PCCC: Gildea out front

DALE SUMMIT — Heading into this, the last week of regular-season competition for the Prognosticating Contest Coordinating Committee (PCCC), it looks as if defending champ Dennis Gildea has the huge PCCC trophy all to himself again.

Gildea heads the troops with a .870 correct percentage for the campaign. Rookie Glenn Sheele is second at .629. Pat Daugherty and J.D. Andrews, two withered wizards who were atop the standings at various points earlier in the season before choking away their leads, are locked in a close battle for third. Daugherty is hitting 611 and Andrews is 610.

The big news, though, is that Terry Nave has out of the cellar for the first time in many moons with a 600. In rock-bottom last is Larry Fall and his rusty computer. Fall is at .589 — the first time a regular PCCC member has ever dropped below 600, and the commissioner has indicated that he is looking for new blood in the college draft this January. Fall may be on the taxi squad next September.

Last week's guest prognosticator is the Voice of Beaver Stadium, Steve Fishbein. But if Fishbein doesn't fare so well in the PCCC, don't blame him too much. With wrestling season just around the corner, Steve finds it hard concentrating on football. In fact, don't be all that surprised if, during the course of this Saturday's game with Pitt, you hear Fishbein announce, "Takedown by Crowder!!"

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