

Surprising Cagers Host Tartans

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Amidst all the hullabaloo of post-season tournament talk, one small fact has been almost completely overlooked. It is: A Penn State basketball team that was given little chance for a good record in pre-season "dope" sheets, tonight will be seeking a win over Carnegie Tech that will assure it of a winning season—and with six games still remaining.

With Earl Hoffman as the only starting senior, the sophomore and junior dominated Lions tangle with the Tartans at 8 in Rec Hall searching for their eleventh victory in 14 outings of a 20-game schedule. This strong start, the best since 1953-54, has not only surprised basketball experts, but has left State coach John Egli wondering out loud.

"I'd have never thought before the season began that a win over Carnegie Tech would be the spot on the schedule where we'd have a chance to ensure a winning season," Egli said yesterday as he reviewed the first 13 games. "You always have hopes at the beginning of the season, but I wasn't hoping this high. They've surprised me."

SURPRISING OR NOT. State is nursing tourney hopes, and a victory over Tech is a necessity. The Tartans are just 5-7 and a loss to Tech would just about knock the Lions out of tournament consideration.

Tech, like State, is a young squad, but unlike the Lions, the Tartans haven't jelled yet.

Coach Mel Cratsley's big gun has been sophomore guard Ray Morrison. The 6-1 Morrison is averaging 15.9 points a game and has canned most of these on long jumpers. The other starting guard, George Frazier, is the second leading scorer at 11 points a game and he also likes to shoot out front.

THE TARTANS will probably be the smallest team State will face all year. Sam Cupps, who starts at center is only 6-2, and forwards Andris Niedra and Joe Laird are just 6-1 and 6-2 respectively.

Tech, who will be coming off a 12-day mid-semester layoff, runs out of a man-to-man defense that switches with the front two men. The Tartans like to shoot out front and at times this season



RON AVILLION



TOM MALINCHAK

have hit for a high percentage. While their record hasn't been too impressive, Egli is worried about the game.

"I hope the boys aren't taking them too lightly," Egli warned. "This is the kind of game that can get you in trouble."

THE LION COACH expects to stick to "the same lineup that trounced Bucknell, 90-75, Saturday in Rec Hall. Besides the high

scoring Hoffman at forward, State will start Ron Avillion at forward, Bob Weiss and Bob Donato at guard and Tom Malinchak at center.

Egli indicated he expects Terry Hoover to see plenty of action at center and also co-captain John Mitchell to substitute at guard.

Frosh Cagers To Play at 6:30

Snowy Simpson's high scoring Penn State freshman basketball team makes its first home appearance of the season tonight, meeting the Altoona Center at 6:30 in Rec Hall.

In rolling to three straight victories, the frosh have averaged 92.3 points a game. Wins have come over Bucknell, 76-59; Altoona, 90-64; and Behrend, 111-55.

Starting for the Lions will be Carver Clinton, Ray Saunders, Tony Neumayr, Jim Reed and Jerry Roseboro.

Altoona comes into the contest with an 8-5 season record.

Clinton leads the Lion frosh in scoring with a 22.3 point a game average while Saunders and Reed have averaged 18.3 points.

After tonight's game, the frosh will make only one other appearance in Rec Hall, meeting Behrend, Feb. 20.

Lacrosse Candidates

Lion lacrosse coach Bill Hess has called a meeting for interested varsity candidates at 4 p.m. tomorrow in 241 Rec Hall.

Hess, a former State All-American, is in his rookie season as coach.

Collegian Score Card

Penn State

PLAYERS	FIELD GOALS	FOULS	PF	PTS.
Hoffman-20				
Avillion-40				
Malinchak-50				
Weiss-14				
Donato-10				
Carn-32				
Jones-22				
Hoover-52				
Ludwig-12				
Mitchell-24				
Totals . . .				

Carnegie Tech

PLAYERS	FIELD GOALS	FOULS	PF	PTS.
Morrison-31				
Cupps-23				
Frazier-33				
Laird-41				
Niedra-51				
Ritchie-11				
Borkowski-13				
McGeary-15				
Werronen-35				
Thomas-43				
Totals . . .				

Acacia, Delta Sig, Theta Chi Score Wins in Opening Swim Meet

By DENNIS KNECHT

Theta Chi, Acacia and Delta Sigma Phi emerged victorious from the waters of Glennland Pool last night as the IM swimming season got underway.

Acacia and Delta Sig had little trouble, beating their opponents, Sigma Alpha Mu, 31-9, and Pi Lambda Phi, 32-9, respectively. Theta Chi's 22-19 victory over Lambda Chi Alpha, however, was not decided until the final event.

Lambda Chi held a 19-17 lead going into the 120-yd. relay event, but Theta Chi's quartet of Joe Siminetti, John Swift, Jim Leonard and Norm Allan won the final event in 1:04.6 to win the meet.

ALAN ALSO won the free style and Rod Rayovich won the 60-yd. breaststroke for the winners. John Agnew won the backstroke and

Bill Mills the diving event for Lambda Chi.

Acacia took first place in every event over SAM. Guy Jackson won the freestyle and also swam on the winning relay team. Bruce Trotman won the backstroke, Bob Ormsby placed first in the breaststroke and Larry Wolfe won the diving event.

Ed Klein was a double winner as Delta Sigma Phi also won every event on its way to victory over Pi Lambda Phi. Klein's five-pointers came in the backstroke and breaststroke. Other winners were Jerry Loving in the freestyle and Don Kitchen in the diving competition.

IM DIRECTOR Dutch Sykes was pleased with the opening night's results. He referred to Allan's 34.2 freestyle victory, Theta Chi's 1:04.6 in the relay and Klein's 39.6 in the backstroke as "better than average" times.

"There will be better times than these," Sykes said, "but they are good for the first meet."

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