

DuMars, Soffa Expected To Wage Scoring Battle

By SANDY PADWE

Carnegie Tech basketball coach Mel Cratsley started quite a controversy in Pittsburgh a few weeks ago and the main figures—Penn State's Mark DuMars and Tech's Bill Soffa—will be on the spot tonight.

The tap-off will be at approximately 9 p.m. following the Penn State-Lehigh wrestling match.

Asked to compare, DuMars and Soffa, the 5-11 backcourtman who makes the Tartan attack go, Cratsley quickly replied that in a one-on-one situation he would take Soffa.

That was quite a statement considering that DuMars is a candidate for All-American honors.

Cratsley isn't changing his tune, but he did clarify his statement yesterday.

"I think Bill Soffa is the equal of anyone offensively," he said. "I don't think there are very many basketball players around who can stop him in a one-on-one situation."

"Bill is a better man with the



MARK DuMARS ... faces another challenger

ball than DuMars, but he is bad defensively. That's why I'd have to say DuMars is the better all-around player."

DuMars probably won't get a chance to guard Soffa tonight because the Lions use a zone defense almost all the time, but it would be quite a battle.

Both boys are prolific scorers and are extremely fast. DuMars has a slight edge in scoring with a 19-point average compared to 18.4 for Soffa.

Despite his high average, Soffa has been somewhat erratic this year. Add this to the fact that Tech has a thin bench and it isn't hard to figure why the Tartans have a 3-6 record.

The Lions, who came from 14

points behind late in the second half to beat Colgate, 78-68, Thursday night, stand at 5-4.

DuMars, John Mitchell (10.7) and Gene Harris (12.5) were mainly responsible for Thursday's comeback and coach John Egli hopes they can repeat their performances tonight.

Soph Earl Hoffman (8.2) and Jake Trueblood (9.7) will round out Penn State's starting lineup. The Tartans, who lost to Pitt, 75-66, in their last outing will go with Soffa and George Frazier (5.8) in the backcourt.

Andy Komer (13.5), who goes 6-3, will be Tech's center. Mike Flynn (14.4) and Fred Williams (5.5) will start up front for the Tartans.

After tonight's game, the Lions face three road games at Bucknell Tuesday, Gettysburg Thursday and Army next Saturday.

Probable Starting Lineups
PENN STATE **CARNEGIE TECH**
 Jake Trueblood (50) f Mike Flynn (35) f
 Earl Hoffman (20) f Fred Williams (43) f
 Gene Harris (22) c Andy Komer (15) c
 John Mitchell (24) g George Frazier (33) g
 Mark DuMars (10) g Bill Soffa (53) g
 Substitutes: Carnegie Tech—Bill McKnight (13); Larry Ritchie (11); Bruce Brosius (21); Lee Cassidy (23); Paul Rizzo (25); Joe Laird (41); Larry Belle (46); Andris Niedra (51). Penn State—John Phillips (42); Fred Eisele (34); Don Wilson (32); Bill Saul (64); Don Jonas (30); Ken Staub (14); Steve Witmer (40); Ed Lancaster (12); Dave Robinson (44).

Gymnasts Open Defense Of NCAA Title Tonight

Penn State's gymnasts open defense of their NCAA crown tonight at Springfield, Mass., with the outcome of the meet shadowed by the uncertain physical condition of Springfield ace Jeff Cardinelli.

Cardinelli, one of six stars invited to compete with the American Olympic team for a position against the Russians in next Saturday's meet at Rec Hall, has been hampered by a shoulder injury.

Reports say that he has recovered, but even Cardinelli won't know until he tests his shoulder tonight.

Lion Coach Gene Wettstone said that his squad is not in tip-top shape yet, but he did say the team rounded into good condition during the holiday practice sessions.

Wettstone's champs were hit hard by the graduation of Lee Cunningham and Jay Werner, the national all-around champ, but Wettstone expects Gregg Weiss to fill the gap.

Olympic coach Tom Maloney, who saw Weiss perform at the National Gymnastics Clinic in Sarasota, Fla., during the Christmas recess, echoed Wettstone's

opinion. In fact, Maloney went as far as saying that the Lion junior is the most improved gymnast of the year.

Wettstone is also pleased with the improvement of Jerry Schaeffer and Larry Yohn on the flying rings and Ken Morrow on the parallel bar.

Weiss, along with the much heralded sophomore, Tommy Seward, should give the Lions a strong one-two combo.

Wettstone's line-up for tonight's meet has Weiss working on his three strongest events—the side horse, horizontal bar and parallel bar.

Joining him on the side horse will be two untried sophomores, Gene Harlacher and George Sayre.

Also teaming with Weiss will be Keith Hagenbuch and Seward on the horizontal bar, and Morrow and Seward on the parallel bar.

On the flying rings, Schaeffer, Yohn and Morrow will give the Lions a strong combination.

In tumbling, Tom Page and Dick Criley will perform with Seward.

Captain Bob Mumau will lead the rope climbers, and will be joined by Bruce Fosnocht and George Williams.

Basketball Scores

- NBA**
 Boston 108 Detroit 102
College
 Rhode Island 80 Vermont 69
 St. Johns 81 Temple 60
 West Virginia Wesleyan 81 Morris Harvey 80
 Ithaca 79 St. Lawrence 81
 RPI 72 Hobart 65
 Oberlin 80 Case Tech 67
 St. Josephs 71 NYU 64
 W. Texas State 76 Abeline Christian 70
 Williams 89 Bowdoin 66
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