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# **Cagers Host Panthers Tonight**

# Harris Gets **High Praise** From Egli By JIM KARL

Sports Editor

Jumpin' Gene Harris, one of Penn State's greatest basketball players in a decade, and silent John Phillips, who over a three-year period was State's best percentage shooter, make the final Rec Hall appearances of their careers tonight at 8 against Pitt.

Harris needs only nine points to reach the 400 mark this year. He has a 19.5 average and leads

He has a 19.5 average and leads the team in rebounds with 266. Phillips, who doesn't take many shots, usually hits more often than he misses. He is fourth in scoring this year behind Harris, John Mitchell and Earl Hoffman with 147 points and a 7.7 average. LION COACH JOHN Egli rates

Harris along with Mark DuMars and Jesse Arnelle as the three greatest athletes he has ever coached.

"They, were all great," Egli said last night, "but they were great in different ways.

"Arnelle was big, strong and rugged. He could sweep the boards on strength alone. Gene is more of a slashing, jumping-type ball-[. player. He doesn't have the weight so he has to get in fast and get out. He has tremendous jumping ability and he's worked hard all year.

ability. He had what I call the third and fourth dimension of basketball — he thought so far ahead and he had such quick re-actions that he won many games all by himself all by himself.

"He had the quickest reaction they snap out of it soon they time of any athlete I've ever seen. may find themselves headed to-

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## **GENE HARRIS**

\* \* "DuMARS HAD exceptional far above anybody else, including

scoring slump of late, and unless

ward another losing season. State is 11-9 going into the game. with two final road games on

tap next week: In their last five games, the Lions have failed to score more

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Mitchell, Ulo Kart and Hoffman along with Phillips and Harris against the Panthers.

This is the final game of the High Series-DAVE OLLMAN, Sigma PI, Season for Pitt, which at 12-10 needs a win to improve on last

high Game (team)-Zeta Beta Tau, NDEPENDENT LEAGUE C Lichigh Gineers S Cottonwood Brad Ones S King Pins High Gome III I ANDEP Lobies Bigh Gome III I ANDEP Lobies State beat the Panthers earlier in the year, 74-2 62, at the Pitt Field House. Coach Bobby Timmons will prob-2 ably start Brian Generalovich. State beat the Panthers earlier in the year, 74-2 ably start Brian Generalovich. State beat the Coach Bobby Timmons will prob-2 ably start Brian Generalovich. State beat the Coach Bobby State Brian Generalovich. State beat the Stat



# halftime Mitchell's Dribbling Show Was Ordered From Bench

In a letter to the editor in Wednesday's Collegian, Mr. R. C. H. Schmidt criticized John Mitchell for his display of dribbling in the final minutes of last Saturday's 49-36 victory over Army at Rec Hall.

Said Mr. Schmidt:

"This type of amusement, while appropriate to Marcus Haynes and the Harlem Globetrotters, is out of place in an intercollegiate competition, where the definition of 'sportsmanship' 'excludes showmanship, comedy, and the ability to draw a foul."

First, Mr. Schmidt hints that showmanship and sportsmanship are not compatible. Sometimes they aren't, but there is no reason why they can't be.

Second, Mr. Schmidt ridiculed Mitchell in print, comparing him to a basketball clown who was simply putting on a show for the crowd. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"I was just doing what the coach told me to do," Mitchell said. "We were trying to get the easy shot.'

The incident which brought criticism from Mr. Schmidt was a play sent in by Coach John Egli. Four men line up along the base line (the = line under the basket) while Mitchell or Bobby Donato, both excellent ball handlers, dribble by themselves in the backcourt. If the defense keeps dribbling and draws a foul. If the defense sends out two men; he passes to the man left unguarded, who has an easy shot. Good, sound basketball, Mr. Schmidt. As assistant coach Snowy Simpson said, "I haven't found a way to stop it yet."

Which brings up a third point, the ability to draw fouls is a skill that not many ball players have.

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It's a skill which is genuinely appreciated by coaches, players and fans, and the player who makes the most of it is not regarded as a poor sport.

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"He's entitled to his views," Mitchell said. "Perhaps he was preved at the game." Perhaps. . ٠ .

MITCHELL HAD A LITTLE trouble bringing the ball upcourt against West Virginia's full-court press Tuesday, losing the ball at least five times on palming infractions and steals by Dick Dubois. This is completely uncharacteristic of Mitchell, who is a good ball handler and a cool competitor under fire.

Coaches and players alike respect Mitchell for his ability to remain calm in tight spots. "I'd feel safe in an alley fight if I had Mitchell " backing me up," said Simpson, "He's a tough cookie.'

Donato, who teams with Mitchell in the backcourt when he starts, feels the same way. "I rely on John a great deal when I play," Donato said after the Army game. "Just knowing he's there calms me down."

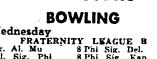
Mitchell doesn't know why he had the bad night against West Virginia, and he'd be the last to make excuses. X

"I always have favored my right hand in uses only one man to guard the dribbler, he dribbling," he said on the bus ride home, "but it was more evident on that narrow court at Morgantown. Coach said that Dubois was fouling me, but I really don't know; when you're dribbling like that, it's hard to tell."

Mitchell had the ball stolen from him three, times in a row by Dubois. After the third time is he had to feave the game when Gale Catlett accidently kicked him in the head when he came up to help out Dubois. No foul was called.



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