

Malinchak's Play Greatly Improved

By JIM BUKATA

(This is the eighth in a series of articles on members of the 1962-63 Penn State basketball team. Next is Earl Hoffman.)

Tom Malinchak, a 6-6, 202-pound junior with no previous college experience, could be the "sleeper" on this year's Penn State basketball squad.

However, this lack of experience is something Malinchak is finding hard to overcome.

It's not that he can't shoot or rebound, because he does both rather well.

He just hasn't played basketball long enough to understand offensive play patterns and the Lions' complicated zone defense.

Malinchak attended Monessen High School where he competed in several sports—but not basketball. In his senior year he was a member of a state (PIAA) volleyball championship team.

After spending one year at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., Malinchak transferred to Penn State.

He came out for the squad last year and spent the season as a red-shirt, using up the year required of all transfer students before becoming eligible under NCAA rules.

During this time, Malinchak concentrated on the fundamentals of the game and the Lions' offense and defense.

He is surprisingly quick for his size, but still his lack of a basketball background puts him at a slight disadvantage.

"Once he learns to run the patterns," head coach John Egli said, "then he'll look like a much improved ballplayer. In many instances he just happens to be in the right spot at the right time."

Once Malinchak can become adapted to the Lions' system, Egli plans to use him at a forward spot.

"He is a deadly shooter from the corner," Egli remarked, "and he has the size and strength to be a good board man."

Malinchak may still be a "year



TOM MALINCHAK

away" from hooking up with the starting unit in a full-time assignment, but if he should develop quicker than anticipated, coach Egli notes that "a starting job always goes to the best qualified man."

But the rangy forward is also fighting against time. Following this season, Malinchak has only one season of eligibility remaining. If he maintains his rapid pace of improvement, though, look for the name Malinchak in a future starting lineup.

Rugby Squad Meets Penn

Penn State's rugby squad will finish its first season of competition (though without official University sanction) when it entertains Penn at 2:30 this afternoon in the northeast section of Wagner Field.

Pat Denny and Ivan Jackson have served as playing coaches for State, which has lost all four previous games, to Villanova, St. Joseph's, Temple and Cornell.

This winter the group plans to work on a constitution in the hope of gaining official recognition next year.

Members of the Lion rugby squad are: forwards — Bob Lynch, Charlie Whitman, Mike Creswell, Bob Meyers, Hank McCarl, Tom Cartwright, Karl Streidieck, Eric Streidick, Allen Jones, Pat Denny, Ivan Jackson; backs — Dave Lini, Paul Shiring, Bill Shaproski, Ed Kabola, Jack Rudolph, Bill Gould, Nick Michrina and Lou Schrecher.

Lema Leads Mobile Golf

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Veteran Tony Lema shot a 4-under-par 68 yesterday and moved into a one-stroke lead over the field in the second round of the \$25,000 Mobile Open Golf Tournament.

Milwaukee Syndicate Purchases Controlling Interest in Braves

MILWAUKEE (AP) — One of baseball's brightest success stories began a new chapter yesterday when long-time owner Lou Perini of the Milwaukee Braves announced sale of the club to a local syndicate of "vital imaginative young men who will add much to baseball's leadership."

Perini, who moved the Braves to Milwaukee from Boston in 1953 and saw them run up an entire decade of first division finishes, a world championship, two pennants and a tie for a third, and a string of attendance marks, said the price for 90 per cent of the ball club is "approximately \$5½ million."

At a hastily called news conference, Perini said that his Perini Corp. will retain a 10 per cent interest and he will remain as chairman of the executive committee and as a member of the board of directors.

The new syndicate is headed by two former directors of the

Chicago White Sox, William C. Bartholomay and Thomas A. Reynolds, and will include, the two said in a statement, "other civic minded fans from Wisconsin whose names will be announced soon."

Perini said that during 20 years as principal owners of the Braves, "we have received many offers for the club."

"We never expected to sell," he said. "However, the members of our corporate family, particularly myself, have found it more and more difficult to participate as fully as we would like in the affairs of the club, and to give Braves President John McHale the on-the-spot backing he deserves."

"When we were approached by this outstanding group of sportsmen who have just purchased the Braves, it afforded us the opportunity to turn over the major responsibility to owners who live nearby."

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