

Rosselli Named "Best" By Ohio Coaches Poll

Second Title in Six-Year Span

by Tom Green

University basketball coach Dom Rosselli added another honor to his ever-growing list when he was selected as Ohio basketball coach of the year last Saturday.

The popular cage mentor has been head coach at YU for 20 years compiling a 286-215 record during that time. This season's trip to the NCAA regionals marks the fourth straight year the Penguins have accomplished this feat.

The selection, sponsored by the Columbus Dispatch, was made by 49 college coaches in Ohio. Coach Rosselli was a solid favorite, receiving 57 votes on a 1-2-3 basis.

This was the second time Rosselli has won the coveted honor. The poll judged him best in the field in 1957 following his team's fine 23-7 season.

Rosselli and his wife, Connie, will be honored March 16 at a banquet in the Ohio State Union. He will be presented with a plaque and a huge trophy that will remain at YU until next year's selection.

The announcement came as little surprise to most Penguin followers as the diminutive coach was considered a "logical choice." His squad has the best record in the



Dom Rosselli
... Coach of the Year

state and was one of two Ohio squads to be rated in both Associated Press and United Press International ratings throughout most of the year.

Learning that he had been selected to the top college coaching honor in Ohio, Rosselli said that he was "very honored, particularly because it was my fellow coaches who selected me."

Rosselli also had words of praise for his squad, which he said "made this selection possible. Whatever honor is bestowed upon me is a direct result of my team's performance. They gave me loyalty and they showed determination from the very start."

Dom Praises Team For Fine Season

Two of the proudest girls on the YU campus are Roseanne and Mary Louise Rosselli, two of Dom's three teen-age daughters. Mary Louise is a freshman and Roseanne a senior at the University.

Another fine booster of his father is "Chipper" who has traveled with the team on most road trips. Chip, age nine, is a budding basketball player himself. He once urged the bus driver to speed it up or else be late for basketball practice. Chip plays for a youth center on Gypsy Lane.

Mrs. Rosselli has followed her husband and the team on every trip except the long Philadelphia excursion. Stephanie, age 16, has also cheered her father's team through some tight moments.

Tonight when Youngstown takes the floor to begin its march to the national college title, Ohio Coach of the Year Dom Rosselli will have five personal rooters in his family and a couple of thousand others who wish the very best for one of the nicest guys in the business and for the best small college team in the nation—Youngstown University.

Youngstown University Final Basketball Statistics

NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Rbds.	Ave.	Pts.	Ave.
Fred Jones	189	346	65	92	119	4	443	17.7
Dave Culliver	165	371	88	114	241	10	418	16.7
Jim Timmerman	139	279	29	43	78	3	307	12.2
Jim Himmelwright	63	153	42	75	129	5	168	6.7
Larry Seneta	62	135	18	25	91	4	142	6.4
Bob Douglas	34	84	19	27	86	4	87	4.0
Steve Sadlon	18	50	20	42	77	4	56	3.2
Charles Jones	20	54	11	15	36	2	51	2.9
Bill Lenzi	14	30	21	26	11	1	49	2.1
Tom Sablak	12	31	7	10	33	2	31	2.0
Charles Burns	9	19	12	18	10	1	30	2.5
Ron Sabo	8	22	7	10	26	3	23	2.3
Jim Hartshorn	8	21	4	7	17	1	20	1.7
Ernie McElroy	2	5	0	0	5	1	4	1.0
Sam Nicholls	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	1.0
**Ron Allen	106	268	30	50	256	15	242	15.1
YU TOTALS	849	1,870	374	556	1,215	49	2,072	82.8
OPP. TOTALS	597	1,647	305	495	1,024	41	1,499	59.9

**19 Games.