

Erratic Foul Shooting Hampering Lean Gene

By SANDY PADWE

The general consensus in Eastern basketball circles is that Penn State's Gene Harris is ticketed for stardom as soon as he develops a consistent foul shot.

Harris, a 6-3 junior, has turned into quite a scorer this year, but a 54 per cent average from the foul line has curtailed his effectiveness.

The lean leaper from Pittsburgh who leads Penn State in scoring and rebounding is averaging 15 points a game. That's not bad for a fellow who has missed a little less than half of his charity tosses.

Foul shooting hasn't always been a misery for Harris who is an advocate of the one-hand push. "At the end of my freshman year I thought my foul shot was pretty good," Harris said, "so I started working on other things like my jump and drives.

"I don't know what suddenly threw me off but I have some ideas. I began shooting all my shots at a quicker pace because I thought the college game was a lot faster than high school.

"Now when I go to the line I don't really take my time.

"I shoot at least 50 fouls a night but nothing seems to help. I guess I'll just have to concentrate more," he said.

Harris' coach John Egli is quite perplexed too. "I've worked with him rather than trying to change his style," Egli explained, "but his shots just don't drop."

Even though his foul average is low this season, Harris has improved on his 1959-60 mark of 42 per cent.

Last year he made only 32 of 77 free throws and still managed to finish the campaign with a 9.9 average.

Harris has no explanation for his sudden emergence as a scorer, but he couldn't have picked a better time to develop because the Lions (9-11) are just winding up their toughest



GENE HARRIS

schedules in years. In 20 games to date, he has scored 298 points and 250 of them have come on field goals.

Harris draws most of his foul shots on twisting layups under the bucket and rival coaches begin trembling when they think what might happen if he suddenly finds the formula for foul shooting.

So far he has missed 40 of 88 free throws and Penn State has lost 9 of its 11 games by a total of 42 points.

After looking at those statistics it's not hard to figure why opposing coaches are worried.

'Mighty Mites' Aid Panthers' Bid for Eastern Mat Honors

By JIM KARL

Pitt Coach Rex Perry wasn't kidding when he said his grapplers would be strong in the lower weights this year.

His lightweight quartet of Dick Martin (123), Larry Lauchle (130), Daryl Kelvington (137), and John Zolikoff (147), has been outstanding in what started out as a dim year for Pitt.

With the "Mighty Mites" and Jim Harrison (167), a highly-touted sophomore on hand this year, mat fans at Skyscraper U. were predicting Pitt's first unbeaten season since 1956.

But except for Harrison, Perry hasn't had much luck in the heavier weights especially at 191 where the Panthers haven't won all year.

When Pitt lost early season encounters to Michigan and Army, things seemed blacker than usual in the Steel City.

However, Pitt has roared back in its last three matches, and last Saturday the Panthers popped right back into contention for eastern honors with a shocking upset over previously undefeated Lehigh.

Pitt will try to strengthen its position in the East with a win over Penn State Saturday night when the two arch rivals clash in Rec Hall.

Perry is quick to admit that the "Mighty Mites" are responsible for Pitt's comeback.

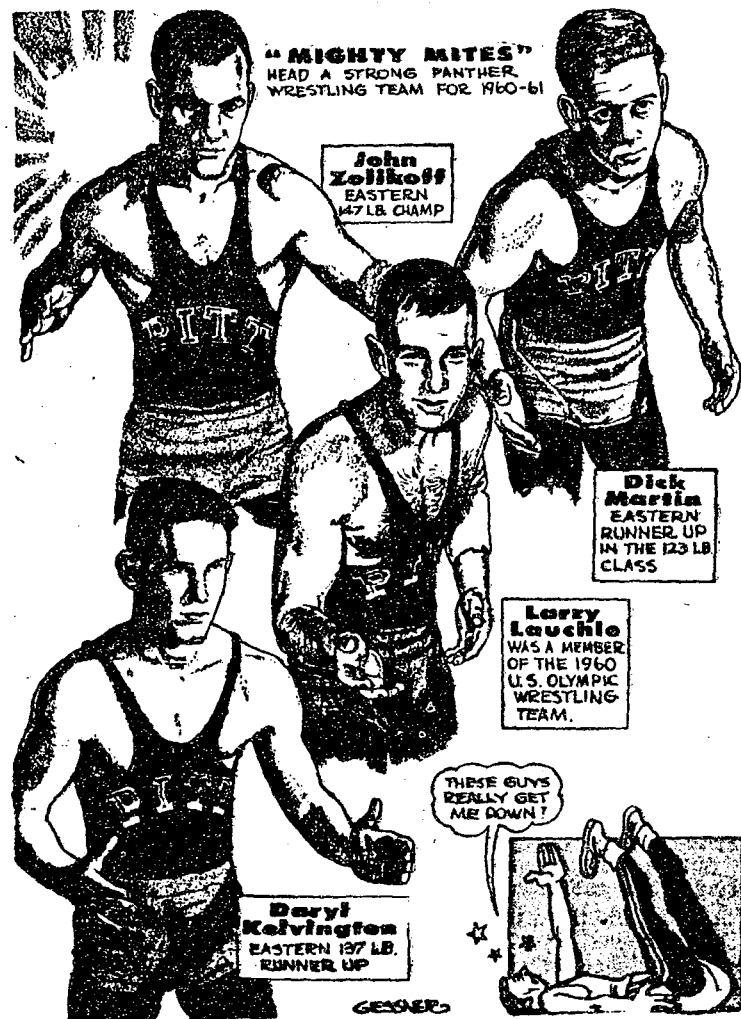
During the Panthers' three-meet win streak, the "Mighty Mites" won 11 matches and tied one. Martin's pin over Pat Smartt made the difference in the Lehigh win. Lauchle and Zolikoff added timely victories and Kelvington and the Engineer's Curt Alexander battled to a 2-2 tie.

Despite Pitt's two losses, the "Mighty Mites" were just as successful during the early part of the season.

They have a combined record of 28 victories, 3 losses and 1 tie this year.

They were even better last year, going undefeated the entire season.

Lauchle, the Pitt captain, is



"MIGHTY MITES" HEAD A STRONG PANTHER WRESTLING TEAM FOR 1960-61

John Zolikoff EASTERN 147 LB. CHAMP

Dick Martin EASTERN RUNNER UP IN THE 123 LB. CLASS

Larry Lauchle WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1960 U.S. OLYMPIC WRESTLING TEAM.

Daryl Kelvington EASTERN 137 LB. RUNNER UP

THESE GUYS REALLY GET ME DOWN!

the mainstay of the group. He made the 1960 U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling team, and was the 1959 EIWA 130-pound champ. He was also runnerup two times for the NCAA title.

The Muncy, Pa., senior, who has never been pinned in a dual meet, is 7-1 this year and was runnerup to Carmen Molino in the Wilkes Tournament.

The other three "Mighty Mites" are juniors. Martin, of Latrobe, Pa., was EIWA runnerup at 123 last year and he's undefeated in eight meets so far this season. He finished behind Lock Haven's on a fall to Army's Joe Natvig.

Gray Simons in the Wilkes Tournament.

Among his victims are Maryland's Ron Maunder and Syracuse's Larry Nealon, the only two grapplers to beat Penn State sophomore Denny Slattery this year.

Kelvington was the EIWA runnerup at 137 last year and took first place in the Wilkes Tournament this year. He's wrestled at 137, 147 and 157 this year, compiling a 6-1-1 record. His loss was to Michigan's Don Corriere in a 157-pound battle.

Zolikoff was the EIWA 147-pound champ as a sophomore. He's 7-1 this year, his loss coming on a fall to Army's Joe Natvig.

Sports Wire Briefs

Chicago May Name Pollard

CHICAGO (AP) — A coach for the new Chicago entry in the National Basketball Association will be named today, David Trager, insurance company executive and president of the Chicago team, announced yesterday.

A strong guess was that the job may go to Jim Pollard, one-time playing great for the Minneapolis Lakers, but Trager would not confirm that possibility.

The Chicago team will make its pro cage debut in the 1961-62 season.

Memorial Planned for Skaters

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The U.S. Figure Skating Association plans a memorial fund to commemorate members of the American team which died in a Belgian plane crash Feb. 15.

F. Ritter Shumway, acting president of the association, said yesterday the action came in response to requests from all over the country. Decision on use of the funds will be made later, he added.

Russia Rated Team to Beat

PRAGUE (AP) — The World Ice Hockey Championship this year will rest between the Soviet Union and Canada, a leading Canadian official said yesterday.

Jack Roxburgh, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, was quoted by the official Czech news agency as saying he rated Russia the team to beat. Soviet players steadily are improving and will be the toughest foes of the Canadians, Roxburgh added.

The tournament is scheduled March 2-12 at Geneva.

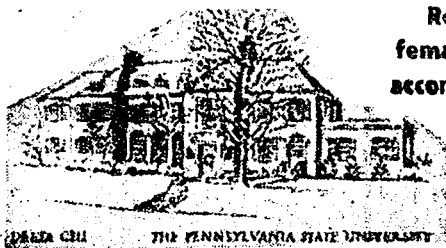
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| College | |
| Maryland | 77 Virginia 62 |
| Kansas State | 81 Kansas 63 |
| Catholic U. | 75 Johns Hopkins 46 |
| Toledo | 77 Kent State 59 |
| Florida | 75 Florida State 74 |
| Iowa | 69 Wagner 54 |
| Albright | 89 Juniata 60 |
| Mount St. Mary's | 82 American U. 69 |
| William & Mary | Memphis St. (cancelled, transportation troubles) |
| Rutgers | 65 Fordham 62 |
| Colby | 68 Maine 56 |
| East Tennessee | 82 Wofford 79 |
| St. Joseph (Pa.) | 82 Bucknell 67 |
| Washington & Jefferson | 83 Thiel 68 |
| Duquesne | 85 Quantico 88 (2 ot) |
| Dayton | 94 Xavier 71 |
| Canisius | 83 Syracuse 78 |
| Gettysburg | 87 Elizabethtown 60 |
| Georgetown | 85 Rhode Island 84 |
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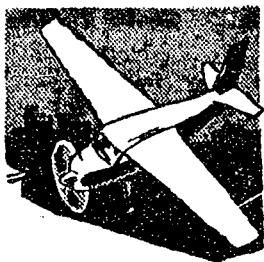
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