

Cagers Drub Pitt; Play WV a Today

By SANDY PADWE

The strategy Saturday against Pitt was to go as long as possible without Mark DuMars so he would be ready for West Virginia in Morgantown tonight.

Luckily for Penn State, everything worked out perfectly with the Lions blasting the Panthers, 73-59, and DuMars resting his sprained ankle for three-quarters of the game.

With the high-scoring DuMars watching from the bench, his teammates took the cue and came through with some outstanding performances.

John Mitchell captured scoring honors with 16 points but it was Jake Trueblood who thrilled the Rec Hall throng of 4500 with his wonderful all-around play.

The hustling junior scored 15 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to help the Lions stay in front all the way.

Gene Harris, Earl Hoffman, John Phillips and Don Wilson also chipped in with some excellent offensive and defensive work, as the Lions posted win number nine against seven losses.

State jumped into the lead at 2-1 and the Lions were never behind after that.

They led at halftime 33-28 but with 10:30 left they had built their lead to 20, 52-32.

At this point, the stunned Panthers (10-9) went into a press and began cutting into the State lead.

Then DuMars entered the game and took control. He put on a one-man ball-control show which completely broke the Pitt press and enabled the Lion attack to get back into high gear.

"It was a tremendous win," Lion coach John Egli said, "these fellows learned that they don't have to depend on one ball-player anymore."

Apparently Egli is going to try his luck even more against the Mounties tonight.

He said he would start Wilson in DuMars' place. "I think he has earned the chance to start," Egli said. "We'll just have to see how he does. Remember, Mark isn't 100 per cent better yet."

If DuMars doesn't start, Mountie fans will be extremely happy because he has spelled nothing but trouble for West Virginia in past years.

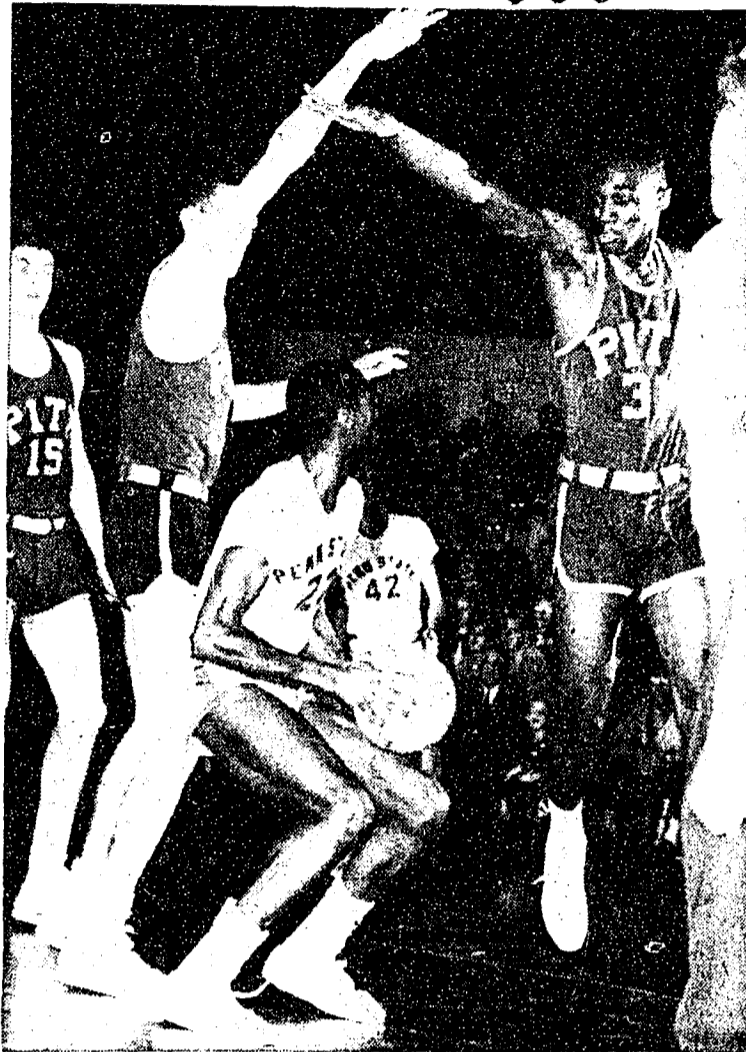
In four games he has scored 98 points for a 24.2 average. Last year he had 31 at Mountaineer Field House.

George King, a former star with the Syracuse Nats, has done a wonderful job at West Virginia in his first year as head coach.

After a slow start, his Mounties have compiled an 18-3 mark and are ranked 10th in the nation.

Jerry West and coach Freddie Schaus have departed but Rod Thorn is rapidly earning himself quite a reputation as the next West Virginia great.

Only a sophomore, Thorn is



HAIL HARRIS—Penn State's Gene Harris (22) maneuvers under the bucket for a clear shot during Saturday's Pitt-Penn State game in Rec Hall. Pitt's Ben Jinks (31) and John Fridley (11) defend. State won, 73-59.

being compared to West already. He's averaging 20.2 points per game and he is an excellent rebounder at 6-4.

Thorn's favorite shot is a two-hand jumper which is extremely hard to stop.

In addition to Thorn, the Mounties have plenty of seasoned veterans in steady Lee Patrone (13.4); Jim Ritchie (11.3) and Paul Miller (7.0).

Jim McCormick (12.6), another flashy sophomore rounds out the starting lineup.

PITT (59)		PENN STATE (73)	
FG	F TP	FG	F TP
Jinks	3 5- 6 11	Phillips	3 0- 0 6
Steinhart	2 0- 0 4	Trueblood	5 5- 8 15
Fridley	3 8-13 14	Harris	6 1- 2 13
Maloney	1 1- 3 3	Wilson	3 0- 0 6
Falenski	2 4- 4 8	Mitchell	3 10-12 16
Maczuzak	1 0- 0 2	Hoffman	5 3- 5 13
Lockhart	3 2- 5 8	DuMars	0 4- 6 4
Foley	1 0- 0 2	Hutchinson	0 0- 0 0
Sankey	3 0- 1 6	Statub	0 0- 0 0
Lazor	0 1- 1 1	Witmer	0 0- 0 0
		Seralin	0 0- 0 0
Totals	19 21-33 59	Totals	25 23-33 73
Halftime Score:		Pitt 28 Penn State 33	
Officials: Stricker, Yanich.			

Grandstand Views



'The Magician' At Work

By Sandy Padwe
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To appreciate just how good Mark DuMars really is, you had to see him against Pitt Saturday night.

The Lions' top scorer only played a few minutes due to an ankle injury but he was magnificent during that time.

He came in with 9:50 remaining when Pitt threw a press at the Nittanies with hopes of whittling down a 17-point lead.

To be sure, the press was bothering Penn State but when DuMars took charge, he so demoralized the Panthers that their defenses began falling apart.

Excellent body and ball control continually carried him around Dick Falenski and any other Pitt defender who tried to stop him.

His dribbling act baffled the Panthers so much that at times they appeared to stop their chase and just watch him maneuver with the ball.

Occasionally the dead-panned senior would slip through the Pitt defenses, but you could see he was favoring his ankle when he shot. Nevertheless, he did manage to notch four fouls shots but his average took another downward dip.

Right now he's averaging 15.3 points per game, the lowest of his Penn State career, and the armchair experts are wondering what has happened.

It isn't very hard to explain. Everywhere DuMars has gone this year, he has faced the trickiest and toughest defenses devised to stop a little man with his talents.

Most of the time he has been double-teamed out front by the top defenders his opponents can find.

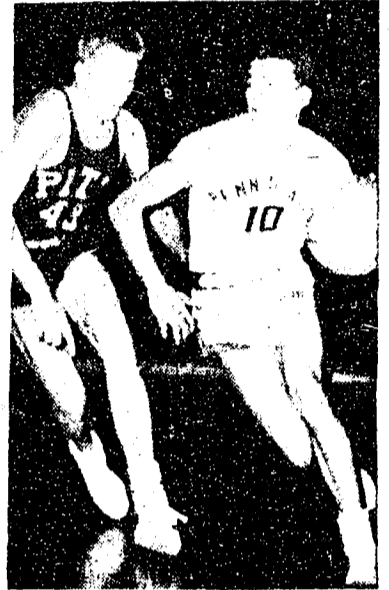
He hasn't been able to throw his feathery jumper with ease and he often is forced to shoot off-balance.

His driving has been affected somewhat by this tough defensive play but he still manages to get inside and draw more than his share of fouls. In fact, he has drawn more fouls than any other Lion.

Even though he has been having trouble offensively, DuMars' playmaking continues to sparkle.

Without him, Gene Harris and Jake Trueblood would be handicapped and the Penn State offense would have a tough time moving. They don't keep assists in college basketball, but if they did,

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