

LION WRESTLERS TRAMPLE CORNELL, 25-5, FOR FIRST WIN

Courtmen Bow To Pitt, Skid To 3rd Place—Still Hopeful

By JOHN A. TROANOVITCH

They're down, but not out . . . yet. Topped into third place by a stunning 39-34 reversal at Pittsburgh Saturday, Penn State's skidding cagers were preparing grimly today for their next assignment at West Virginia this week-end, hoping meanwhile that Temple's screeching Owls would drop their remaining tussles with Pittsburgh and Georgetown and present the Lions with a chance to finish the Conference race in a triple-tie for first place.

Leading the loop with three straight victories, the Lions hit the downhill trail at Philadelphia a week ago last Friday when they bowed to Temple, 37-30, then barely edged Georgetown the following night in an overtime struggle, 34-33, before losing again to Temple, 49-39, last Tuesday on their own court.

Poor Shooting Hurts Lions
Saturday night, State was practically blasted out of the Conference race, when Pitt's defending champions came from behind in the last period to whip an obviously superior team whose only sin lay in its failure to basket the ball more than once in every five tries.

Still seized by some mystifying basket-phobia, the Lions' field-goal efficiency dropped to its lowest level, with State able to net only 12 out of 47 shots for an average of less than 20 per cent. Meanwhile, shooting from the foul-line, usually State's selling point, also fell off, with only 10 conversions in 17 tries.

Miehoff Off Form
Co-captain Sol Miehoff, Conference scoring leader, saw his chances of establishing a new record grow dimmer as he tallied only two out of 18 field-goal attempts and two out of six foul tries for a total of six points, Miehoff must score 33 points in the three remaining games to set a new mark.

Stealing Miehoff's thunder were

Charley Prosser and Jack Reichenbach, who accounted for 21 points; Prosser sharing the night's honors with Pitt's Miles Zeleznik with 11 markers.

Score Tied at Half
State barged into an early lead on shots by Miehoff and Prosser, but Pitt soon tied it up at 7-all, then moved ahead a few moments later, 9-8. Reichenbach, however, swung into action, sandwiching five points between Pitt tallies to see-saw State into a 13-12 lead. Countering each successful State shot, the Panthers kept pace, knotting the count at 19-all as the half ended.

After a stalemated second-period opening, Pitt barged ahead on Zeleznik's field goal, but Prosser swished the cords a moment later to tie it up again and Corbin added a foul conversion to give State a 22-21 edge. Four times in a row the lead shifted before Corbin and Prosser collaborated to boost State into a 28-25 lead. Pitt began to move again, however, clinching the victory with a seven-point spree in the ebbing moments.

Red Cross Instructor To Hold Classes Here

Robert Zubrod, Red Cross field representative of Washington, D. C. will be here from February 21 until March 11 to give instruction in first aid and to examine applicants for life-saving and examiner certificates.

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Lineup Shift Nets Decisive Mat Victory

By SAI SALA

Coach Charlie Speidel's surprise last-minute lineup change netted the Nittany Lion grapplers their first victory of the season Saturday when they cleared the mats in Rec hall with the Cornell wrestlers, 25-5. The State men won every match except the opener.

Keeping both possible heavyweight contenders, Bill Ellwood and Ernie Bortz, on the bench, Speidel moved his wrestlers up a weight beginning with the 145-pound class. Thus, Capt. Ross Shaffer tackled the heavyweight division; Don Bachman, whose bout was defaulted, 175; Steve Priolo, 165; and Aldo Zazzi, 155. Herman Shmukler, sophomore in his first varsity role, filled in the 145-pound gap vacated by Zazzi. Speidel kept Carl King, 115-pounder, and Bob Reynolds, 135, at their regular positions while Frank Craighead replaced his brother John in the 125-pound class.

Zazzi Wins First Match
The most enlightening and encouraging event of the evening was the return to form of Zipper Zazzi. The Zipper went on the mat Saturday before Corbin and Prosser collaborated to boost State into a 28-25 lead. Pitt began to move again, however, clinching the victory with a seven-point spree in the ebbing moments.

King opened the meet against his former Haverford schoolmate, Mathers, King, in an effort to place the Ithacan in a throwing position, rolled on his back and pinned himself with 26 seconds of the bout left.

Craighead kept the advantage throughout his tilt with Blackmore who was saved being pinned by the going. Frank had a half-necked, and bar and was pressing his opponent's shoulders to the mat when the match ended. Reynolds was the complete master of "Rusty" Oaks, but only after the Big Red boy lost an early advantage.

Shmukler Gains Decision
The 145-pound match worked itself into slow-motion in the last two minutes, both Shmukler and Gerry Oaks being too tired to wrestle. Shmukler took the advantage early in the fray, but Oaks quickly took the top. The State sophomore looked as though he was ready to give up as Oaks switched to gain the advantage. But Shmukler worked into a neutral position and then grabbed legs to bring the Ithacan down and give State another 3 points.

In the slowest bout of the meet, Steve Priolo came through to gain his first victory. Wrestling John Siegal in the 165-pound class, Priolo took the offense for the first three-minute period and held the advantage until 30 seconds of the period. Priolo reversed quickly into a neutral position in the second period, the bout ending with both boys on their feet.

Kiehl forfeited the 175-pound meet to Bachman because of sickness to give State a 5-point gift. Shaffer lost no time in tripping his 220-pound opponent who "knew two holds and was going in to learn something." Shaffer rode Hemingway before pinning him in 5:50.

Houck Satisfied As Donato, Bolder Win Syracuse Bouts

By TOM BOAL

"I am well satisfied with the showing of the team at Syracuse."—Leo Houck. And thereby hangs the tale of what happened at Archbold gymnasium last Saturday.

Captain Sam Donato and Al Bolder captured the only points for State when Sammy outpointed intercollegiate 165-pound champ Ord Fink, and Bolder scored a technical knockout over Norm Brown in 1:05 seconds of the second round in the light-heavyweight fight.

Donato, Bolder Win

Donato gave Fink a lesson in the finer points of boxing, making the champ miss and then returning with a resounding smack. Fink continually kept Donato from opening up, fearful of what has happened to Sammy's two previous opponents this year.

Even the combined yelling of Tiny Jim Brown, last year's heavyweight from Syracuse, could not induce his brother to score on Al Bolder enough to make it count. After being hit several times in the second round, Al stepped out and began swinging at Norm Brown's head to finish the fight in quick style.

Ken Byrd, fighting for overweight Mike Cooper, took the first round of his fight with Heinz Vogt but lost the final two rounds by catching too many of Vogt's left jabs. In the 125-pound class, Doug Breckenridge of Syracuse won a decision which was booed by the fans, over Al Tapman after Al led the fight the whole way.

Zucarro Shows Skill

Syracuse's Captain—Fred Zucarro showed skill and experience in outpointing Roy Hanna in the 135-pound division. Hanna continually kept Freddie busy catching his left and

ski, in three dull rounds of boxing. Neither boy displayed his full abilities which has been shown in previous fights.

Cadets Take 6 Firsts To Trounce Gymnasts

Sweeping first place in every event, Army's gymnastic team decisively trimmed the Lion squad at West Point last Saturday, 45-0. The setback was the second in four meets for the Bischoff outfit.

The State rope climbers, Julian Parton and Charley Gillespie, accounted for four of the total of nine points by exhibiting their early season form to take second and third place respectively. Al Kligman captured second place on the side horse and Ray Rankle continued to chalk up markers with third place in tumbling and on the horizontal bar.

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