'59-'60 Cage Season Opens Tomorrow

Hoyas Host Mounts In McDonough Bow

A year ago at Emmitsburg, Maryland, the Georgetown cage team had to come from far back to defeat a scrappy Mount St. Mary's squad, 85-76. The Hoyas trailed until the last period when Brian Sheehan made a lay-up to finally give the Blue and Gray the lead they never relinquished.

The Mounties do not seem to be quite as strong this season. Ernie Cage, former DeMatha high scoring ace, Jerry Rohlinger, and their fiery backcourtman, Burt Sheehan, have all departed. These three alone accounted for fifteen of the Mount's points against Georgetown last year and their loss will surely affect the team's scoring punch.

But out on the court Tom- mittee will sponsor the first basketball rally of the Hoyas season, Providence College is certainly one of the most colorful, and by far, one of the most talented. Actually, it has not yet been determined if the Blue and Gray will tangle with P.C. Both teams are scheduled to perform in the Providence Invitation Tourney on December 29-30.

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SAC Sponsors Tonight's Rally

The Student Athletic Committee will sponsor the first basketball rally of the '59-60 season tonight, as a preliminary to the Hoyas' home opener tomorrow evening against Mount St. Mary's.

Chairman Jack Field and his committee are hoping that the event will be more successful than last season's initial rally.

"The team needs the student's support this season," Field asserts, "and a good turnout for this first rally will get the team off to a fine start."

7:30 Starting Time

The rally will commence at 7:30 under the Tree and will then proceed to the Gym by way of Maguire, Ryan and New South dorms, picking up students along the way.

At the Gym there will be an introduction of the players followed by short talks by Coach Tom Nolan, Father Brew, S.J., and Georgetown's new Athletic Moderator, Father Hoppin, S.J.

Yard Treasurer Tom Murray will be master of ceremonies and music will be furnished by the Collegians.

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TIME OUT

WITH BILL GILDEA
Sports Editor

At this time last year, Georgetown coach Tom Nolan was looking apprehensively to a long and difficult season. He realized that the squad’s chances on his team had been the nucleus of one of the best freshman squads in the history of Georgetown. But there simply weren’t enough of them.

Besides the shortage of manpower, the team lacked height and experience. The deficiencies of the season past have been remedied. Coach Nolan has but to weld this group into a cohesive unit and shore up the defense. If he succeeds in this endeavor, Georgetown will have a winning season and possibly their best ever.

Prospects are considerably brighter for the Georgetown varsity of 1959-60. Holdovers Brian Sheehan, Tom Coleman, Tom Matan, Ed Hargaden, and Tom Fitzpatrick will combine with sophs Jim Carrino, Paul Tagliabue, Bob Sharpenet, Vince Wolltington, and Tom O’Dee to give the Hoyas the chance of a winning season. Height, depth, and experience are all present in abundance.

The Hoyas of a year ago showed a great determination which should carry over to this season. They played excellent ball on occasion and rose up to beat Fordham and Boston College in McDonough Gym for their best performances of the year.

However, Georgetown’s fast break, necessitated by the team’s diminutive size, allowed gradually as the season progressed until finally the Hoyas were simply trading shots and futilely hoping to equal their opponents rebounding efforts.

The ’59-60 schedule will be as difficult as last year’s. Georgetown will have the opportunity to avenge defeats handed them by American U., St. Peter’s, LaSalle, Muhlenberg, Lafayette, Navy, Seton Hall, and two each from Maryland and Georgetown.

Also included on the slate are Niagara, Duquesne, Manhattan, and New York U., four top powers in the East. The Providence Invitational Tourney features a veteran Providence College team who, along with Manhattan and N.Y.U., were at the National Invitational Tournament last winter.

Georgetown will play three more contests at home raising the total to eleven. The Hoyas are a tough lot to cope with on their own court. Unfortunately, from the middle of December until early January, the Blue and Gray will be forced to play ten of eleven contests on foreign planks.

The success of the season probably hinges on this interlude.

Tomorrow night Tom Nolan will officially unveil his 1959-60 Hoyas to the fans and student body. The Georgetown team is still looking for a center. Fortunately, Matt Colote, working particularly well in the backcourt and throw it in to the big men, is the best of what is available.

Backcourt Starters

As it stands right now 5’9” Puddy Sheehan, who is well on his way toward establishing a new Georgetown scoring record, and Hargaden will be starting in the backcourt although Nolan feels that Ed can play equally well off the wing if necessary.

Sheehan, an excellent playmaker and a deft ballhandler, figures to be the big scorer as well. He’ll be aiming to top his ’58 season output of 452 points, an average of 18.6 points per game.

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New Height, Depth Give Hoyas Increased Basketball Potential

by Bill Dalley

With the 1959-1960 basketball season just around the corner, varsity mentor Tom Nolan is molding last minute strategies for his ’60 edition of Hoyas cagemen, seeking the most potent scoring punch from his 14 man squad.

Nolan, a varsity standout at Georgetown in the late thirties, is hoping to make his fourth year as head coach a winning season despite the tough opposition that the schedule presents. He believes that he has a fine group of shooters who will do plenty of scoring and is elated over the increased bench strength he has acquired this season.

Experience Problem

If there are any handicaps to overcome, the foremost in his mind is the squad’s lack of experience. Only one player, Ed Hargaden, has seen more than one year of varsity competition. However, Nolan has concentrated on working in the eight new sophomores with the already tried and tested veterans.

“Right now I’m looking for someone to balance the attack, who will sacrifice on scoring to move the ball in the backcourt and throw it in to the big men,” comments Tom. This he hopes will cure tendencies to overhandle the ball and at the same time will help in setting up play patterns.

Nolan may have found his man in 6’1” Ed Hargaden. He stated that he has “been waiting for this boy to come around for two years and now that he’s finally arrived, I think that he can really help the team.”

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nning fast moves make Vince a tough man to contend with under the boards and he can be counted on to do his share of the scoring also.

At 6’9”, Dan Slattery has on many occasions proven himself a defensive ace, working particularly well in the zone pattern. “Slat” moves well on offense and when he is “on,” he is practically unstoppable. Dan tallied 167 points for the frosh last year, placing him among the top five scorers.

Bench Strength

Ray Dohmsluder, at 6’4”, can shoot with the best of them but lacks the moves to figure among the starting five. Ray has a knack of pulling a team out of a slump with quick scoring bursts. 6’3” Tom Fitzpatrick is another able rebounder and is always a potent scoring threat.

Jim Carrino, at 6’4”, possesses a deadly jump shot from out deep, as his 16.3 average will attest, with all the moves and fakes to go along with it. Jim can be expected to spend a good deal of time in the backcourt, and, along with Tom O’Dee, who posted a 10.2 mean in ’58, gives Nolan strength in depth at this position.

6’4” Paul Tagliabue, who has been slowed by injuries thus far, has good driving ability and quick moves which made him a top scorer (14.6 average) last year with the frosh. John Kraljic and Jay O’Dee, backcourtmen with plenty of hustle, round out the squad.

With the opening tapoff approaching, a feeling of hopeful anxiety can be found in players (Continued on Page 4)
O'Keefe, Ex-Hilltop Star, Keeps Frosh on the Ball  
by Mike Maker

This year marks the return of Tommy O'Keefe to his third season with Georgetown's freshman team. After a year at Gonzaga High School which brought Gonzaga the Catholic League championship, Tommy, as well as several of his Gonzaga players, came to Georgetown and guided the frosh of 1950-51 to a 16-1 record. This past year the former Georgetown star had an equally impressive team.

Mr. O'Keefe has an outstanding record behind him both as a college player and as a professional. In each of his four years he was a starter for Georgetown and tallied over 1000 points in four years of topflight play as a backcourt man. During his senior year at the Hilltop, the pleasant six-footer was selected to play for the Eastern All-Stars, along with such greats as Bob Cousy, George Yardley, Chuck Share and Dick Schnittker. O'Keefe then turned professional.

O'Keefe Depends On Frosh Versatility  
by Marshall Fitz

Since October 15, this year's freshman basketball squad has been working hard under Coach Tom O'Keefe, who is in his third year with Georgetown. Coach O'Keefe has had two tremendous records with his initial squad having an 18-1 record and last year's team a 16-4 mark.

Former Hoya star hoopster O'Keefe has a nucleus of young stars which promise another good year. Based on performances to date, Coach O'Keefe has picked a starting five, but all of the squad members still have a chance to break into the starting lineup.

The Players

Ed Lopata is a 6'4½" forward from Vandergriff, Pa. Ed possesses a good jump shot and is a strong rebounder. Coach O'Keefe says he has great potential as a college player.

Owen McGuill is a 6'4½" Springfield, Mass. forward who possesses a soft hook shot and is also strong on the boards. O'Keefe remarks: "With a lot of work he could develop into a top-flight ballplayer."

Ron Kunkle, 6'1½", comes from Xavier High in Cincinnati. Ron, Don has a lot of speed and an excellent net shot and with experience will develop.

Don Watson is a 6'6" backcourt man from Scranton, Pa. Don is an aggressive ballplayer with a good jump shot, and he should see a lot of action.

Pat Doyle is a 6'0" center who comes from Manhasset, Long Is. Possessing size and a jump shot, and is also strong on the boards.

Remaining team members are Jim Chandler, Jim Brincefield, John P. Flaherty, George Wilson, Henry Sarpy, and Bill Fox.


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O’Keefe believes that he has good talent with potential, and by the end of the year several boys will have proven themselves of college caliber.
Basketball Prospects

(Continued from Page 2) and students alike. An exciting team we definitely have. Whether the ’59-’60 Hoyas are a winning team, of course, remains to be seen.

Last year’s varsity hoopers compiled an 8-15 record, but Nolan foresees a great improvement on this margin. “Last year we beat some good teams like Fordham and Providence Has Colorful Team;

NYU Here Saturday Night

(Continued from Page 1) last season, John averaged 19.5 points per game to lead the Friars to a 20-5 record and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament in New York City.

In the Garden, Egan was the same cool customer he had been at all season long as he sparked Providence to upset victories over Manhattan and St. Louis before bowing to St. John’s.

It took the Friars two overtimes to edge St. Louis, 73-72, and it was Egan who got the last-second lay-up that downed the Jaspers, 68-66. Thus, in spite of their lack of height, P.C. was the surprise of the East.

This year they will again be tough, and if the Hoyas make the final round of the Providence Tournament, it is more likely than likely that the Friars will be waiting for them.

Violets Tough

Two New York City area teams that the Hoyas will face that competed in the N.I.T. a year ago are N.Y.U. and Manhattan.

The Violets, who invade McDonnell Saturday evening, sport 6’9” Tom Sanders who is ranked among the upper crust of college players as an All-American honorable mention. He teams with 6’7” Al Barden and 6’4” Mike DiNapoli up front. Last year the Violets won nine of their last eleven contests after a slow start to earn a berth in the N.I.T. where they fought to a third place finish.

Manhattan, which meets Georgetown in the Garden on January 9, also made the N.I.T. and this season is reportedly loaded.” They have a talented bench to back up an even more proficient first team, led by Pete Bruncone and Bob Mealy. The Jaspers are pre-season favorites to top all major New York City opposition and are a good bet for a post-season tourney bid.

O’Keefe

(Continued from Page 3) playing with the now defunct Washington Capitals. Playing with him as a professional were the well known pros Earl Lloyd and Bill Sharman. After one year of professional ball, he entered the service.

His fresh mentor is a man who wants to do his best for Georgetown basketball. This is evident when one observes only a single practice. He puts great emphasis on conditioning and hard work, which is demonstrated by the amount of running done in a practice session. Stress is also placed on team work and a team attitude as well as head-up defensive play. Win or lose, Coach O’Keefe’s team can never be said to be lacking in effort.

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Cheerleaders Enlarge Activities To Include Varsity Frosh Squads

Something new is in store for Hoyas this year. There will be two cheerleading squads, one for the freshmen and one for the varsity. Leading the cheers will be Coach Tommy Nolan’s hoopers.

Student Athletic Com. Set Program, Trips

One of the most active student organizations on campus the past few months has been the Student Athletic Committee under the chairmanship of Bob Gilmartin.

When asked about the purpose of the S.A.C., Gilmartin replied: “Our purpose is to organize student backing of athletics and through this organization create a spirit and enthusiasm which we hope will give Georgetown athletics the shot in the arm it needs.”

At the game tomorrow evening, the S.A.C. will present an innovation—an eight page basketball program. There will be a new program for each home game.

Bus trips are scheduled for the Maryland and Manhattan games on Dec. 14 and Jan. 9, respectively.

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