

4 Sophomore Prospects Hold Key To Basketball Campaign

By SANDY PADWE, Sports Editor

Four of the top sophomores to hit the Penn State basketball scene in quite some time hold the key to a successful season as far as Lion coach John Egli is concerned.

"They're the ones we're depending on," said Egli yesterday in his Rec Hall office. "They have to catch on fast. They're going to meet some pretty stiff opposition in those first four ball games."

Egli was referring to four straight games against North Carolina State, Purdue, West Virginia and Syracuse. The Lions play N.C. State at Raleigh, Dec. 1.

All were ranked in the top 20 last year at one time or another and the Mounties lost the National championship to California by one point.

The sophs being counted on to team with vets Mark DuMars, Wally Colender and Paul Sweetland are 6-2 Joe Bradshaw, 6-5 Jack Trueblood, 6-4 Gene Harris and 6-4 Frank Shea.

The foursome played for the Lion frosh last year and were the main reasons the Cubs only lost one game. "They have the potential to develop into something if everything goes right," Egli said.

"If they come along, we should do alright because we still have Mark (DuMars) Wally (Colender) and Paul Sweetland and some other veteran reserves," Egli said.

"In DuMars and Colender I'm sure we have the best outside combination in the East. And they're probably as good as any backcourt combination anywhere," commented the Lion coach.

DuMars, an honorable mention All-American for last year's team which compiled an 11-9 record, led the Nittanians in scoring a season ago.

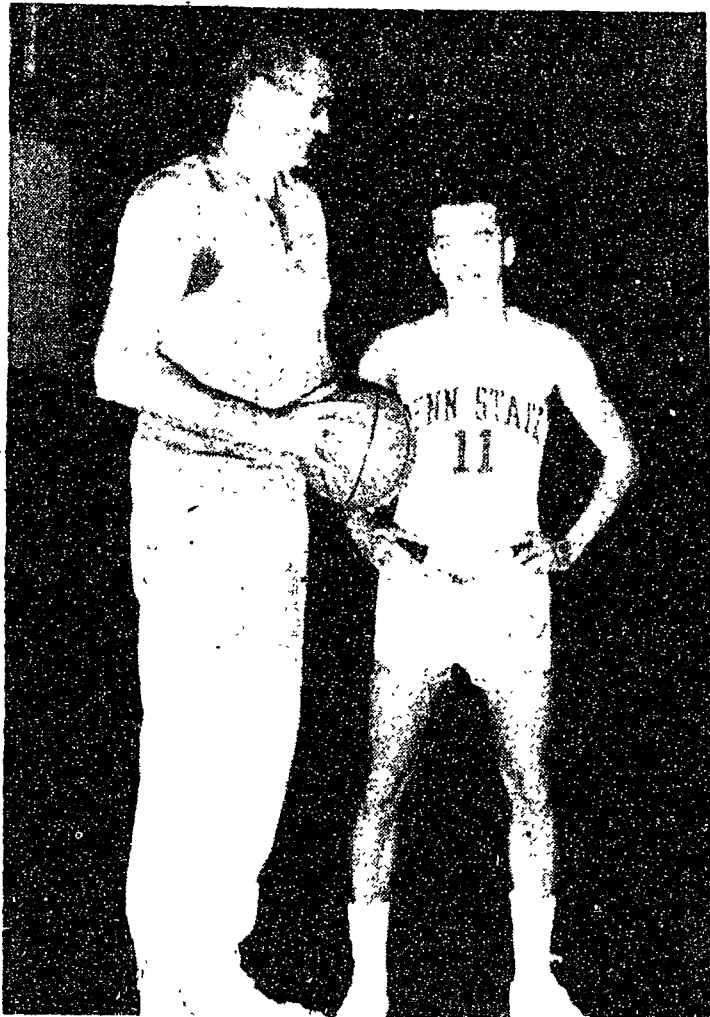
The 5'10" "magician" tallied 337 points for an average of 16.8 points per game. His outstanding performance came in the West Virginia thriller at Rec Hall when the Lions lost to the mighty Mounties in overtime. DuMars scored 30 points and personally kept State in the ball game.

Colender finished right behind DuMars in the scoring column. The Lion captain netted 323 points for an average of 16.1.

Egli also has senior Paul Sweetland back for another campaign. Sweetland finished second to Tom Hancock in the rebounding department last year and is expected to help both with rebounding and scoring.

He's been battling a virus and hasn't been able to practice much lately but as soon as he's healthy he'll see plenty of duty.

Jon Musser at 6'5" is another big man Egli has hopes for this season. Musser was a sub last year and had a 2.8 average. But he's improved quite a bit since



—Collegian Photo by Marty Scherr

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT—Penn State court standout Mark DuMars gets some helpful tips from former pro great George Mikan following last Friday's basketball clinic in Rec Hall. Mikan was the principal speaker.

then and could help considerably.

Also back for the '59-'60 season are holdovers Mel Ramey, Dick Dibert, Dick Wilson, Fred Eisele, and Larry Freedman.

Ramey and Freedman are seniors and didn't see much action last year. Dibert, Wilson and Eisele are all juniors.

Dibert is a guard and Wilson can play either the outside or inside. "Wilson and Dibert are two boys with a terrific amount of hustle and never let up," said Egli.

Eisele broke his ankle right after the North Carolina State

opener a year ago and didn't play after that. His ankle seems fully healed and he says it feels good. Freedman and another sophomore John Phillips round out the squad.

Georgia Star Picked as AP Back-of-Week

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Poised is the best way to describe Francis Tarkenton, Georgia's magic-making quarterback.

He proved it again Saturday when he threw a touchdown pass in the final 30 seconds to upset Auburn—using a play he made up in the huddle.

The 13-yard toss to end Bill Herron brought Georgia the 1959 Southeastern Conference football championship and won for Tarkenton national Back of the Week Honors from The Associated Press.

"That's a mighty fine honor—and quite unexpected," said the 19-year-old son of an Athens minister.

"Francis is the most poised quarterback I've ever seen in college football," said Coach Wally Butts.

The decisive pass play against Auburn came on fourth down at the 13 with the clock ticking away the final minute.

Other Back of the Week nominations were:

Penn State's Richie Lucas, Charlie Flowers and Jake Gibbs of Mississippi, Dean Look of Michigan State, Arkansas' Lane Alworth, Skip Face of Stanford, Willie West of Oregon, Don Perkins of New Mexico, Maryland's Dale Betty, Rich Mayo of the Air Force, Joe Caldwell of Army and Illinois' Bill Brown.

Robinson-Pender Match

BOSTON (AP) —The Sugar Ray Robinson-Paul Pender middle-weight boxing match, originally scheduled for Dec 14, has been put off until Jan 22 and will be televised nationally.

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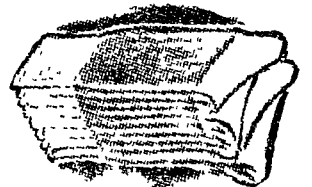
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