

# Injuries Plague Nittany Cagers

Just before the basketball season began, Lion Coach John Egli warned that depth would be a big factor in his team's final record.

"If no one gets hurt then we should do all right, but we can't afford to lose any starters because we just don't have the experienced manpower to fill in for them," he said.

Things went well for Egli the first part of the season as his team had no major injuries to worry about. But then the axe fell.

During mid-semester break, Ted Kubista, a starting forward, aggravated an old ankle injury. X-rays later revealed a hairline fracture of his ankle. The result—one Lion starter out for the rest of the season.

Then, against Navy Wednesday Bob Edwards twisted his knee. It didn't seem serious at the time, but last night Egli said that he would probably only be used sparingly against Rutgers tomorrow night.

Thus, Egli has to go to his slim line of reserves again. Paul Sweet-

land already has filled in for Kubista and has done a commendable job. But now Egli has a problem.

Sweetland, a junior, had seen plenty of action as a soph, but there are no experienced big men after him. Egli has Jon Musser, a 6-5 soph, and Don Wilson, a 6-3 soph, working in Edwards' slot.

As of last night Egli was leaning toward Wilson, who did a good job in his only other start against Bucknell.

The loss of Edwards will definitely hurt the Lion offense, according to Egli, and will put more pressure on Mark DuMars and Wally Colender who are the two top scorers. Edwards is the third leading scorer for the Lions with a 12-point average.

# Frosh Courtmen Lose to Navy; To Play Altoona

After absorbing their first setback of the season at the hands of a sharp Navy Plebe squad, the Nittany frosh cagers will aim to bound back into the win column at the expense of Altoona Center tonight on the away court.

The Lion Cubs drubbed the Altoona lads, 84-52, in the season opener on the home floor. Coach Swegan plans to use a 4-man zone defense with one man sticking on Chuck Ingram, the Center's only effective scorer in the first game.

"It's the best we've ever done at Navy," said Swegan of Wednesday's encounter, and at one time in the second half while using a full court press the Nittanians pulled to within four points of the leading Plebes, but were unable to break the jinx.

SUMMARIES:

P.S.	FROSH	NAVY	FROSH					
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP			
Bradshaw	4	8	9	16	Mira	1	3	5
Fink	5	1	2	11	Corbalis	3	6	9
Biesecker	4	0	1	8	Brox	1	0	1
Hice	1	0	0	2	Tremaine	8	8	7
Moran	1	1	2	3	Hughes	2	2	2
Patterson	2	0	0	4	Nash	2	0	0
Hutchinson	0	0	3	0	Zayotti	2	0	0
Phillips	0	0	0	0	Kiryan	7	1	2
Shamey	2	0	1	4	Lewis	1	0	1
Shea	2	3	3	7				
Totals	21	13	21	55	Totals	24	18	30
Half-Navy	29	PSU	21					

# Navy G-Men Called 'Best in 10 Years'

An undefeated Navy gymnastic squad stands as the biggest barrier to the Lions chances of winning their ninth EIGL title this year. The Middies host the Lions tomorrow afternoon in Annapolis.

Navy athletic publicity director John M. Cox had the usual pessimistic outlook on the meet: "We're undefeated so far, but the calibre of your (Penn State) outfit will bring them to a fast halt Saturday."

Unfortunately, our records don't merit this extreme pessimism. Navy has had an easy time defeating two future Lion foes—Pitt, 52-44, and Syracuse, 70-26. They also trampled Lock Haven State Teachers College, 73-22.

Speaking of the Syracuse slaughter, Lion coach Gene Wettstone commented, "Anytime Navy can walk over Syracuse, their opponents have reason to fear them."

The judges at the last two home meets have also issued a danger signal in regards to tomorrow's meet. The judges—particularly Harry Nelson and Adam Walters

—said the Navy team is very confident of victory.

Nelson said the Midshipmen have one of their "best balanced teams in a decade." Although they have no rope climbers of note, the Middies have the best side horse trio in the East. Fern Sheppard, who won the EIGL event last year, and Bob McFarland, who finished third, supply the top talent on the horse.

And John Morgan, the Navy's top all-around performer, "has improved considerably" according to the judges. Morgan works the parallels and high bar.

The hosts also have an ace crew of returning tumblers and ringmen. Chauncey Fairchild heads the flying crew and Paul Sparks and Paul Carwin return on the mats.

Wettstone's gymnasts will also be competing in their first away meet, which adds to his problems. —By Matt Mathews

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