

Improving Harris Could Become Another Arnelle

By SANDY PADWE

The more Gene Harris improves in every game, the more Penn State fans feel he will become one of the best "big men" to play for the Lions since Jesse Arnelle.

Aرنelle, you will remember, broke every Penn State scoring record in the books when he played for the Lions between 1952 and '55.

The 6-7 star was the chief reason Penn State made it to the NCAA tournament two years running, one time all the way to the semi-finals.

Lion coach John Egli who coached here when Arnelle was one of the nation's best, feels that Harris, a 6-5 sophomore, has the potential to become a real fine performer.

"He's still got a long way to go but he's been improving in every game and should get better," said Egli.

Harris got off to a slow start this year but then "found himself" in the Duquesne game during the Keystone Classic in Harrisburg over the Christmas Holidays.

Jumpin-Gene, who bounces around the floor like a human pogo-stick, collected 16 points and 15 rebounds to set the fans and opposing teams buzzing.

He continued his fine play against Carnegie Tech last week and against West Virginia Saturday he notched 12 points and 12 rebounds, one rebound less than All-American Jerry West.

Then Tuesday against Bucknell, Harris really came into his own. He pulled down 14 rebounds, scored 10 points and was a sight to see on defense, blocking shots and scoring on tip-ins as the Lions won, 71-56.

"Gene still has a lot to work on," said Egli. "He's a little hesitant on shooting and he needs to drive more with the ball."

Harris wasn't the only one to draw praise after the Bucknell game. "I think Paul (Sweetland) did a real fine job," Egli said.



PENN STATE COACH John Egli gets together with backcourt stars Wally Colender (middle) and Mark DuMars to discuss Tuesday's 71-56 win over Bucknell. Colender had 23 and DuMars 22.

"Three or four times he was responsible for Mark's (DuMars) buckets. He worked our pickoff plays real well.

"There's not much more I can say about DuMars and Colender, they're just terrific. Besides their scoring, they played real well defensively."

Colender upped his average to 15.8 with a 23 point performance. DuMars, the tenth leading scorer in the nation, had 22.

SET SHOTS — Jesse Arnelle, who played with the Fort Wayne Pistons after graduation, is now with the Allentown Jets of the Eastern League... Jake

Trueblood, who didn't make the trip to Bucknell Tuesday due to a virus attack, was released from the hospital yesterday... Gene Harris came up with a torn cartilage in his chest Tuesday but the medical department says it isn't too serious... They say he'll be ready by the start of next week and should be in good shape for Pitt at Rec Hall Jan. 23... William & Mary's basketball team has the new thing in warm-up drills... Instead of going through the regular drills prior to a game, they play an inter-squad game at their end of the court...

State, Cornell Lead Eastern Mat Teams

Penn State and Cornell have moved quickly to the forefront as the powers in eastern collegiate wrestling this year.

Both the Lions and the Bears have perfect 4-0 records as they approach the heart of the EIWA schedule.

Eastern Intercollegiate champion Dave Auble and fourth place finisher Al Marion have spearheaded the Cornell club to four straight victories. The Bears beat Colgate in their first meet, 29-6, then nipped Lehigh in a down-to-the-wire battle, 17-14. Triumphs over Yale, 15-12, and Harvard, 33-7, followed.

Auble and Marion, along with 177-pounder Phil Oberlander, are undefeated among the boys from Cayuga shores. Auble was 123-pound EIWA champ last spring and is wrestling in the 130 division this winter.

Cornell and State have met two common opponents—Colgate and Lehigh. The Nittanians shut out the Red Raiders, 33-0, and turned back the Engineers, 19-11. They also hold a 31-0 verdict over Army and a 19-12 intersectional win over Michigan.

In spite of their records, Lehigh (1-3) and Syracuse (1-2) appear to be the second echelon in EIWA competition this year.

Lehigh has lost to both Cornell and Penn State, plus suffering an intersectional setback at the hands of Oklahoma. The Engineers beat Syracuse in a 16-14 hair-raiser.

The Orangemen also dropped an 18-6 meet to Michigan, the night after the Wolverines had been stopped by State. Syracuse's only win came over Army, 21-11.

Les Austin, who lost to State's Guy Guccione in the eastern 137-pound consolation round last year, has been Syracuse's most consistent winner. The Orange were recently strengthened with the return of football star and EIWA heavyweight champ, Art Baker.

Two other teams are emerging as threats in the EIWA—Navy and Rutgers.

Navy has not yet met any EIWA opponents but has looked mighty impressive in swamping Gettysburg, 29-5, and Duke, 34-0. Against Gettysburg the Middies scored falls within two minutes in every match from 130 to 157 and against Duke they registered pins in the 130, 137, 147 and 167-pound bouts.

Rutgers has beaten Princeton, 20-10, and Penn, 22-9. The Scarlet grapplers have lost only to Oklahoma, 29-6, and in that meet 137-pounder Tom Grifa, second place Eastern finisher



LES AUSTIN... leads Orange grapplers

last year, beat former national champ Stan Abel, 19-10.

Pitt also cannot be counted out. The Panthers looked sharp beating Maryland, 24-7, in their only meet to date.

Temple has won three straight against minor eastern opponents.

Records of other teams in the EIWA are F&M, 1-0, Columbia, 1-1, Princeton and Army, 1-2, Harvard, 0-1, and Yale, 0-2.

"Coach of the Year"

Penn State's Rip Engle was named football "Coach of the Year" by the Notre Dame Scholastic Review. State's Richie Lucas was named to the publication's All-American team.

Penn State's Indoor Thinclads Prepare to Defend IC4A Title

By JIM KARL

Penn State's indoor track team, winner of the IC4A championship last year, will open regular season competition by participating in a triangular meet with Navy and Pitt at Annapolis February 13.

The Lion thinclads will also meet Army and Michigan before defending their IC4A crown on March 5 at New York.

A third place judge's reversal of a decision 1 1/2 hours after the end of last year's IC4A track extravaganza gave Manhattan a 21-20 17/36 victory over the Nittanians. But nearly two weeks later, the IC4A's Executive Committee, headed by Asa Bushnell, reversed the decision and awarded the crown to Penn State.

Although Ed Moran, one of America's greatest milers and the mainstay of last year's team, and such talented runners as Chick King and Fred Kerr have graduated, Coach Chick Werner has a top flight squad in the making.

Led by Captain and middle-distance runner Dick Engelbrink, the Lions have a formidable array of talent in nearly every event. Sprinters and short distance

men will include Don Davies, Bob Brown, Dick Hambricht, Blaine O'Connor, Bob Szezyler, George Metzgar and John Ferreira.

In the middle distance events Werner will also have plenty of talent with which to work, including Engelbrink, George Jones, Dave LaHoff, Bill Schwab, Steve Moorehead and Mike Miller.

Denny Johnson, Heim Weber, and Engelbrink are the top distance men.

Seniors Dick Gross and Bob Waldo and juniors Ron Beard and Dale Peters head a talented crew of pole vaulters.

Moran, who is now doing graduate work at the University, ran a 4.08.6 mile during time trials on the board at Rec Hall last Saturday to set an unofficial balcony record. Moran will compete in an invitational meet, the Boston Knights of Columbus Games, Saturday.

The Lions will be represented in at least five invitational meets including the Washington Evening Star Meet Jan 23, the Millrose Games at New York Jan. 30, The Boston A.A. Meet Feb. 6, The Philadelphia Inquirer Meet Feb 13 and the Chicago Daily News Meet March 11.



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