

Grandstand Views



It's Up To Lenny Now

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During the winter months, the back room of Frankie Gustine's Pittsburgh beanery is inhabited by a dieting P.R. man named Carroll Hoff Cook and his basketball writing friends.

Between mouthfuls of waffles and wheaties, Cook reports that Mark DuMars, Penn State's basketball captain, has been a hot conversational piece of late.

It all started at one of the back-room sessions when someone asked Lenny Litman if he would draft DuMars for his Pittsburgh entry in the new American Basketball League.

"Never heard of him," barked the baggy-eyed promoter. "Never heard of him?" came a roar from the assemblage.

Cook, although he is Pitt's sports publicity director, also is an astute judge of basketball talent and could not believe his ears.

So he went to his office in the Pitt Field House and in the great tradition of peaceful co-existence sat down at his typewriter.

"If Lenny Litman hasn't heard of Mark DuMars, it's apparent somebody doesn't know a good basketball player," Cook wrote.

"This kid is dying to play in Pittsburgh. If Litman is smart he will get DuMars. He's the best backcourt player to appear in the Field House all year.

"His passing was of the fantastic variety. If he had any luck he would have been an All-American."

The Pittsburgh writers picked up Beano's words of wisdom and Wednesday night when State played Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh there was Litman seated in the front row.

He had been convinced by halftime and then headed to the Field House to watch St. Bonaventure's All-American Tom Stith.

Before he left, he had plenty to say about DuMars, the All-American who never was.

"He's the kind of guy we're looking for," Litman said. "He has everything but size. But then size doesn't matter in our league because of the three-point rule for outside shooting." (The American League plans to give three points for any basket scored from 21 or more feet.)

DuMars, a tricky ball-handler and a dead-eye from the outside, would like to give pro basketball a whirl.

West Virginia Coach George King, a former NBA star with the Syracuse Nats and Cincinnati Royals, thinks DuMars has a good chance to make the big time.

"The kid can shoot well, he's smart and is a tremendous play-maker," King said. "He definitely has the moves for it.

"Whether or not he makes it in the NBA would depend on the club. I think he would be better off in the new league. They don't give a little guy much of a chance in the NBA anymore.

"It should just be a question of his size (5-10, 150). The pros play an awfully tough schedule."

DuMars seems to prefer the new league over the NBA.

"I would like to play for the new basketball franchise in Pittsburgh. I heard Don Hennon might play and I would love to play on the same team. He's one of the best," DuMars said.

"I figured I didn't have much of a chance when I read the owner never heard of me but I really want to play professional basketball."

Lenny Litman knows about Mark DuMars now, the rest is up to him.

Russian Hockey Team Wallops U.S., 13-2

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—A sharp-shooting, hard-checking Russian team overpowered the flu-riddled and battered United States' defending champion 13-2 yesterday before a crowd of 13,500 in the first round of the World Ice Hockey Championships. The Russian sextet scored five goals in each of the first two pe-

Relay Team, Norman Will Run Tonight

Penn State sophomore Gerry Norman and a two mile relay team composed of Don Davies, Howie Deardorff, Mike Miller, and Steve Moorhead will run in Madison Square Garden tonight in the 42nd annual New York Knights of Columbus Meet.

Bob Brown, another Lion entrant, had to withdraw because of the death of his grandmother. Brown won the 60-yard dash in the K of C meet last year, defeating national A.A.U. champion Paul Winder.

Track coach Chick Werner wanted to enter George Metzgar in the 600 and Dick Campbell in the high jump but he was turned down.

"I requested Metzgar for the 600 and Campbell for the high jump because I wanted them to get some experience for the IC4A's," Werner said.

He said the lineups for the meet were announced at a sports-writer's luncheon on Monday and that no changes could be made after that date.

When asked what section State's two mile relay would run in, Werner replied, "There's only one — the hot one."

The Lion quartet will run against Manhattan's world record-holding team and Holy Cross, the national A.A.U. champion.

The Jaspers ran a 7:32.8 in the Millrose Games to set a new world indoor mark, then Holy Cross edged them for the A.A.U. title in the Garden last week.

Fordham, St. John's, Villanova and NYU also have entered teams.

Ed Moran, a former Lion star now doing graduate work at the University, will defend his title in the Columbian Mile.

Moran finished 12 yards ahead of Georgetown's Bob Vinton to win in 4:11.8 last year. Istvan Rozsavolgyi of Hungary, Evgeni Momotkov of Russia, Deacon Jones of the U.S. Army and Terry Sullivan of Rhodesia will oppose Moran.

Lion G-Men--

(Continued from page eight) Temple, Francis Snay and Jim Sloat and Weiner of Temple.

Wettstone also said that George Sayre and Kenny Morrow have a chance to reach the finals in their specialties.

Morrow, a steady junior, has been pressing Weiss and Seward for p-bars honors all season.

"He could reach the finals," Wettstone said, "and he might even place."

Sayre, who performs on the side horse, is only a sophomore, but Wettstone is enthused about his progress.

"George is strong and should be in the finals if he hits his routine," the veteran coach commented.

UPI Honors DuMars, Harris; Lions End Season Tomorrow

Mark DuMars and Gene Harris, Penn State's leading scorers, have received honorable mention All-American honors from United Press International.

This is the third straight year DuMars has received such honors but it marks the first for Harris.

After 23 games, Harris leads the Lion scorers with 342 points in 23 games, an average of 14.9 per game.

DuMars, who missed two games due to a flu attack two weeks ago, has scored 323 points in 21 games for a 15.3 average.

The Lion captain is the second leading scorer in Penn State history with 1128 points.

He closes out his Penn State career tomorrow against Rutgers in the second half of a wrestling-basketball twinbill at Rec Hall.

Harris is a junior and Lion coach John Egli is predicting big things for the Pittsburgh native next year.

The Lions (10-13) lost all chances for a winning season when they dropped a 70-57 decision to Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh Wednesday.

"We just didn't have it," Egli groaned after the game. "I guess we gave too much against Temple the night before."

Egli was referring to Penn State's 63-56 upset victory over Harry Litwack's NIT entrants in Rec Hall Tuesday.

	G	Fg	F	Pts.	Avg.
Harris	23	143	56	312	14.9
DuMars	21	114	95	323	15.3
Mitchell	23	117	39	273	11.8
Trueblood	23	91	60	244	10.6
Hoffmann	22	79	19	177	8.0
Phillips	21	32	11	75	3.5
Wilson	11	15	0	30	2.8
Staub	6	2	8	7	1.1
Serafin	2	2	0	4	2.0
Wittner	5	1	0	2	0.4
Hutchinson	4	0	1	1	0.2
Others	7	1	10	12	1.5

IM Bowling	
Alpha Gamma Rho	8 Sigma Alpha Mu 0
Sigma Pi	6 Beta Theta Pi 2
Phi Mu Delta	6 Kappa Sigma 2
Phi Kappa Theta	8 Alpha Sigma Rho 0
Alpha Epsilon Pi	8 Delta Upsilon 0
Phi Delta Theta	won by forfeit over Phi Kappa Tau

Classes Suspended After Dukes Win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Classes at Duquesne University were called off yesterday so students could celebrate their basketball team's 79-74 victory over St. Bonaventure.

The overtime triumph Wednesday night heightened fans' hopes that the Dukes, despite their 12-7 record, might get a bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

The Dukes play Fordham in New York Saturday and an impressive win could help their cause considerably.

The NIT has selected nine teams, including Niagara, an 87-77 upset victor over the Bonnies last Saturday in Olean, N.Y.



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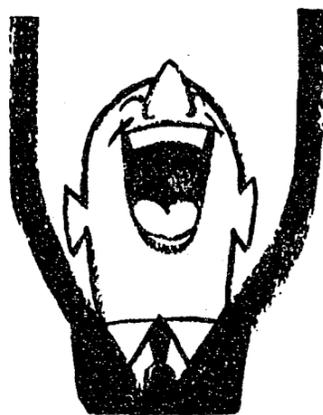
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