

# Cagers to End Home Season

By SANDY PADWE

Penn State closes out its 1959-59 home basketball season tonight at 8 when the Lions play Carnegie Tech in Recreation Hall.

Coach John Egli's Blue and White five will match its 10-7 record against Carnegie Tech's 9-13 log.

Mel Crastley's boys will be without the full-time services of sophomore star Bill Soffa. Soffa dislocated a finger against Indiana State ten days ago.

There is even speculation that Soffa might not play. This would be a bad blow to the Tartans, since he is their leading scorer.

Last season as a freshman, Soffa rewrote the Tech record book, and he was enjoying a banner year prior to his injury.

Bud Miller and Andy Komer have taken over a good portion of the scoring burden since Soffa has been out of the lineup. These two will be joined by Stan Skalka, Bob Hauser and Tom Mueller in Tech's probable starting lineup.

Although the Tartans have a 9-13 record Penn State coach John Egli isn't taking them lightly. "I expect them to play a slow deliberate ball game and wait for only good chances," he said.

Egli will send the same starting lineup into tonight's game that he has been using most of the season.

That will include Tom Hancock, Paul Sweetland and Bob Edwards in front court, with Mark DuMars and Wally Colender in back court.

Colender and DuMars are the co-scoring leaders for the Nittany Lions. Both are averaging 16 points per game, but Colender has a 12 point lead over the "Magician" in the scoring race.

Following the Carnegie Tech game tonight, the Lions take to the road for a game with arch rival Pitt tomorrow.

The Pitt-Penn State game has been designated Don Hennon Night, and a huge crowd is expected. It will be Hennon's



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# Cunningham's Return Removes Doubts on Panther Gym Meet

Never was a gymnastic practice as aesthetic as last night's. First there were free movies (of the Finnish gym exhibition, including the girls), then there were dance-like routines in calisthenics and the soothing strains of two Roger Williams' LP's—"Till" and "Almost Paradise."

And the little grey cloud of worry was nowhere in sight.

The most outstanding reason for the optimistic change was the return of Lee Cunningham to full workouts. Cunningham was even hitting his high scissors on the horse to perfection, among all the other difficult moves he incorporates in his riding routine.

According to Coach Gene Wettstone, the junior ace will work against the Panthers. In fact, he

Following the gym meet tomorrow afternoon, Captain Armando Vega will leave immediately for the Finnish Gym Exhibition at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg.

He will join freshman Gzeg Weiss in competition against the Finns. The meet, sponsored by the Patriot-News, begins at 8 p.m. and concludes the Finns' tour of the United States.

The Concert Blue Band will also perform at the show.

Tickets will be available at the Farm Show Arena.

## last performance in a Pitt uniform.

In his three years of varsity competition, the 5-8 All-American has broken every scoring record in Pitt cage history.

While it will be Hennon night at the Field House, it will also be a big night for some 300 people from Sharon, Pa.

Finally, after two years of waiting, they will get a chance to see two of their local heroes battle against each other.

Two years ago Penn State's DuMars and Pitt's John Fridley led Sharon to the Pennsylvania state championship. Then DuMars came to Penn State and Fridley headed for Pitt and the Sharon fans have been waiting for a showdown ever since.

Pitt will carry a below par 8-14 record into Saturday's game. (The Westminster game played last night is not included). Earlier in the season the Panthers dropped a 67-58 decision to the Lions at Rec Hall.

## Golf Candidates to Meet

All candidates for the golf team will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at the ice rink beyond the Nittany Dorms

has him listed on three events—tumbling, side horse and flying rings.

Another giveaway that the



Lee Cunningham . . . eases the burden

Lions are no longer worried about the Panthers ruining their unbeaten 5-0 record was the concentration on calisthenics routines. The event is not on the EIGL program except for the Easterns which are eight days away.

In fact the only competition

on the team now is for the acting coaching job. According to Wettstone, who will be in Harrisburg Saturday running the Finnish Gym Exhibition, he is considering seven applicants.

They are (and not necessarily in any order) Collegian associate sports editor Matt Mathews, sports publicist Jim Tarman, business manager Ed Czekaj, wrestling coach Charlie Speidel (who went to college on a gym scholarship), football coach Earl Bruce, former side horse ace Jack Bieserfeldt, and assistant gym coach Ed Williams. The competition is keen.

Even Pitt's sports publicist Beano Cook, takes a more pessimistic look than usual at the meet. In his release to the Collegian, Cook predicts the outcome of the meet as 73-23. But the Panthers still loom as threats in tumbling and the flying rings. And they have been able to score well this year.

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