

Pitt, Tech Victories End Lions' Toughest Season; Win 6, Lose 11 Contests

Tossers Lose Close Game to Panthers After Leading 23-16; Tartans Win 38-25.

By DICK LEWIS

Penn State's basketball team finished its seventeen-game season, the toughest season a Lion basketball team has ever faced, in Pittsburgh over the week-end.

The Lions dropped to Carnegie Tech 38-to-25 Friday night. Saturday night, the Nittanymen led Pittsburgh 23-to-16 at the half, but finished three points behind as the Panthers nosed into a 41-to-38 victory.

The Nittany basketballers have won six games, lost eleven. They won over every non-league opponent except Navy; they lost every conference game. The Lions defeated Ithaca, Penn, Syracuse, Bucknell, Army, and Rutgers.

Tech Starts Late

Against the Tartans Friday night, Captain Bar Riley hooped four points on a field goal and two free throws in the first seven minutes of the game before the Tartan five scored a point. Felsler, Tech guard, broke the ice by depositing a foul goal between the cords. At half-time, the Plaid had pulled ahead 20-to-13. In the second half, the Tech five added eighteen more points to their tally while the State men made twelve, to make the score 38-to-25.

Saturday night, the Lions pushed the confident Pitt five and a number of spectators over backward by ringing up a 23-to-16 lead in the first half. The Lions were slow getting under way, and after eight minutes, the locals tagged the Pitt machine 8-to-1. In the next few minutes the Lions put on a burst of energy that netted fourteen more points. Before the half ended, the Nittanymen rocketed eight more points into the rim, leaving the Panthers seven points in arrears.

In the second half, the Lions fell behind as Panthers Jesko, Roderick, and Garcia rang the bell to send Pitt's score up. Near mid-half, Pitt nosed to a tie 25-to-25. The score swung back and forth. With both teams battling 37-to-37, Spotovich, Pitt guard, plunked a field goal. Sol Miehoff made good a charity throw to make the score 39-to-38. With but one minute to go, Noon, Pitt center, sank a field goal to make the tally 41-to-38.

The final curtain descends on the Eastern Intercollegiate basketball conference tomorrow night when Pitt meets West Virginia to decide whether the Panthers shall take their fourth conference title or tie with Carnegie Tech.

Hopes were high when the Lions

entered the Eastern Intercollegiate basketball conference this year. But the Lions were not able to outmatch their bigger and more experienced opponents. The conference series has succeeded in bringing sparkling basketball to the local floor and has provided one of the most entertaining home seasons State has ever had as far as the spectators are concerned.

But the transition from mediocre competition, which has made up the bulk of the Lions' schedule in the past to the top teams in the East, which make up the bulk of the schedule this year, cannot be accomplished immediately with any marked success. Next year the Lions will have the benefit of a year's experience against the best teams the East has produced. Next year super-critical and blenching-commentators can look for results when the Lions enter their second season of conference competition.

4 Lion Boxers Draw Byes To Semi-Finals

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Criswell and Bennett of Western Maryland, Bennett defeated Criswell in last year's dual meet, but the Lion bantamweight repulsed the Western Maryland fighter in the finals of the intercollegiate to win his second title. Mullins of Syracuse drew a bye and will meet the winner of this fight in the semi-finals. Valois of Harvard will meet Norton of M. I. T. in the other preliminary bout Friday night.

Freshmen Boxers Tie Army 4-4; Wrestlers Beat Teachers 19-13

Duplicating the varsity score, the Lion yearling boxing team tied the Army plebes 4-to-4 at West Point Saturday, while the freshmen wrestling squad scored a 19-to-13 victory over the Mansfield State Teachers' College at Mansfield last Wednesday.

At West Point, Billy Soose, 145-pounder, scored the first knockout of the meet when he forced his opponent to the canvass after a vicious assault. He was elected honorary captain of the team following the matches. Other State victories were in the 115-pound class when Tappan continued his good work for the decision, in the 175-pound class when Patrick scored a T. K. O., and in the unlimited class when Kociubinsky battered a giant of an opponent into submission. Sopehak lost a questionable decision in the 125-pound class.

After a postponement due to an epidemic at Mansfield, the frosh wrestlers finally met their opponents on Wednesday, scoring two falls and winning three decisions.

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Frosh Beat Bucknell

The freshman basketball team closed its schedule with a 40-to-27 win over the Bucknell yearlings Saturday night in Lewisburg. Harrison and Sinkowsky paced the Cubs with ten points each. Parker scored eight.

Leading 22-to-13 at half-time, the Cubs were never headed. Jones led Bucknell with ten points. The game scheduled for Saturday with Wyoming was cancelled because of Wyoming's headmaster.

Lion Ringmen Tie Cadet Team 4-4 In Season Finale

Richter, Sam Donato, Goodman, Criswell Gain Triumphs.

By BOB GRUBB

Fighting their last meet in eastern boxing circles this season, the Lion ringmen battled to a 4-4 tie with Army's ringmen at West Point Saturday afternoon.

Captain Russ Criswell was forced to forego the opportunity to avenge the defeat he suffered at the hands of Cadet Beard in last year's 4-4 meet when the bout was forfeited because of Beard's illness. The victories of Frankie Goodman, Sammy Donato and Izzy Richter accounted for the three other Penn State points.

After waging a first-round battle on even terms with Army's Battler Barksdale, Bob Donato was outpointed in the second and third rounds of the 125-pound bout.

Goodman Wins Easily

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Sammy Donato continued his unbeaten record in his first year of varsity boxing by winning an easy decision over Cadet Harrison in the 145-pound bout. Sammy opened up early in the first round, throwing punches that damaged the Army fighter with apparent effect. Harrison was able to ward off some of the lethal blows in the second with his advantage of reach over Sammy, but in the third,

the Nittany welterweight outpointed the cadet by a wide margin.

Ritzie Loses

Lou Ritzie's victory stragg was broken when he lost a decision to York of Army in the 155-pound battle. After a slow-moving first round, York kept the champion at bay, maintaining a strong guard that warded off Ritzie's left jabs. In the last round Lou found himself and started to throw damaging lefts that had the Army man groggy before the round was half over, but York had already piled up enough points in the first and second rounds to gain the decision.

Johnny Sawchak battled on even terms in the first round of his bout with Cadet Luper, but was outpointed by a wide margin in the second and third rounds. Luper, cool and calculating, slowed down Sawchak with a lethal left in the second. In the third, the Lion fighter went to the canvas, but quickly recovered.

If the Lions ever had an opportunity to raise the cry of "fraud," it was in the light heavyweight bout which brought together "Whitey" Rhoda and Cadet Sternberg. Rhoda opened the fight with hard lefts and rights to his opponent's face and then settled down in the second to battle on fairly even terms with the Army man. In the third, Sternberg dropped his guard and Whitey was able to throw some damaging punches. Referee Reeb's decision gave Rhoda twenty-three points against Sternberg's twenty-seven and put Army one point in the lead.

Izzy Richter's decision over Cadet Isbell in the heavyweight battle tied up the meet. Izzy carried the fight all the way, keeping a damaging left flicking in Isbell's face.

Builds Helium Outfit

Prof. John G. Aston, of the department of chemistry, is setting up liquid helium with which he expects to reach a temperature within a fraction of a degree of absolute zero, about 273.1 degrees below centigrade.

Wrestling Team Ends Dual Meets by Impressive 30-0 Win Over Cornell Matmen

Wolfson, Krupa, Shaffer Gain Bouts by Falls; Others Show Well as Team Scores Third Shut-out Victory

By TOWNSEND SWALM

Scoring their third shut-out victory, Penn State's wrestlers ended the current dual meet season in a blaze of glory, swamping Cornell 30-to-0 in Recreation Hall, Saturday night. Three Lions, Wolfson, Krupa, and Shaffer won their bouts via the fall route.

The eagerly anticipated Wolfson-Shallenberger setto failed to materialize when the Ithacan, only man ever to defeat Sammy, was declared ineligible for scholastic reasons. Whether Shallenberger will be in shape for the impending Intercollegiate could not be learned. Substitute Rathburn proved no match for the wily Wolfson in Saturday's encounter. Sammy used a bar arm and half nelson to pin his 118-lb. opponent in 4:20 minutes.

In the 126-lb. division, Ray Brooks scored a time advantage decision in 6:04 minutes, having comparatively little difficulty with Mosher. In a split bout, Jack Light defeated John Flores—time advantage, 3:55 minutes. The Cornell representative was on the defensive at all times and gave Jack little or no opening.

Dick Waite managed to inject some excitement into the bout by throwing George Morgan around pretty much as he pleased. Morgan refused to fight, thereby depriving Waite of a chance for a fall. Time advantage:

8:58. In the 155-lb. class Jack Calvin beat Cornell's captain and Intercollegiate hope with a 6:37 minute time advantage. Calvin owes his victory to his quick shifting ability and propensity for keeping one jump ahead of his opponent.

Keeping up the Cornell standard of refusing to fight, Tyler played strictly defensive ball throughout his match with Joe Krupa, the latter working like a trojan and finally throwing Tyler with a bar arm and half nelson in the last ten seconds of the bout. In direct contrast to the preceding match, Ross Shaffer threw his man, Ostynski, before the bout was well under way. Shaffer employed a combination hold which has been used successfully by him in three bouts this year; securing a double arm lock, Shaffer tripped Ostynski and held his shoulders to the mat with a body press. Time: 55 seconds.

Although all available Cornell managers swore that Jack Cobb, Cornell heavyweight, weighed 235 pounds, to our untutored eyes it seemed closer to 270. At any rate Joe O'Dowd, who is no slouch on the scales himself, was clearly overshadowed by the chesty Cobb. That Cobb's wrestling ability is limited to his superior weight was proved by O'Dowd's domination of the situation. Time advantage: 6:41.

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