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# Harris Goes Unnoticed But Lions Keep Winning

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Gene Harris speaks in quiet tones, shoots with a soft touch, impresses you with his sincerity, and except for a few rare occasions, goes unnoticed on the basketball court.

If figures always spoke for themselves, Harris would be a shoo-in for all-East honors. He is one of the top rebounders and scorers from Maine to Maryland.

But Gene usually gets the job done so efficiently and effortlessly that no one but opposing coaches seem to notice.

OF COURSE THERE have been exceptions. Against Holy Cross in the Quaker City Tournament at Philadelphia Harris put on a terrific scoring display, racking up 46 points to tie one record and break two others.

And last month against Carnegie Tech Harris scored over half of his team's points in a 52-45 victory over the Tartans.

But those "rare occasions" usually occur only when his teammates can't find the range, which doesn't happen too often.

The Lions are fairly well-balanced in the scoring department with Earl Hoffman, John Phillips and John Mitchell capable of scoring 20 points on any given night.

When the Lion offense bogs down, however, Harris is the man who picks it up.

A few weeks ago a scout from Army watched Penn State play at Rec Hall, and in the confusion after the game he left behind a very important item—a copy of his scouting report.

His comment on Harris was short and to the point. It read like this:

"Gene Harris: He makes Penn State go."



Harris

**EVEN HARRIS' BEST EFFORTS** went for nought in the Quaker City Tournament in December when State was reduced to an eight-man squad by injuries to Bobby Donato and Hoffman and the abrupt departure of Wayne Lundy.

Harris put on a one-man show at Philadelphia's Palestra against Holy Cross, but State lost the game 79-66.

In that game Harris broke Jesse Arnette's school record of 44 points, bettered Oscar Robertson's visitor's record of 43, and tied the floor record set by Villanova's Bob Schaefer.

Neither Harris nor Egli was aware that Harris was approaching the records until late in the game.

"With 40 seconds to go I was informed that Gene needed just two more points to break the Palestra record," Egli said. "Then I realized that he had already tied the Penn State record."

At that point Egli had the team call a time out and he set up a play to give Harris at least one more good shot.

**BUT SOMEHOW THE PLAY** didn't come off and Bob Hutchinson ended up with the ball. He tried to get a pass in to Harris but was bottled up and the seconds ticked away. Finally Harris got the ball and took a shot, but it was off the rim. With cat-like agility Harris moved inside, took the rebound and scored to set a new school record.

State lost all three games in the tourney; but Harris was named to the all-tourney team along with Iowa's Don Nelson and George Leftwich, Hubie White and Wally Jones, all of Villanova.

He was by far the outstanding player in the three day event, leading all competitors in scoring (86) and rebounds (57).

But even then Harris didn't get the publicity he deserved. Why? Penn State finished in eighth place in the eight-team tournament.

# Werner Will Depend On Distance Runners

(This is the first of a two part series on Penn State's indoor track team. Today, the running events. Tomorrow, the field events.)

With the loss of star sprinter Bobby Brown, Lion track coach Chick Werner is counting on a solid group of distance and middle distance runners to do most of the point-getting in the indoor competition this year.

Leading the distance men will be Gerry Norman who placed fourth in the NCAA three mile at Philadelphia's Franklin Field last season.

Norman will put most of his attention on the two mile during the indoor season before switching to the longer event when the track moves outdoors.

Norman's best time for two miles is 9:08.5, but the lanky Englishman thinks he can lower that mark. "I've been working hard and I think I can get under my best time for two miles," he said.

**IN ADDITION** to Norman, Steve Moorhead, Mike Miller, and Howie Deardorff all have topped 1:55 in the half mile and along with Ernie Noll or Lionell Bassett give State a strong two-mile relay team.

Deardorff and Moorhead will hold down the top positions in the mile run with both shooting for 4:10 or under.

Moorhead, who placed fourth in the NCAA steeplechase in 1960, recorded a 4:15 clocking in finishing second in the IC4A indoor championship last year. Although this is far from the school record of 4:01.3 held by Ed Moran, Werner regards the senior speedster as one of the top distance men in the East.

**IN THE SHORTER** events Werner is still juggling his lineup trying to come up with a winning combination.

Steve Popp and Tony Wayne will be the mainstays in the 60-yard sprint. Wayne, who has done 9.7 outdoors, ran behind Brown last year, while this is Popp's first season with the team.

A big surprise for the Lions could be two strong hurdlers in George Barnhill and Bob Grantham.

**GRANTHAM WAS** the top Lion hurdler last year, while



STEVE MOORHEAD

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Barnhill was competing as a freshman. Both boys have shown good form in practice, and could gain valuable points for the Lions.

Werner has had to insert some of his distance men in the 600 yard run. Miller and Tom Mettrick will hold down the top spots in the 600 and also the 440.

# New York Man Pleads Guilty in Cage Scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph Hacken free in \$25,000 bail and set sentencing for March 14. Hacken was indicted last March 24 on 17 counts of bribery and one count of conspiracy.

Hacken pleaded guilty to these counts:

1. That he offered \$1,500 to Ray Paprocky of New York University to shave points in a game with Utah State Dec. 3, 1960. The fix did not go through.
2. That he paid \$1,000 to Henry Gunther of Seton Hall to shave points in a game with Holy Cross on Feb. 12, 1961.

Wagman and five others who have pleaded guilty to bribery charges in the basketball scandal are to be sentenced tomorrow.

# Handball Tourney Near Completion

In the independent quarter-final round of the IM handball tournament last night, Bill Brightfield nosed out Nittany 24's Don Benner, 21-20, 20-21, 21-15; Bob Eshenbaugh (Nittany 24) defeated Terry Rice (Hickory) 21-7, 21-3; and Bruce Blanning beat Danny Fritchman (Nittany 24) 21-5, 21-3.

George Coulter (Lackawanna) won by forfeit over Gary Wadding (Watts II); Dave Gibbs (Watts I) defeated Bob Weiss (Butternut) 21-9, 21-10; Larry Greenberg beat Lackawanna's John Deogram, 21-1, 21-19; and Mat Lasecki (Nittany 24) squeezed by Leo Scoda (Berks) 15-21, 21-9, 21-5.

The semi-final round will be held tonight starting at 7 p.m. on the paddleball courts.

## BASKETBALL SCORES

College	Score
Villanova 82, Duquesne 63	
West Virginia 80, Pitt 74	
Army 78, Colgate 63	
Navy 76, Penn Military 40	
LaSalle 91, Bucknell 78	
Lafayette 85, Lehigh 59	
Scranton 95, Susquehanna 90	
Drexel 64, Swarthmore 57	

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