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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SCOTS BATTLE TO EVEN RECORD

Rumors from the south that Lock Haven's Bald Eagles have been declared extinct are falling on deaf ears in the camp of Edinboro State's Fighting Scots.

The Eagles have always managed to pile up points against the Scots and Lock Haven's homecoming festivities this Saturday should provide the incentive to continue that pace. Although Edinboro State has managed to come out on top in three of the last four years under McDonald mentorship, the Eagles have averaged 26.8 points per game against the Scots in the four-year span.

Lock Haven is currently 1-4 for the 1973 schedule while Edinboro State, carrying a 2-3-1 slate, will be battling for a break-even .500 mark. The clash marks the first of three games that the Scots must claim to showcase a winning record for the 1973 season.

Edinboro is coming off the heels of consecutive upset wins over Indiana, 21-14, and Clarion, 23-22, after getting off to a disappointing 0-3-1 start. It appears as if Bill McDonald's young Scots are coming of age and might have to be reckoned with for the remainder of the year.

Looking forward to another successful Saturday afternoon will be "Players of the Week" Larry Littler, a sophomore kicker from Glenwillard, Pa., and junior linebacker Jim McClure from Ambridge. Littler proved to be the margin of difference in the Scots 23-22 win over Clarion when he booted a fourth quarter 40-yard field goal into a gale-like wind. McClure was the man of the day defensively finishing with a game high 19

tackles with his steady play.

Littler was listed on the ECAC Weekly All-Star Team named out of New York City while teammate Jim Mastroianni received honorable mention to the squad.

Several other Scots came away with big plays to aid in the win as safety John Walker (Rochester, N.Y.) blocked an extra point attempt, defensive back George Miller (Johnstown) intercepted a fourth period Clarion pass in the end zone, safety Jim Mastroianni (Trafford) picked off an Eagle lateral to race 42 yards for a score and Howard Hackley's (Pittsburgh) 43-yard over-the-shoulder catch of a Jude Basile aerial that set up Littler's winning field goal. Top defensive efforts will be required of these ESC gridders once again to stop the inspired Lock Haven attack.

Sophomore quarterback Dave Bower leads Lock Haven's offensive thrust. The young signal caller was ranked as the NCAA's number three passer in the nation just a week ago. Bower has connected on 53 of 99 tosses for 500 yards and six touchdowns to take top honors in the Pennsylvania Conference's Western Division.

The Scots secondary will also have to contend with top notch receivers Lou Savani and Chuck Vennie. Vennie, who has been sidelined by an injury, played in his first game and responded by snagging six passes while running for 72 yards.

The Scots will counter with running threats Melvin Morrisette (Ambridge) at tailback and Bob Staab (Erie) at fullback. Staab, a freshman, had his best day Saturday with 77 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Jude Basile will direct ESC's offense.

One of the largest crowds in Lock Haven's history is expected to see the clash which will get underway at 2:00 p.m. in Painter Stadium.



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INDIANA READY TO TOMAHAWK SCOTS

Edinboro State's winless gridgers are confronted with another talent-laden ambush this Saturday when the Scots visit the once-beaten Big Indians of Indiana University.

While the Scots have been laboring through a maturing process with an 0-3-1 card, Indiana is well on its way to securing the school's thirteenth straight winning season. The Indians are also looking forward to continuing the nation's second longest consecutive game scoring streak which now stands at 105..

The Tribe boasts the best 11-year regular season record in the country with an incredible 79-17-12 aggregate. The flashy slate showcases an 82.3 winning percentage mark.

A pair of top offensive weapons are on hand again for the Indian's 1973 warpath in quarterback George Yokitis and place kicker Ron Orenak.

A Louisville transfer, the 6-2,190-pound Yokitis started slowly but showed steady progress in leading Indiana to an 8-1 mark last year. He completed nearly 50 per cent of his passes for 1,144 yards and ten touchdowns.

Orenak, the other half of the point-producing duo, topped the club in scoring last fall with 31 markers. The junior place-kicking specialist highlighted his 1972 efforts with a 44-yard field goal, an IUP record.

Leading the Indiana defense is highly reputed cornerback Kevin McGorry, a 5-10, 175-pound senior.

Edinboro unveiled running back Melvin Morrisette in its 17-3 loss to Slippery Rock and the newcomer responded in fine fashion. Morrisette rolled up 102 yards in 20 carries and was named "Offensive Player of the Week" by the coaching staff for his successful home debut. The 5-11, 180-pound sophomore will open at tailback against the Indians.

Soph quarterback Jude Basile has also nailed down a starting assignment in the Scot backfield. Basile entered during the second period against the "Rock" and combined with Morrisette to breathe some signs of life into an ESC offense that has scored only three points in two games.

Being put to another big test will be an Edinboro defense that is allowing opponents over 225 yards per game on the ground. ESC will depend on tackles Tom Herr (6-3, 230, Sr.) and Jeff Shaw (6-2, 208, Fr.) along with ends John Bayer (6-0, 205, Jr.) and Jim Barto (6-1, 180, So.) to stop the Indians running attack. Linebackers Jim McClure (6-0, 215, Jr.), Dave McGartland (6-1, 225, So.) and Mike Schnirel (6-0, 200, Jr.) round out the heavily counted on forward wall of defense.

Indiana owns a lopsided 30-8-2 lead in the overall series between the two schools that began in 1927 and will be looking forward to increasing the margin before a large homecoming crowd.

The two teams will collide at 2:00 p.m. in IUP's George P. Miller Stadium.

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PROBABLE STARTERS
EDINBORO

OFFENSE

SE-Howard Hackley (Canonsburg)
LT-Andre Wachenheimer (Pittsburgh)
LG-Bob Miseyka (Butler)
C-Doug Goodman (Sarver)
RG-Dean Pikoulas (Butler)
RT-John Kuster (Pitcairn)
TE-Ron Nietupski (Erie)
QB-Jude Basile (Summerhill)
FLK-Wes Bain (Allison Park)
RB-Melvin Morrisette (Ambridge)
FB-Bob Staab (Erie) OR
Brad Crawshaw (Franklin)

DEFENSE

LE-Jim Barto (Pittsburgh)
LT-Tom Herr (York)
RT-Jeff Shaw (Erie)
RE-John Bayer (West Brownsville)
LB-Jim McClure (South Heights)
MLB-Dave McGartland (Braddock)
LB-Mike Schnirel (Tonawanda, N.Y.)
LCB-Jim Mastroianni (Trafford)
RCB-George Miller (Johnstown) OR
Dave Byers (Portage)
SS-Dave Seigh (Johnstown)
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ROCKETS READY TO DEFEND CROWN AGAINST STUBBORN SCOT JINX

Slippery Rock State will be striving to take its first big step towards another Pennsylvania Conference crown when the Rockets invade Edinboro's Sox Harrison Stadium for their league lidlifter this Saturday.

The Rockets have 25 lettermen returning from a team that broke 17 school records, finished 8-2-1, won the Pennsylvania Conference title and earned a berth in the Knute Rockne Bowl. "As long as we are the state champions, we are the team to beat," says Rocket mentor Bob DiSpirito, who garnered virtually every Coach-of-the-Year honor in sight last year.

Yet, Bill McDonald's band of Fighting Scots have kept the Rockets grounded in recent years. The Scots have maintained their stubborn ways over the past nine seasons as Slippery Rock has managed only a pair of wins over ESC since 1963. The two teams have battled to three ties. Ironically Edinboro was the only conference team that Slippery Rock didn't topple last year as the Rockets had to come from behind to settle for a 7-7 stalemate with the Scots.

A stingy Slippery Rock defense that has given up only 13 points in two games and a strong offensive line could spell the end of ESC's jinx over DiSpirito's Green and White gridders. Clearing the way for a crop of young Rocket backs are 6-4, 250-pound center Ed Seiwel, 240-pound guard Tom Yaksick and 6-3, 230-pound tackle Stan Stancheck.

Linebacker Terry Factor (6-0, 205) anchors the "Rock's" defense once again along with end Curt Kral (6-3, 225) and cornerback Jim Gallagher. The trio helped lead

Slippery Rock to a 27-0 shutout of Mansfield in the opener and then was just as staunch in a 13-6 loss to Puget Sound.

Launching the Rockets offensive attack have been quarterback George Mihalik and tailback Ed O'Reilly. The 5-11, 180-pound O'Reilly has bolted for 305 yards in two games and leads the Rockets in scoring with three touchdowns.

Edinboro State fans will not get a chance to see the defensive efforts of highly regarded Rocket linebacker Dan Romaniszyn. The soph standout, brother of former Scot star Jim Romaniszyn who is now with the Cleveland Browns, suffered a badly broken leg prior to the first game and will be lost for the 1973 season.

The Scots are still trying to regroup for the conference clash after playing their toughest opening schedule in ESC grid history. Edinboro is 0-2-1 with a 0-0 tie against Fairmont State, a 24-11 setback to highly respected Central Connecticut and a 37-0 shutout at the hands of ninth-ranked Ashland.

One of the few pleasant surprises in the first three outings has been freshman speedster Bob Glaser from Pittsburgh. The Scot youngster is averaging 4.3 yards per carry with his 120 yards in 28 tries. He had his best showing last week against Ashland with 87 yards against the Purple Eagles nationally rated defense.

Glaser was cited by the Edinboro coaching staff along with defensive end Steve Barto as offensive and defensive "Players of the Week" for their performances against Ashland.

Striving to get the Scots on the scoreboard have been quarterback Ken Widel and Jude Basile. In three games, however, the duo has been able to get the football into the end zone only one time, that being a 60-yard scoring toss from Basile to freshman tight end Steve Larson.

Widel, a sophomore from Dravosburg, is geared to run the Scots triple option where he can do some rushing of his own while Basile likes to throw the football. Basile has hit on 16 of 33 aerials for 160 yards.

Joining Glaser in the ESC backfield are Dave Seigh, Brad Crawshaw and Bob Staab. All are freshman but Seigh who is a sophomore.

Both Glaser and Seigh share the tailback honors while Crawshaw and Staab take turns at fullback. Seigh follows Glaser on the Scots stat charts with 110 yards on the ground.

Junior linebacker Mike Schnirel has established himself as the Scots top tackler on the defensive unit. The 6-0,200-pound first-year starter has registered 40 stops to lead the list. Grouped behind Schnirel are tackle Tom Herr (31), end John Bayer (30) and middle linebacker Jim McClure (28).

For Bill McDonald's band of Scots its been a year of new faces as nine sophomores and four freshmen form the nucleus of the Scots' 22 starters. Only six seniors are listed as regulars. Most of the experience is on the offensive line where guards Bob Misyka and Dean Pikoulas along with tackle John Kuster are senior vets. On the defensive side of the ledger free safety John Walker, cornerback Jim Mastroianni and tackle Tom Herr round out the fourth-year men.

The head knocking in the PC Western Division opener between the Scots and the "Rock" will get underway at 1:30 p.m.

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LG-Mark Farabee (Amity)
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RG-Tom Yaksick (Jefferson Boro)
RT-Denny Tilko (Butler)
RE-Tim Braun (Ligonier)
QB-George Mihalik (Ebensburg)
WB-Don Lewis (New Castle)
TB-Ed O'Reilly (Hicksville, N.Y.)
FB-Bruce Bolwar (Gibsonia)

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LE-Jim Keenan (Glanshaw)
LT-Wally Robinson (McClellandtown)
MG-Brian Lieb (Nicktown)
RT-Jeff Siemanowski (Natrona)
RE-Curt Kral (Homer City)
LB-Don Simpson (Lincoln, R.I.)
LB-Terry Factor (Natrona)
LCB-Dan Kriger (McKees Rocks)
RCB-Jim Gallagher (Pittsburgh)
SS-Ed Van Dyken (Wayne, N.J.)
FS-Tony Nicastro (Pawtucket, R.I.)