

Lady Lions' second-half surge stops Edinboro St.

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For the entire first half, the Lady Lions' basketball team looked like it was anywhere but in White Building as Edinboro took a 26-14 half-time lead.

Penn State, however, came back strong in the second half to win, 60-50.

The Lions jumped out to an early first half lead but turnovers and a weak Penn State defense gave the Lady Scots the openings they needed to tie the game at eight on an Audrey Scott jumper. Less than one minute later, Scott sank another one to put Edinboro ahead for the rest of the half.

"That was the worst half of basketball I've ever seen Penn State play. We were never in the game. It didn't look like our minds were there," Penn State coach Pat Meiser said.

The Lady Lions shot 19.4 percent from the field as they hit on only 6 of 31. Jen Bednarek, Penn State's leading scorer did not score, while Sue Martin and Nancy Kuhl combined for only four points. Meiser substituted liberally the entire first-half.

"We were substituting, trying to find the right combination, but nothing seemed to work," Meiser said.

In the second half Penn State came out shooting and cut the lead in half during the first three minutes on two baskets by Bednarek, a Martin jumpshot and two free-throws by Kuhl. Lion center Mary Donovan began to dominate under the offensive boards and tied the game at 26 with a follow-up shot.

At the defensive end of the court, the Lady Lions switched to a man-to-man defense instead of the zone they had used during the first half. That defense held the Lady Scots scoreless for five minutes.

"At halftime I told them, 'you either want it or you don't. We started to dictate to the offense in the second half,'" Meiser said.

"I think I needed to wake myself up," Bednarek said. "I came out in the first half not shooting well and every time I missed a shot it was in the back of my mind. She (Meiser) really fired us up."

After Penn State tied the score, the two teams traded baskets until a Sue

Martin jump shot put the Lions in the lead for good with ten minutes remaining.

A key factor in the comeback was Penn State's pressure defense.

"We had to pressure them so we went to a man-to-man," Bednarek said. "If you sit back in a zone they're going to shoot it. We had to go right out after the ball."

Mary Donovan's performance was also largely responsible for the win.

Defensively, the 6-3 center took away many second shot opportunities with her rebounding, while offensively she scored 16 points, 12 of them coming in the second half.

"In the second half we were angry at ourselves," Donovan said. "Edinboro beat us last year and we wanted to show that we were better than them."

Edinboro's coach, Judy Sauer, said she was not displeased with her team's performance.

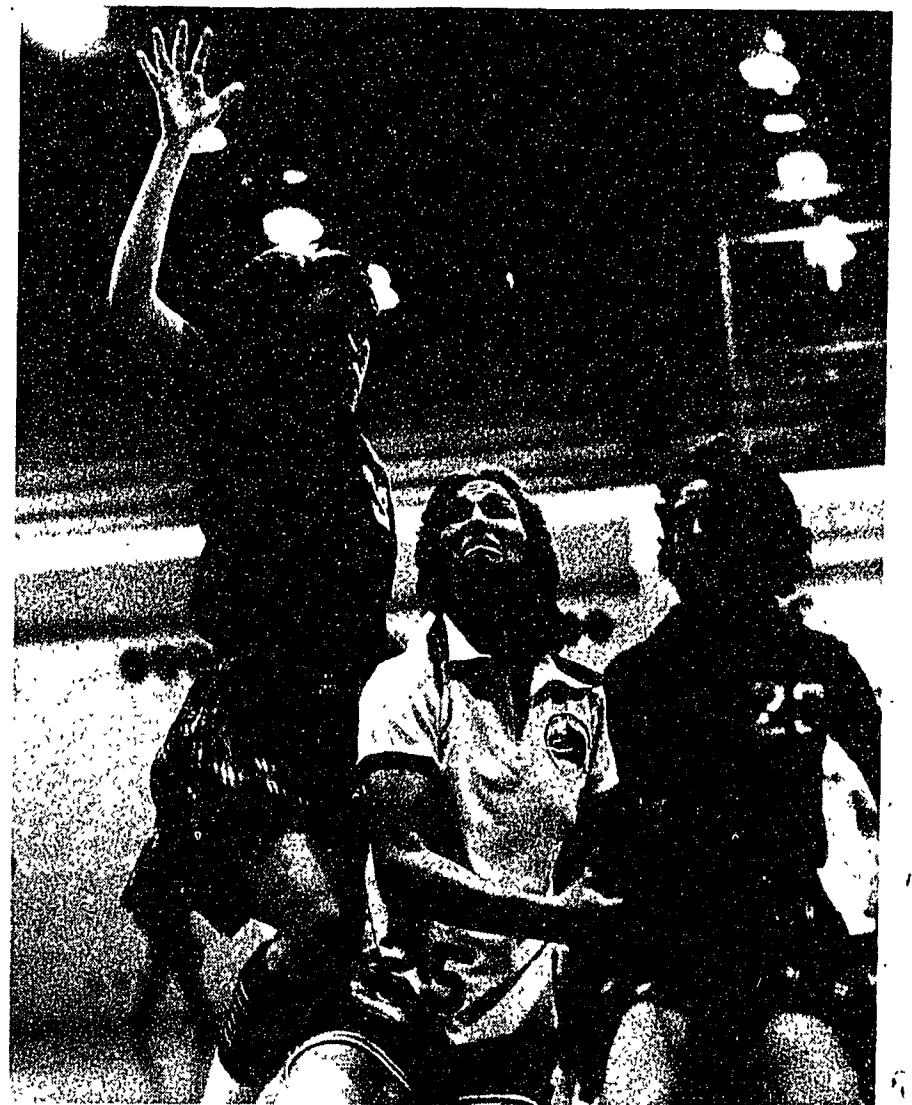
"We played well the first half but the pressure man-to-man defense flustered us a bit. I felt there were some questionable calls by the officials,"

Sauer said.

The Lady Lions were inconsistent as evidenced by the difference in their first and second half performances.

"Maturity in a team means consistency," Meiser said. "Right now we're ranked eleventh and we've got to play like we're eleventh no matter who we play."

Edinboro—50		Penn State—60					
MIN	FGM-A	FTM-A	R	A	PF	Total	
Scott	40	8-21	0-0	3	1	2	16
Disco	29	1-5	1-4	9	0	4	3
Skidmore	40	4-9	2-4	11	0	2	10
Dalby	39	7-19	0-0	1	0	5	14
Blouse	40	1-5	3-4	3	3	3	5
Petroski	11	1-3	0-0	3	0	0	2
Donadio	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		22-62	6-12	28	1	16	50
Penn State—60		Edinboro St. 26, Penn St. 14					
Kuhl	39	3-8	4-4	6	11	2	10
Martin	32	5-14	0-0	4	0	3	10
Bednarek	22	6-15	2-2	0	2	0	14
McGuire	21	2-3	0-0	6	0	3	4
Donovan	34	8-15	0-0	18	0	3	16
Gabriel	19	0-4	0-0	1	0	0	0
Schwartz	7	0-4	0-0	1	1	0	0
Carash	10	1-2	2-1	1	0	0	4
Adams	16	0-3	2-2	3	1	2	2
Totals		25-68	10-11	15	15	13	60



Edinboro's Connie Blouse appears ready to swat away a driving shot taken by Penn State's Kelley Cornish, as Lady Scot Donnene Disco looks on during last night's game at White Building. The sluggish Lady Lions staged a second-half comeback, with Jen Bednarek and Mary Donovan combining for 26 points, and defeated the visiting Scots, 60-50. The Lady Lions moved up in this week's college rankings to No. 11, with their next game Thursday against Millersville at White Building.

Angry Donovan sparks comeback

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"When Penn State center Mary Donovan gets mad, the opposition is in trouble.

Last night Donovan "got fired up" as she led the Lady Lions with a career-high 16 points and a game-high 18 rebounds, as Penn State defeated Edinboro St. 60-50.

"That was without a doubt Mary's finest game," Lady Lion coach Pat Meiser said.

Donovan came through in the second half with 12 points and 11 rebounds. The

sophomore said she was "a little bit intimidated" by Edinboro's 6-4 center Donnene Disco in the first half even though she is 6-3 herself.

"I got sick of being pushed around," Donovan said. "I wanted to make sure I was playing my own game. My main job is to rebound."

Prior to last night's game, Donovan led the Lady Lions with 9.2 rebounds per game.

"I think the adrenaline was flowing in the second half," Donovan said. "I was mad the first half because I wasn't doing anything."

Donovan did plenty in the second half. Her baskets came in four point spurts — often scoring on offensive rebounds.

Donovan tied the score for the first time in the second half at 26 and again at 34 after teammate Jen Bednarek missed a shot. Donovan also made the score 50-45 and 52-45 on offensive rebound baskets.

"She positioned herself well," said Meiser.

"Mary really came through," said Bednarek. "She stepped in and got in the way of people beating us. She gets fired up at different times. When she comes

through like that it really helps the team out."

Both Donovan and Disco led both teams with five blocked shots.

"I thought it was her (Donovan's) defense in the second half that shook us up," Edinboro coach Judy Sauer said. "I never thought she would have 16 (points). She's never been that much of a threat."

When Penn State played Edinboro at the Pitt Invationals earlier this season, Donovan collected two points and four rebounds.

Indiana State barely ranked number one

By The Associated Press

The margin isn't much but Indiana State will take it. Being No.1 by six points is as good as being there by plenty, as far as the undefeated Sycamores are concerned.

Indiana State moved into the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll yesterday, receiving 43 first place votes and 1,196 points from the nationwide panel of 62 sports writers and broadcasters. UCLA was second with 19 first-place ballots and 1,190 points in one of the closest votes in the history of The AP poll.

The Sycamores, who are the nation's only major undefeated team, scored their 23rd consecutive victory Monday night, routing West Texas State 100-75.

They had been No.2 in the poll last week and moved up when top-ranked Notre Dame was beaten at home Sunday by UCLA. That loss dropped the Irish to third place.

Although Indiana State held a wide edge in first place votes, UCLA made it close because none of the voters had the Bruins lower than fourth in the balloting.

Notre Dame received 1,073 points for third place in the poll followed by two Atlantic Coast Conference teams, North Carolina and Duke. The Tar Heels jumped from sixth place to fourth with 983 points following victories over Maryland and Providence. Duke, top-ranked in the preseason poll and third last week, slipped to fifth with 901 points.

Southeastern Conference leader Louisiana State, No.8 last week, was a close sixth with 895 points while Syracuse, 20-2, remained No.7 with 869 points.

Michigan State, which defeated Iowa 60-57 and bombed Ohio State 73-55 last week, jumped from 10th to eighth with 795 points. Louisville, No.5 last week, tumbled to ninth.

Panthers coming off Duke upset Cagers look to stop surging Pitt

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Penn State coach Dick Harter will have to try something to stop Pittsburgh's seven-game winning streak at 8:10 p.m. tonight at Rec Hall. So why not trying putting two huge obstructions on the court?

No, Harter is not going to erect police barriers in the center of the foul lane. But he just may try going with a lineup featuring both 6-9, 235-pound Frank Brickowski and 6-8, 200-pound Carvin Jefferson in order to combat a Pitt team which has outrebounded its opponents by an average of 14 rebounds per game.

"I think that is possibly our best lineup," Harter said. "But, because of Brick's proclivity to draw fouls, we can't always use it. If we could play for just five minutes, those two would be in the lineup."

Both Brickowski and Jefferson played effectively together at various times in the Navy game and Harter said the combination will definitely see action in tonight's game.

they hope to contain the Panther's front line of Sam Clancy, Sammie Ellis and Terry Knight.

The 6-6, 245-pound Clancy leads the Eastern Eight in rebounding (13.4), and is eighth in scoring (15.5). He was named Eastern Eight player of the week on Tuesday for a three-game stretch in which he scored 44 points, grabbed 36 rebounds and made five steals.

"Clancy was a little worn out and injured the first time we played them," said Harter, referring to Clancy's poor five-point, two-rebound performance against Penn State two weeks ago. "He should be a lot tougher in this game."

Besides Clancy, Ellis and Knight cannot be overlooked in terms of scoring ability. The 6-5 Knight is averaging 15.2 points a game while the 6-6 Ellis is averaging 14.2 points a game, in addition to snatching an average of 8.6 rebounds.

Although Pitt still managed to hang on for a victory in its last meeting with Penn State, the Panthers could make life for the Lions even harder this time around. They are coming off a stunning upset victory over nationally-ranked Duke.

Meanwhile, the Lions are coming off a ragged win over Navy and sport a 9-16 mark on the season. Consequently, Harter is still playing musical chairs with his starting lineup in order to find the right combination.

Forward Steve Kuhn, who only played for ten minutes and did not score against Navy, will return to the starting ranks. Mike Edelman, the Lions' leading scorer, will not.

"Mike and Steve were really getting concentrated on by opposing defenses," Harter said. "I think they will start to come around now."

Kuhn and Edelman are the only two scorers for Penn State averaging in double figures. The high scoring Panther attack, consisting of four players in double figures, is averaging close to 80 points per game.

The Lions will hold one advantage in that the game is being played at Rec Hall. The Panthers have been less than successful on the road, compiling a 4-7 record, as opposed to an awesome 10-1 mark at home.



Penn State's 177-pound Dan Pfautz is back in Lion coach Rich Lorenzo's lineup after suffering strained ligaments earlier this year. Undeclared in five dual matches, Pfautz has been the Lions' most consistent wrestler this season with a 13-2-1 record.

Lion wrestler Pfautz gets back to winning ways following injury

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While Lion wrestling coach Rich Lorenzo has watched numerous injuries claim the services of many of his wrestlers this year, it seems that none of them had as much impact on the team as that one which occurred during the Jan. 9 home match with Temple.

It was then that 177-pounder Dan Pfautz left the line-up with strained ligaments in his knee.

"We planned on having Dan as a leader this year," Lorenzo said. "When we lost him, it really took the wind out of our sails."

The injury was particularly damaging to Pfautz himself.

"The following match against Cleveland State was the first match that I had ever missed," Pfautz said. "It was hard to be on the sidelines instead of being out on the mat."

Pfautz has since returned to the Lion line-up and has picked up on his winning ways which started back at Elizabethtown High School, where he was a Pennsylvania schoolboy runner-up.

After a year at Keystone Junior College, where he finished third in the national junior college championships, Pfautz compiled a successful 22-7-1 record for the Lions last season.

Although he is not satisfied with his

wrestling right now, Pfautz is planning to improve on his second place finish last year in the Eastern Wrestling League's tournament.

"I'm not wrestling as good as I could," Pfautz said. "My knee is about 85 percent right now, and it could go out at any time. I'm also beginning to get my conditioning back, and I should be ready for the tournament (Feb. 24). I should do real well there."

Lorenzo agrees with Pfautz and looks even farther down the road.

"Dan has recovered well and he is in fairly good shape right now," the coach said. "If he keeps the right positive attitude, he could be a place-winner in the nationals."

At the moment, Pfautz has supplied the team with an important ingredient, which has been absent for most of the season — consistency. Undeclared in his five dual meet matches, Pfautz has rolled up a 13-2-1 overall record, and he is well aware of the importance of this consistency.

"On last year's team, there were three or four guys who you could always count on," he said. "This year, there are no constant performers. We're not putting it all together."

"We've lost some people due to injuries, but you have to go with the people you have. I never think about the past; I try to always look ahead," he said.