

# CAGERS WIN 33-29 THRILLER IN SECOND CONFERENCE TILT

## Lions Tangle With Bucknell Here Tonight

By JOHN A. TROANOVITCH

Shades of Jack Gocke flitted across the floor of Recreation hall Saturday night as a little man in blue riveted himself in the Eastern Conference spotlight with a one-man performance that spearheaded Penn State's white-hot cagers to a thrill-teamed 33-29 triumph over West Virginia's Mountaineers which enabled them to maintain the league leadership with two victories in as many starts.

With a record of 92 points in seven games—31 in two conference tussles—the little man in blue will resume his sharp-shooting here at 7 o'clock tonight, when the Lions will be out to protect a six-game winning streak against the onslaught of an enraged Bucknell quintet that took a 51-21 drubbing in a pre-season demonstration tilt last month.

### Proficient With Ball

On numerous occasions, the little man in blue has shown his proficiency with a ball, regardless of its size and regardless of his size. He was the sparkplug of last year's baseball team. He was the sparkplug and captain of last fall's unbeaten soccer team. Saturday night he demonstrated that he might even be the sparkplug of the rifle team, if he could possibly squeeze in some extra time.

For swivel-hipped Co-captain Sol Michoff ran wild Saturday, basketing 10 of 22 shots—eight field goals and two fouls—for an average of nearly 50 per cent. And a 30 per cent mark is regarded as something to write home about.

### Scores 18 Points

But the victory was not solely a Michoff victory, despite the fact his 15 points were more than the remainder of the team could amass. A brisk passing attack, led by Co-captain Joe Proksa and Max Corbin, and a superb zone defense, with rangy Bill Stopper and Charley Prosser as the bulwarks, helped preserve the slim margin of victory.

Stopper functioned like an octopus under the hoop all night. Of the 31 shots that West Virginia missed from the floor, Stopper cradled at least 15 on the rebound to curb Mountaineer follow-up scoring.

### Lions Move Ahead

After a stalemated start, during which the visitors barged out front to an 8-5 edge, the game opened up. Michoff netted two goals in rapid-fire order, and State moved ahead, 9-8.

But with Marcus, Chepko, and Captain Leches collaborating, West Virginia scooped into a six-point lead. With the score at 17-11, Proksa ripped the cords after a full-court dash to spark the Lion attack. Michoff

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## Princeton Gains Two Falls To Overcome Lion Matmen

By SAL SALA

Princeton's victory over the Penn State wrestlers Saturday was an exciting and thrilling repetition of the meet held last year between the two schools. Except for the score, 16-12, situations and events duplicated the characteristics of the 1931 encounter. It was the opener for the Nittany Lions, a State "dependable" was clawed, the score was close throughout the meet, and once again Charlie Toll, lofty 225-pound heavyweight and grid star, chalked up the pointers that spelled defeat for the Eastern Intercollegiate champs and the 16th straight win for the New Jersey Tigers.

The loss was the second suffered by the State grapplers in 34 dual meets held in their own playhouse and the first in seven years. Princeton has defeated the Lion wrestlers twice in eight contests, but between these the Statesmen have gone undefeated and annexed the Eastern crown.

### Falls Provide Margin

The individual bouts were split at four apiece, but the Princeton squad gained its four-point margin of victory by scoring two falls: one, Dick Harding over Frank Craighead, with but 21 seconds of the bout remaining; and the other, Fred Capers over Al Zazzi, marking the biggest upset blow to the Lion matmen.

The Tigersmen displayed unusual strength and stamina in twisting, squirming, and straining to keep their shoulders from the mat while in the grip of throwing holds. Carl King, Bob Reynolds, Zazzi, Don Bachman, and Capt. Kess Shaffer had their men flat on their backs, shoulders all but grazing the mat, only to have the evasive Tigers escape.

### First Time Thrown

What appeared to be another routine victory for Zipper Zazzi in the 145-pound class turned out to be a hideous, unbelievable nightmare to the Lion cause as Capers, after more than five minutes underneath, gained the advantage and threw Zazzi in 7:36.

The Zipper, who last year copped the 135-pound eastern crown, had his shoulders pressed to the mat for the first time in his wrestling career. Last year, it was Captain Joe O'Dowd, who with the score 13-12 in his team's favor, went on the mat a heavy favorite to win, only to drop the decision to Toll and the meet to Princeton.

Saturday, the Princeton football captain, again went on the mat with the Tiger bench depending on him for victory. The score stood 13-12 in Princeton's favor before Toll and Ernie Bortz, sophomore, began their setup. But again Toll, who last year told the referee he couldn't wrestle, came through with the win.

Bortz, big in his own right, was dwarfed by the towering Toll, who had a 40-pound weight advantage over the Lion sophomore. It marked the first time Bortz met up with intercollegiate competition.

King, sophomore 118-pounder, put State ahead with three points at the

## Mermen Upset Highly Touted Skibos, 46-29

By BRUCE TRABUE

Knocking off seven out of nine possible first places in Saturday's meet at Glennland pool, a really promising Penn State swim team started off the current season with an opening victory of 46-29 against a highly-rated Carnegie Tech outfit.

Ken Bunk, standout of the meet, won both distance events without much trouble, leaving all competition well in his wake. In the 220-yard event, Ken was followed by Bob Vance, a Tartan swimmer, and Ed Zacks, a Lion, in third place. Bunk's 38 season. Craighead gained a short-lived advantage at the outset by dropping Harding to the mat. Harding, however, slipped out and gained the top. After that, it became a nip-and-tuck battle with both boys striving for advantage and a fall. With but two minutes left, Harding grabbed a throwing hold and forced Craighead back to the mat. But the State wrestler twisted his way free, only to fall into a bar and full nelson which threw him with only 21 seconds of the hour remaining.

Reynolds put the Lions back in the lead by outpointing Fred Fields in the 135-pound class. Zazzi's defeat and Chuck Powers' victory over Steve Priolo in the 155-pound division, put Princeton out front, 13-6.

Bachman, the Lions' big-shouldered 165-pounder, won the only overtime bout of the meet. His struggle with Captain Mose Emory, former champion in that weight, left both boys gasping at the end, with the Tiger captain a little worse from wear.

Bob Smith, Princeton 175-pounder, was no match for Shaffer and was only interested in preventing a fall. Shaffer added a bit of professionalism to the bout when he twice picked his opponent from the floor and tossed him back on the mat. But Smith held on, and the referee awarded Shaffer the decision, which put his team within one point of the Tigers.

## Donato's Record K.O. Paces Lion Boxers To Opening Win

By TOM BOAL

Fighters may come and fighters may go, but Leo Houck goes on regardless. Before 5,000 wary fans, Captain Sam Donato definitely clinched the first victory in 27 seconds of the first round when he drove his sledhammer rights and lefts into Scott Brooke of Western Maryland for the fastest knockout ever recorded in Recreation hall.

Ken Dyr, in for overweight Al Sopchak, gained the first score when he fought a no-decision three-rounds with veteran Odell Osteen. Dyr, nervous in his first fight, settled down in the second round, to counter Osteen's wild swinging. Both staged a roundhouse slugging affair in the third, with Dyr counting for most of the hits.

### Hanna Wins Easily

Roy Hanna, outboxing his opponent in every round, easily took the 150-pound fight against Harold Martin. Hanna showed an excellent defense and, coupled with a stinging jab, more than once came off the ropes to score vital points.

Al Tappan, knoed Lewis Norris in 1:59 of the third round, after a two-round slugfest in which both fighters landed with regularity. Tappan easily had the upper hand, boxing when in a jam and slugging when in the open.

### Silvestri Tops Bender

"Left-Jab" Frank Silvestri kept Bill Bender safely away at all times, and more than once measured him for a knockout right which never came. Silvestri never seemed to exert himself during the whole three rounds of the welterweight match.

Heber Lessig, boxing in the 165-pound class, gained a technical knockout over the weaker Elwood Andrews in 1:57 of the second round. A steady left, which seems to be a well-drilled

## Davis On Leave, Plans To Lecture On Coast

Dr. Elwood C. Davis, who will take a sabbatical leave of absence next semester, will teach two summer school courses at the University of Washington and the University of Southern California.

## Gym Team Takes 3 Firsts To Win

Overcoming West Chester Teachers College's three-point lead, the varsity gymnasts hoisted themselves to a close 29-24 victory in the season's opener by garnering first and second places in the last event, the rope climb. Julian Parton and Charles Gillespie provided the winning margin to give the Lions their first triumph in gymnastics since Feb. 16, 1925.

Paced by Doug Carr, West Chester's individual high scorer of the meet, the visitors were outclassing the Nittanymen, holding an edge on the horizontal bar, rings, and in the tumbling. However, Ray Runkle's all-around ability placed him in three events, Merrill Beck won the parallel bars, and Al Kligman featured in his specialty, the side horse, to make way for the last-event victory.

## Rec Hall Post Filled

Richard Hanson has been placed in charge of the Recreation hall locker room. Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, announced yesterday. Hanson will occupy the post vacated when Harry M. Pennington died 10 days ago.

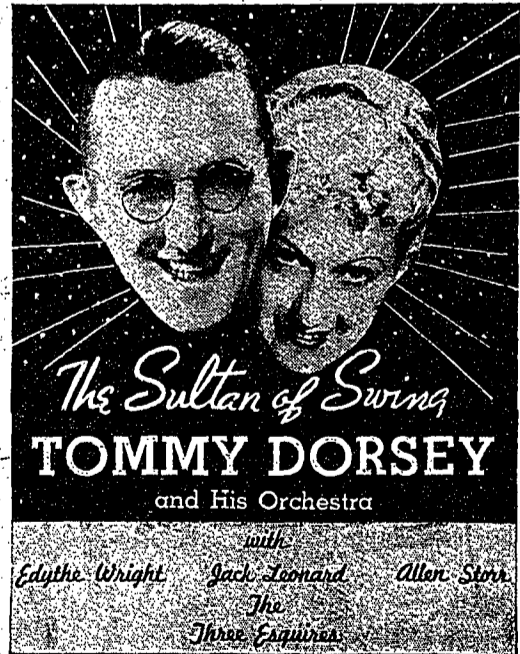
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