' fabulous 5-8½ sharpshooter, Don Hennon. Only a junior, Hennon has the experts already acclaiming him a sure-shot All-American—if not this year, then certainly next year.

Hennon's claim to fame naturally is his spectacular shooting prowess. And spectacular is exactly the way to describe it. If you are in doubt, just ask any fan who saw the first Panther-Lion contest this year at Recreation Hall and he'll tell you.

In that contest, the Panther "mity-mite" hit on an amazing 12 of 18 field goal attempts to finish with 34 points. His shooting was the major factor in the 71-64 Panther win.

Averaging a little better than 25.8 points a game, the Wampus cager needs 55 points in his last two games—Westminster tonight and the Lions Saturday night. Hennon's single-season scoring record of 622 points. This may seem like a stern menu.

... sharpshooter extraordinary task. But with Hennon's ability, it's better than a fair bet that he just may meet the test. After all, he needs just a little bit more than his 22-game average.

The only criticism leveled at Hennon is his inability to rebound off the backboards because of his height. However, with starting teammates Julius Pegues (6-3), Dave Sawyer (6-6), John Mills (6-5) and Chuck Hursh (6-4) in the lineup, he isn't especially needed in that department.

And these boys—particularly Pegues—can score at times. Pegues became the fourth Panther to better the 1000-point mark in varsity play by scoring 19 points in the Panthers 109-74 victory over Geneva Monday night at the Field House.

Pegues, the Panther co-captain, along with Hursh, is Hennon's chief aid in the scoring line. He tallied 26 points in the Panther's Rec Hall visit.

Besides leading the Panther fast break—Pitt's a running club—Pegues is also one of Coach Bob Timmons' top defensive players. He, along with Hursh, combine to give the Panthers one of the nation's roughest defensive ballclubs.

That's what is in store for the Lions Saturday night. Hennon, Pegues and some lesser characters—the ingredients that put the Panthers on the NCAA tourney menu.

# Wildcats Out Fan Enthusiasm Low To Win 2nd Over Pitt Mat Visit IC4-A Title

Don't let champion Villanova attempt to win its second IC4-A indoor track title Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The Wildcats will depend heavily on a repeat double victory by "The Fishman," Ron Delany, in the mile and 1000-yard runs. Other top point-getters for the defending champs are expected to be sprinters Ed Collymore and George Snyder and high jumpers Phil Reavis and Charlie Stead.

Missing from the 1957 version of Jumbo Jim Elliott's Villanova squad are IC4-A champions Don Bragg in the pole vault and Charley Jenkins in the 600.

Villanova's chief challengers, George Eastment's Manhattan squad—second to the Wildcats last year—will depend mainly on towering Tom Murphy in the 600, Joe Soprano in the 1000, shotputter Joe Marchioney and its usual assortment of crack relay teams.

Marchioney is expected to win the shot with Murphy topping the 600. The Jaspers will have stiff competition from Pitt in the mile relay and Georgetown in the 2-mile relay.

Notre Dame—a new entry this year—is expected to be a high scorer with its galaxy of middle distance and distance runners from NCAA championship cross-country team.

Top individual entries will be Duke's Dave Sime in the 60, Maryland's Burr Grimm in the mile, Army's Ed Bagadonas in the 35-lb. weight and Marquette's Ed Hoyle and Penn's John Gray in the pole vault.

### Baseball Candidates

Varsity baseball infield and outfield candidates should report to Coach Joe Bedenk any time this week in 237 Recreation Hall.

It's been the custom of Penn State wrestling fans for the past few years to anxiously look forward to the Lions' annual engagement with rival Pittsburgh. But the situation is somewhat different this year.

In fact, Nittany partisans are about as enthused over the Lion-Panther clash as a Dave Brubeck fanatic at a Rock and Roll show.

And no wonder, what with the Panthers once again enjoying a terrific season while the Lions plod through one of their worst campaigns in history.

Coach Rex Perry's once-beaten gladiators are currently rated the number three team in the NC-AA wrestling mecca, trailing Iowa State and Oklahoma State. And the Panthers' lone setback was to that Iowa State array, 22-5. The only other mar on their otherwise perfect (8-1-1) record is a 14-14 tie with unbeaten Lehigh last Saturday night.

Perry lost only three men from last year's team which finished second to Oklahoma in the 1957 national tournament, including a couple of national champs in Ed Perry and Ron Schirf. But despite this fact, only three veterans are slated for starting berths when the two teams meet Saturday night.

Vic DeFelice, a perennial national contender at 137; two-time 157-pound eastern titlist Dave Johnson; and 157-pound Bob Richardson are the lettermen. Two other vets, Tom Alberts and Ted Bienkowski, started this year with the Panthers but are on the bench now because of injuries.

Alberts, last year's 167-pound NCAA champ, dislocated a shoulder in a match with Roy Minter



Johnson

of Mankato State last month, and may not be ready until the 1958 NCAA tourney late in March. Bienkowski suffered his injury—a dislocated elbow—last Saturday while wrestling with unbeaten Dick Santoro of Lehigh.

But the Panthers are still well-fortified despite six non-lettermen in the starting lineup. Sophomore Paul Powell, the only unbeaten man on the team with a 9-0-1 mark, is the 123-pound entry and Sherm Moyer, another highly-regarded sophomore, is at 130.

Bob Senter, 147, Alex Skirpan, 177, and Tony Vuccolo—all of whom are no pushovers—will probably round out the starting array.

### Lacrosse Managers

Second and third semester students interested in becoming second managers of lacrosse should report this week to the lacrosse locker room near the skating rink or call Chuck Hughes at AD 7-4989. Candidates must have at least a 2.0 All-University average.

All but a handful of players on the current squad never saw a lacrosse game until they entered Penn State as freshmen.

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Requirements for the individual offices are: President—sixth semester standing and at least one year a member of the WRA executive board; Vice President and Intramural Chairman—fourth or fifth semester standing; two Assistant Intramural Chairmen, Secretary-Treasurer and Sophomore Representative—second or third semester standing.

Women will vote in their dining halls and town women will vote in Mac Hall.

Rip Engle, Penn State football coach, gives major credit to his assistant, Joe Paterno, for the development of Lion quarterbacks. He called Paterno, who played for him at Brown University, "one of the brainiest teachers in the business."

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