

# State Wrestlers Overwhelm Navy 29-to-3 Before 6,500 Fans

## Upset in Season's Crucial Meet Gives Nittany Team Eastern Mat Supremacy

### Wolfson, Johnston, Yoder, O'Dowd Score Falls; Light, Waite, Cramer Win By Time.

By VANCE PACKARD  
Sixty-five hundred hectic wrestling fans, estimated to be the largest number of persons ever to jam into Recreation hall for a mat meet, were truly thrilled when they watched the Nittany Lions earn a bitterly-contested victory over the Navy, Saturday night.

The meet was the biggest upset that has occurred in the wrestling world in several years. Previous to the event, metropolitan papers declared that it was the crucial meet of the year in that it would definitely decide the supremacy of the East. The Penn State victory was so decisive that even the Philadelphia papers conceded that the victory was not a fluke.

**Score Dumbfounds Spectators**  
Of the 6,500 spectators, at least 6,475 of them were dumbfounded when the Lions won by a 26-point margin. Before the meet, the consensus of opinion was that Navy would win by a narrow margin. Joe Bebenk was rash enough to predict that Penn State would win by a ten-point margin, and was roundly pooh-poohed as a result.

Even though four Navy men lost the first bout of their college careers; and even though the score would make it appear that the midshipman took a merciless drubbing; the Navy men can still return to Annapolis with their heads high and with a clear conscience—for they wrestled superbly, and when they went down, they went down fighting.

Whenever two or more persons have gathered for a ball-session during the past two days, the favorite topic has been to wrangle over which was the best bout. Violent partisanship has arisen as a result. The Sully Waite-Merryman, and the Cramer-Adams scrambles seemed to have the most supporters, although Wolfson, Light, Johnston, Yoder and O'Dowd all have their rooters.

Consequently, I will put down some of my own prejudices: the most dramatic bout of the evening was Bill Cramer's; the most spectacular (from the audience point-of-view) was Sully Waite's; the most evenly-matched was Jack Light's; the biggest upset was Joe O'Dowd's; the cleverest wrestling was exhibited by Captain Red Johnston; and the most convincing victory was registered by JoJo Yoder.

In the opening bout Sammy Wolfson kept the audience in suspense until he finally threw Clay with a body and chancery. Sammy was given

the nod by a unanimous decision. The referee declared that it was the crucial meet of the year in that it would definitely decide the supremacy of the East. The Penn State victory was so decisive that even the Philadelphia papers conceded that the victory was not a fluke.

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### Lion Hopefuls For Coming Intercollegiate Championships



## Quintet To Play At Williamsport

By CHARLIE SCHWARTZ  
Lion courtmen will engage in the first of their two post-season games tonight in Williamsport when they meet Williamsport Y. M. C. A., with whom they ought not to have much trouble. The Blue Band, cheerleaders, and several hundred students are expected to accompany them.

Pitt ran and passed and shot rings around a bewildered Lion quintet in a slip-shod, nonchalant practice session here Saturday night, handing them a severe drubbing, 41-25, a score which could easily have been more if the Panthers had been in the mood.

The score was tied three times in the first half; once at 3-3 after five minutes of play, again a minute later at 5-5, and then at 10-10 after eleven minutes. But from then on Ross Emrick, high scoring Pitt guard, and his teammates opened up, leading 23-14 at the half.

Pitt's tight man-to-man defense was expected, and the Lions practiced all week on "the shot to beat Pitt"—a long overhand, but it only worked twice, despite innumerable attempts by Mike Kornick and Johnny Stocker. Stocker was the first one to score on this shot, tossing it in from the right-hand corner while on the run in the last second of the first half.

Captain Stocker closed the season with 121 points to his credit, leading Frank Smith by three points, with Mike Kornick finishing third with ninety-six tallies. This department erred these past few issues in computing Stocker's and Ray Riley's records. Stocker has led Smith by two points since the Syracuse game, while Riley was gypped out of three baskets.

The game was slow and the play spotty. Stocker's field goal was the only scoring in the last five minutes of the first half, while the middle of the second half produced no score for almost six minutes. Even the Panther second team which finished out the game was able to mix up the Lions with their figure eights and ball-rolling tactics. Emrick was high scorer for the visitors with fifteen points, while Mike Kornick led the Lions with four field goals and four fouls.

The Lions were unable to capitalize on the rough body checking, shoulder blocking and hockey tactics that prevailed, sinking but nine out of fifteen free shots. Pitt made nine of their fourteen fouls.

## '38 Boxers Lose Meet To Army Plebes, 6-to-2

The freshman boxers suffered a 6-to-2 setback at the hands of the Army plebes Saturday. The two Donatos, Bob and Sammy, 135, 145 pounders, respectively, turned in the only victories for the Lions. Stegmaier, Shaw, Blade, Bolder, and Katz lost by decisions while Enders, in the 175-pound class, lost by a knockout.

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## West Pointers Tie State Boxers, 4-4, in Final Dual Ring Competition of Year

### Lions Win In 135, 145, 155, Unlimited Classes; Team Prepares For Intercollegiate.

By HARRY HENDERSON  
Winning easily in the 135, 145, 155, and heavyweight classes the Penn State boxers picked up their second tie of the season with Army Saturday night, 4-4. This meet finishes dual competition for the Lions, who this week-end will act as hosts to the boxers of Syracuse, Western Maryland, Army. M. I. T., Princeton, Harvard, Toronto, Rutgers, Villanova and the Coast Guard Academy.

In Saturday night's bouts intercollegiate champ Russ Criswell, in the 115, was decisively won by Cadet Beard. This marks the second defeat of the Lion lightweight champ, having lost to Western Maryland's Bennett several weeks ago in an unpopular decision. Bennett defeated Beard the previous week-end.

Dick Tops McAndrews  
Frankie McAndrews walked into a tough proposition when he met Captain Dick, of Army, in the 125-pound class. Both men fought rather evenly and the decision was close. Dick was defeated by Captain Zeleznock last year to win his intercollegiate crown.

Captain Mike Zeleznock, Penn State's 135-pounder, got State's first and only T. K.O. of the evening when he completely out-classed Cadet Meaney. Zeleznock carried the fight throughout the three rounds, using effectively his straight left jab and right cross.

Goodman Downs Connor  
Frankie Goodman, State, who has been showing some real stuff this year, his first in the intercollegiate league, snared State's second point when he got a decision in his bout with Connor in the 145-pound class.

Lou Ritzie, 155-pounder, was the next Lion boxer to tack a point on State's score, making it 3-to-2 in favor of State. Ritzie jabbed his way through to a clean decision over Bogby, Army. Ritzie is now in better shape than any other time during the season, with both his fight Saturday night and against Keyser of Western Maryland a week ago as definite proof.

In the 165-pound and 175-pound bouts State took a terrific wallop when Cadet Parrot and Janzan hammered out a decision and a T.K.O. over Johnny Sawchuk, and Clyde Anderson, respectively.  
Experience, superior skill, and strength of the Army boxers put both State men at a great disadvantage from the start of their respective bouts. Neither of them came close to

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## WRIGHTING BETWEEN THE LIONS

By FRED W. WRIGHT  
The old rumor about Herm Everhardus, varsity backfield and freshman basketball coach, going to resign is out again. Ever since last October rumors to that effect have been drifting into this office, and consequently, this column is written to end all Everhardus rumors. You know, sort of like Life runs a column or so to end all fly-in-soup jokes.

Now we haven't talked with anybody officially connected with hiring or firing. Bez would say "Nothing to it." Higgins would say "Getting along swell." Doc Davis would say "Rot." Emperor Franz Joseph Bedenk, baseball, would just grunt. Everhardus would laugh it off for print.

The writer cannot see where these rumors get started. Maybe Everhardus grows—everyone does when something goes wrong and something is always going wrong—and his hearers take him seriously. The grapevine telegraph gets working, and within a couple of hours, via Corner Room service, Dux club leased wire, and Graham's agency, Everhardus is going to quit, Everhardus is leaving next month, Everhardus and Higgins had a row, Everhardus is going to Michigan as head coach.

The one-time Michigan quarterback is getting a rotten deal—a fine opinion of Penn State. Idolized by his players and lionized by every student, Everhardus is getting the rotten end of the stick. Instead of helping him, the rumors are having just the opposite effect. Friends, rumor spreaders please note.

There is only one reason that Everhardus would leave Penn State—a more lucrative offer. Not every young gentleman just finished with his varsity playing career can step into a coaching job where there is more chance to do big things and gain a reputation for himself than at Penn State. The Nittany Lion these past five years has been drowsing in the mud with a system of non-payment to athletes, a noble experiment that a good many people are watching.

When he came here last September, Everhardus could just about diagram a football play. Since then, he's had the benefit of working with coaches who have been in the business for well over a decade. He's profited, he'll admit. The oddest rumor is the one that has Everhardus being groomed as a head coach for sometime in the future. Future would mean at least five years. Everhardus, remember, is in the same relative position as Tommy Slusser, one-time captain. What would you say if Slusser were suddenly named as head coach of football? Don't bother answering.

Personally, the writer believes that Bezdek's move in getting Everhardus here was a fine thing for Penn State athletics, a follow up for signing 'Chick' Werner for track. Few persons would like to see Everhardus leave. But it seems that friends of the coach are cutting their own throats by insisting that Everhardus is getting a rotten deal.

## Press Comments Favor Schmeling

By JOHN MILLER  
The referee declared Schmeling the victor in the fight with Steve Hamas by a technical knockout in the ninth round. From all parts of the house, the audience began to cheer, thus showing their approval of the decision.

Their chances seemed equal for the first three rounds, but then Schmeling's superiority began to show. Schmeling showed better science than his opponent, more system, and better footwork. Hamas showed admirable pluck in attacking Schmeling. By the fifth round both were feeling the effects of the struggle.

In the seventh round Schmeling just rained blows on Hamas and continued it until the American's manager called "Stop." Hamas could hardly find himself against the merciless onslaught. This victory opens the way for Schmeling to face the world champion, Max Baer.

Whether the fight was in Germany, whether the referee might have not been neutral, or whether Charley Harvey could have found any other reasons for declaring that the fight might be unfair, would have no avail as the superiority of Schmeling's boxing was so pronounced that even the worst referee would have no grounds for giving the fight to anyone but Schmeling. The German was the better boxer and the better fighter. His right to challenge Baer was won decisively and fairly.

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