Bach looks for a comeback

Cagers lack size, experience

By GORDEN BLAIN Assistant Sports Editor John Bach starts his eighth year as Penn State's basketball coach saying he hopes he will not be judged by

Penn State basketball is coming off a disappointing 1974-1975 11-12 record, the first time in four years the Lion cagers were below the .500 mark. Bach received a lot of heat from fans last year fans frustrated with the years of mediocrity on the Rec Hall

This year poses another test for Bach and a very chancey test because the 25-year coach with a 57.3 lifetime winning percentage has a young team and an inex-perienced big man, a position so crucial in college basketball.

'I don't worry about it," Bach says of the dependence of his job upon a winner this year. "You work twice as hard sometimes and you're disappointed you don't do better. Then comes a year you don't do as well as you should. I hope I'm not judged by the record

When I first came here Joe Paterno told me 'You got to get lucky' — God we've tried. We're so close and we have been close. No one was more disappointed than we

were last year," Bach says.
The stature of the Penn State program and the physical location of the school have hampered the improvement of the basketball situation at Penn State, according to Bach. In past years a tough road schedule in the opening month of December hampered successful starts to the season and has ultimately cost the Lion record by the time March

PITTSBURGH (AP) - He wasn't asked to

vote, but Pitt's Tony Dorsett says he would

have picked himself in the Heisman Trophy

balloting.
"But I guess I'm prejudiced," Dorsett said as he awaited Pitt's Sun Bowl game on Dec.

Dorsett rushed for 1,544 yards in the regular season, but he finished a distant

fourth in the Heisman balloting to Ohio State's Archie Griffin, who rushed for 1,357

"Personally, I feel I have the credentials.



Dave Angstadt

bids are given.

This year Bach has brought promising freshman class of players — many from the talent-rich Washington D.C. area. The Lions play four of their first five games in Rec Hall. But now Bach fights other adversities. He has an inexperienced and small team.

"I hate to dwell on the damn thing, but December has been a tough period for us in the past. This year might give us a chance to get started," Bach says.

"We don't have to worry about out front. We can live if (center Romel) Raffin can stabilize and (forward Chris) Erichsen settles down. Normally we'd be looking for a spark from the sophomore group but with only (guard Jeff) Miller the freshman will unfortunately play - a significant role. I don't mean to pressure the freshmen but there are going to be a lot of demands on them," Bach forecasts. Bach has been known not to favor playing freshmen on the varsity level.

Raffin, a 6-8 junior from Kitchener, Ontario is getting the nod to fill the center shoes of graduated Randy Meister.

Heisman vote irks Dorsett

football history.



Tominy Doaty

Bach says he is counting on Raffin to be the center but adds, "I don't think we're asking him to play on the All-America level

Raffin, who played for Canada in October's Pan-American Games, will get help on the inside game from returning senior 6-8 Dave Andstadt, 6-6 junior Chris Erichsen, 6-8 freshman Carvin Jefferson, and 6-5 frosh Bob Kinzer. But with all the help, there are many questions.

Angstadt, the only main-stay of the front court, will play the season hurt. Bach explains: "To be very honest, he's going to have to play hurt. He's faced with a dilemma - either play hurt or have an operation and be lost for six to eight weeks. It's a symbol of an athlete." Angstadt is suffering from a recurring foot injury sustained last season.

Bach says both Erichsen and Jefferson show a lot of promise but he adds he's tired of waiting for Erichsen to Erichsen was

physically and academically hampered his first two years. where I can't wait any longer.

with myself I know I'm worthy of the

award," said Dorsett, a junior who could

eventually replace Griffin as the all-time

career rushing leader in major college

Griffin will be gone next season, and Dorsett and Southern Cal's Rickie Bell likely

"The Heisman symbolizes that you're the best," said Dorsett. "And that means a lot to

someone like myself who strives for the best.

Being the best in the whole country means a

will lead the rush for the Heisman award.



Jim Ouderkirk

He could be the strongest upfront player. Inside and outside he's our potential best scorer. Chris has to get his game together," Bach says. Erichsen, former high school player of the year in West Virginia, finished last season strong, finally breaking into the starting five.

"Carvin has shown a lot of promise at both forward and Bach says of the center," lanky, rookie center. "He has a world of potential."

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Bach adds that Erichsen's and Raffin's play are crucial if he might be patient in developing the young Jefferson. Bach has said he would have liked to use Raffin are to be supported to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to the said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use Raffin are to said he would have liked to use the said he would have liked he w more last year at forward next to Meister but he was unable to when the Lions fell into a slump in January. He hopes the same situation doesn't occur again with Jefferson.

Bach says his team will play defense in "the other guys backyard" and is going to get the ball out on the break even "better than before."

"I think, we're in the conservative era. We had slower people before. We're not loaded with All-Americans but we can speed up the tempo. If we would have run any faster last year, we would have run faster to defeat. Bach adds. "I don't think we got the credit we should have

gotten for running last year."

To use a pressing defense and running game, a promise he made last year but took time to develop, Bach is loaded with backcourt people. He has a possible number of six ballhandlers.

The corps of small men are led by seniors and returning starters Jim Ouderkirk, whose 12.8 point game average of last season makes him the leading returning scorer, and Tom Doaty, last year's assist leader. Junior Kevin Cadle and sophomore Jeff Miller, both of whom improved at the end of last vear, give Bach's backcourt experience and depth. Freshmen Harvey Wooten and Rob O'Conor add to Bach's abundance of ball handlers. Wooten, a transfer from Massanutten Prep in Virginia, figures high in Bach's plans for switching between forward and guard.

Wooten is only 6-4 but Bach plans to use him because of the lack of depth at forward. One thing we hope to do is t rush him beyond his

talent," Bach says of Wooten. "We rushed Miller last year too much.
"I see as I look ahead that

we will have more of a chance to substitute and substitute equally. We lacked here last year," Bach says. "We're paying the price for a lean sophomore year. We lost some promising athletes in Marc Ivaroni (to Virginia) and Maurice Robinson (to West Virginia). The season is very questionable."
And Bach has some

questionable people that may play a role in the campaign. A junior walk-on from Philadelphia, 6-5 Darryl Anderson may have to be used at forward if injuries thin the frontline. There have been numerous minor injuries in preseason workouts. Bach took Anderson from a group of 25 walk-ons trying

Bach also says he is depending on a player from the military. Marion Waltower, a 6-5 rebounder, is supposedly going to register for the winter term. Bach termed this former armed services player as "a bit of an unknown quantity."

Back lost senior Bill Botts

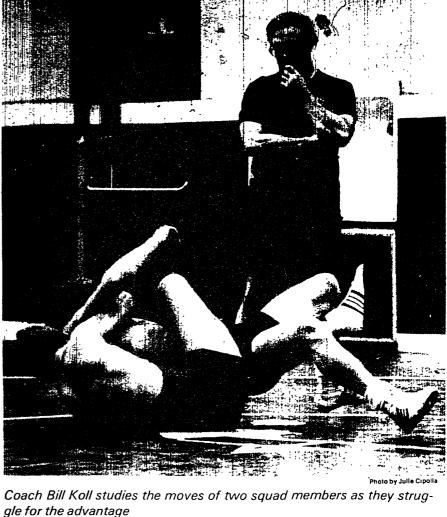
when the forward, who had seen little action in his first three years, decided to quit. Bach says he told Botts if a younger player was of his equal he would have to go with the younger player. Bach says Botts understood and decided to leave.

While Raffin's status on the court is untested, his status at Penn State is being tested. Rumors have been flying indicating the junior is in trouble with the university's discipline system. Bach assures Raffin is not in trouble.

"Romel has faced student charges for an incident in the dorms," Bach says. "It has weighed heavily on his mind. He is still on probation from a vear ago.'

There's a lot of questions for Penn State's basketball season. A tougher schedule with three tournaments - the Pillsbury Classic in Minnesota, the Presidential Classic in Washington D.C., and the Pennsylvania Classic in Pittsburgh — will increase the questions. There are only 10 home games on the 25game schedule.

Penn State will bid for an at-large berth in the NCAA playoffs. The eight team Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League, of which Penn State is a part, will not begin play until next year. But for now the Lion cagers will try to get through December and their inexperience.



Tourney will tell says Koll

Grapplers please coach

By JACK PATON Collegian Sports Writer

If Saturday's 41-0 rout of Buffalo is any indication of the Penn State wrestling team's ability, coach Bill Koll should be feeling good about the new season's prospects. Koll, however, is not ready to judge his team on

the strength of the season opener.
"There's no telling how good Buffalo is," said the coach, beginning his 12th year as Lion mentor. "We'll know better after this weekend.'

This weekend is the Penn State Invitational, an eight-team field representative of some of the nation's finest collegiate squads. "I don't think there is a tournament in the country that can compare with this one, outside of the nationals," said Koll.

The Lions, 7-4-1 last season, enter the tournament with most of their regulars back, although 126-pound NCAA champ John Fritz has graduated. Several weight classes have been decided in recent days by intra-squad elimination bouts, and Koll finds this

situation healthy.
"The extra competition among the fellows this year will bring out the best in them," he "They know they have someone right behind them to take over if they start to

Three spots that have been at least temporarily decided by eliminations are 134, with junior Rich Kepler coming out ahead of senior Tom Teagarden; 142, where returning starter Denny Sciabica has fought off state high school champion John Eichenlaub; and 150, with soph Bill Vollrath returning from a year's absence due to illness to claim the

Freshman Bill Bertrand, another high school champ, has apparently nailed down the 190 spot after pinning his Buffalo op-

The other positions appear to be set, barring injury or a new challenger coming to the fore. These start off with Wayne Packer. senior from State College, at 118. Koll called him "superb" in his 17-6 decision Saturday night. Packer lost only once in dual meet action last year.

At 126, Jimmy Earl has dropped from 134 and become one of the team's most improved wrestlers, according to his coach.

After the three middle classes comes Dave Becker at 158. Becker won the NCAA Eastern Regional at his weight as a freshman last year and compiled a 12-5-3 record.

Team captain Jerry Villecco returns at 167 after two All-America seasons and a 17-4 mark last year. "Jerry's the man everyone will be looking up to this year," said Koll, "much like Fritz was last year. He's so strong, he'll have opponents hoping just to

Junior Jerry White, 15-5 last year, has moved down from 190 to 177 to help fill the void caused by the graduation of Dan

The heavyweight of the moment is senior Rich Boehmer, but he apparently will be at that spot only until Brad Benson's football responsibilities are completed.

The sweep of Buffalo marked the inaugural of the Eastern Wrestling League, whose charter members also include Bloomsburg, Clarion, Lock Haven, and Pitt. Koll believes that the Lions' league participation and an upgraded schedule present more of a challenge to this year's team.

"There won't be many meets where we'll have such a wide margin of victory," he

26 with Kansas.

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MEETINGS

Student Assistance Center, 7:30 p.m., HUB reading room. Veterans orientation.

SEMINARS

Ceramic Science, 11 a.m., Room 301 Mineral Industries. John W. Halloran, materials science and engineering, MIT, on "Tracer Diffusion in FeA1204 Spinel."

Chemistry, 12:45 p.m., Room 333 Whitmore. James L. Kassner, University of Missouri at Rolla, on "Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Nucleation of Water

Mathematics, 4 p.m., Room 102 McAllister. Antoni Zigmund, University of Chicago, on "Problems of Differentiability of Functions."

Computer Science, 4 p.m., Room 325 Whitmore. Dr. Rex Hartson, Ohio State University, on "Protection Languages for Data Base Systems - a Semantic

Meteorology, 4 p.m., Room 26 Mineral Sciences. Dr. Lothar Koschmieder, civil engineering, University of Texas, on "Symmetric Circulations of Planetary Atmospheres.

EXHIBITS

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