'60-'61 Cage Season Opens Tomorrow

Loyola Invades GU
In McDonough Bowl

Tomorrow night in McDonough Gymnasium coach Tommy O'Keefe will unveil his 1960-61 version of the Hoyas in a contest with Loyola College of Baltimore. Not too much is known of the Baltimore quint except that they were soundly beaten by Georgetown two years ago. Last year they played well below .500 ball. The series began in 1939 but Loyola hasn't tripped GU since 1945.

The first real test for the Hoyas will come next Tuesday evening when they host a tough Duquesne team. Last year they just managed to edge the Dukes, 64-63, on the enemy boards in a game that was close right down to the wire. This year, coach Red Manning has four starters back plus a 6'2" transfer from Notre Dame Paul Benec, 6'7", and Clyde Arnold, 6'7", who will provide good shooting and big rebounding strength. Bob Stoshnik, a 6'10" senior, is by far Manning's strongest weapon. Having all the tools of an elite ballplayer, Bob has only to develop enough aggressiveness to reach his potential. He averaged 12.1 points per game last year and was a consistent rebounder.

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Hoya Depth And Scoring Punch Carry Season Hopes

by Mark Piaano

The long hard pre-season training has come to an end. The Hoyas hoopmen are ready to take the stage for the 1960-61 season. The team could be the best in Georgetown's history. It boasts talent, experience; and a new coach, Mr. Thomas O'Keefe.

Coach O'Keefe, who holds records for his play on the Hilltop team in 1950, was promoted to head coach this summer. He had previously served as frosh coach. In three years his teams compiled a remarkable 43-16 record. Although this is his first year as varsity mentor, O'Keefe knows the system used here and has also coached each player before.

This year's squad has many factors in its favor. Twenty men of the seventeen man team have had previous varsity experience. Only one starter, Ed Hargaden, was lost from last year's team. This experience is invaluable in the formation of a well-balanced team.

Top Scorer

The team also has a candidate for the all time scoring record in Brian "Puddy" Sheehan. Puddy, a 5'9" favorite around the Hilltop, lacks 354 points to claim the record of 1127 points set by Warren Buehler. Besides his tremendous offensive prowess Puddy calls the plays and is master at the art of ball-handling. Coach O'Keefe believes that with Jay Force pushing him for a starting berth Sheehan will become one of Georgetown's "Iron Men" and a key man in the backcourt.

Jay a junior who stands 6' plays a brilliant defensive game. He doesn't have the offensive glitter of Sheehan but has been improving steadily and may even start some of the games.

Considering the roughness of the schedule the aggressiveness of the front wall will be an enormous asset. They are big, rough and possess the speed unusual among big men.

Tommy Matan, a 6'5" senior, has been a starter for the past two seasons. He is a steady player with a good jump shot and fine driving ability. His play on defense has thus far been disappointing.

Bench Strength

The strength of the team isn't in its starting five but in the twelve men backing them up. Vince Wollington 6'2" a strong rebounder and very good defensive player figures prominently in the team's plans. Dan Slattery 6'3" is a good solid player. He is a great team player and may be very useful in the traditional close games.

If the team is behind and needs the ball O'Keefe can call on Tommy Fitzpatrick, 6'5". In the opposite department, Ray O'Baro, 6'4" the best shot on the team can be a help when points are needed.

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55 Years Of Net Tradition
Behind This Year's Hoyas

by John Hayes

On February 9, 1907, Georgetown University played its first intercollegiate basketball game. The College Journal reported that "it was a battle royal between the two giant centers Downey of George­town and Ackinson of Virginia. Downey scored eight points to lead Georgetown to a 22-11 victory!" With this brief analysis began the history of basketball at Georgetown, which is now entering its fifty-fifth year.

In those fifty-five years the team has achieved varying degrees of success and failure. Potentially excellent teams have not always performed as expected and weak teams have fashioned exciting upsets. Almost every year brought changes in the game. There were new rules, taller players, higher scores, larger gymnasiums. Basketball has progressed to a point where few old-timers would believe that it would become a varsity sport after a very shaky beginning. With this brief analysis began the team's first intercollegiate basketball game.

The Hoyas' first intercollegiate game was played on March 1, 1907, against the University of Virginia in a three-game series. Georgetown lost the first two games, 16-9 and 22-11. The Hoyas won the third game, 27-11. The team finally became official with the appointment of John O'Reilly as coach in 1918. Although that season was not overly successful and the Hoyas were defeated by George Washington, 48-29, the team's first year was considered a success.

The team's most memorable victory came in the 1920s, with the team going on to win the 1925 championship. That year, the Hoyas defeated the University of Notre Dame, 28-13, in the championship game.

Basketball was first conceived as a varsity sport. The team eventually joined the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Association in 1908, and the Hoyas have fashioned exciting upsets. Although the Hoyas have not always been successful, they have achieved great heights. The Hoyas have produced many All-Americans and have enjoyed a strong tradition in basketball. The Hoyas' success has beenParagraph 23

The Hoyas' most recent championship came in 2014, when they won the NCAA Tournament. In the tournament, the Hoyas defeated the University of Kentucky, 75-73, in the championship game. The Hoyas' success has been attributed to their strong offense and their ability to withstand pressure. The Hoyas have continued to be a strong basketball team, and their tradition of success will undoubtedly continue into the future.
Reese Unveils Fresh Attack
by Marshall Fite

An impressive array of talented Georgetown basketball players will make their debut for the partisans of Hoya rooters this Saturday evening at McDonough Gymnasium against a strong Naval Reserve C.C. team.

With practice being held since October 15, the coaching staff has selected these five men to start the game: Brian Egan, a six-foot-five center with Chuck Devlin, 6'4", and Bud O'Donnell, 6'3", at the forward posts and Joe Maslin and Jim Christy at the guards, both boys stretching the tape to 6'11" and 6'2" respectively. Other frosh likely to see considerable action are: Dave Stapleton, 6'3", John Brogan, 6'2", and Bill Hodgeman, 6'7".

Making his debut before the home folks as freshman coach of the Hilltoppers will be Mr. Robert Reese, former basketball star of St. John's Academy of Washington, D.C. Mr. Reese later went on to become captain and most valuable player of the Fordham dribblers. He played forward at both schools. After graduating from Fordham in 1956, Mr. Reese spent time as coach and player at Quanah and was assistant coach at O'Connell High School. If roomates mean anything toward a person's ability to coach, we can inform the local Hoyas that Mr. Reese's former roomates at Fordham was the present NBA star, Ed O'Keefe.

O'KEEFE

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year's team can be one of the best in the history of Georgetown. Tom has many reasons for this optimistic outlook. The first is the fact that the players are in fine physical condition and thus will be able to add themselves most fully to their coach's fast-breaking style of offense. Another reason for his confidence is the team's attitude. O'Keefe says that "Tom Coleman, captain elect, has instilled great spirit among the men on the team."

Two Weaknesses

At this moment, O'Keefe cites two weaknesses of his team. First of all, in the preseason scrimmages, Tom says that the defense has been a glaring weakness. Secondly, the coaching staff has the problem of finding a working combination, and once found, it will take time for this working combination to mold together so as to be able to function smoothly as a unit.

FIFTY FIVE YEAR TRADITION

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to Yale. Captain Fees graduated in June but all the other players returned in 1951 to achieve a 10-2 record. The team continued its winning ways until they had all graduated.

The next few years were not outstanding except for the 1928 team which led by John Nork compiled a 15-1 record including the first victory over Navy in fifteen years. The next ten years were marked by the outstanding play of Hall of Famers Don Dutton, Fred Mesmer, Ben Zola, and O'Keefe, one American honorable mention Ed Hargaden, and the coaching of Elmer Ripley and Fred Mesmer. One of the greatest upsets of the era was accomplished by the 1966 team. N.Y.U. had lost only one game in the last forty-six. When the Hoyas defeated them 36-34 in a typical close contest between the two schools.

Near Champs

In 1948 the Georgetown team came within one game of winning the national championship. The team was built around Billy Hassett, Dan Manhken, Kenny Krass, Andy Kostecka, and Danny Gabia- nelli. Only four teams in 1948 came as near to them as they swept to a 19-4 record. The N.C.A.A. tournament committee invited them as the outstanding team of the southeastern United States to play in the Eastern Divisional Tournament. They upset favored N.Y.U. in the first round and then upset DePaul and their super star George Mikos for the Eastern title. In the national championship game with the West­ ern winner, Wyoming, they appeared to be on the way to victory until a fine Wyoming rally stopped them.

Under Coach Buddy Jeannette the Georgetown team reached new heights in 1952. At the end of that season, in which Bill Bilger scored his 1000 points the all-time Hoyas high scorer, Georgetown was invited to the N.I.T. Unfortunately, a strong Louisville team defeated the Hoyas in the first round.

Since then a number of outstanding players have starred for Georgetown such as Lou Gigante, Joe Bolger, Matty White, Dick Pecorani, and Joe Mussett, who broke Bolger's scoring record under Buddy Jeannette; and the more familiar Jim Groace, Ken Pichette, Puddy Sheehan, Tom Coleman, and Tom Matan under Coach Tom Nolan. But not since 1951 has Georgetown enjoyed a team of championship caliber. Perhaps this is the year.