

Lion Matmen Slam Syracuse 29-3; Heavyweight Only Loss

By SAI SALA

Taking every match but the heavy-weight, the Lion wrestlers fell into an easy 29-3 victory over Syracuse Saturday in Rec hall. It was the second straight win for the State men and the sixth defeat of the season against no wins for the Orange.

After Carl King gained the referee's decision in the only overtime bout, the Lion matmen put the next four Orange-clad grapplers away in one-half the time of four regulation bouts. Frank Craighead, Bob Reynolds, Al Zazzi, and Steve Priolo pinned their men in rapid succession to clinch the meet.

Capt. Ross Shaffer met Howard Peters, Syracuse 175-pounder for the third time, Shaffer winning for the third time, though not by a fall as in the two previous meetings. After being dropped to the mat in five seconds, Peters squirmed out of a throwing hold to gain the advantage.

The Syracusean scored two near falls, putting Shaffer within an ace of losing his coveted undefeated dual meet record. But Shaffer crawled out into a neutral position, took the advantage, and the decision.

Referee Ben Bishop, former Lehigh champ, called a quick fall against Carl Metz, Orange 155-pounder, to give Priolo his first victory by a fall. Fighting to get the advantage, Metz grabbed a double wrist lock but left himself open for a double arm lock with which Priolo threw him in 5:03.

Zazzi, at 145, scored the quickest fall when he threw Stan Miodisewski in 3:08 with a figure four and half nelson. Bob Reynolds, 135, took Willard Wilder to the mat in 1:30, registered two near falls before finally pinning Wilder with a bar and figure four in 5:29.

At 125, Craighead scored against Clarence Patten, using a double bar and body press to throw the Orange wrestler in 4:23.

Don Bachman, State 165-pounder, kept Porter Sheldon on the defense throughout the match. Bachman used all his wrestling ability and strength to put Sheldon's shoulders against the mat, but to no avail.

Ernie Bortz was pitted against Syracuse's lone hope, George Hooper, sophomore grid star, and though Bortz lost to give the Orange three points, it was the first time he had shown any aggressiveness and effort to escape from beneath.

Frosh Grapplers Win

The Freshman grapplers finished their two-meet schedule Saturday by trouncing George School, 29-3. After George School took the first match, the Lion Cubs won all the rest, four by falls. The winners were Kirkhoff, Horvath, Gleason, Hoppel, Scalzo, Lucas, and Bachman.

After the meet, the Freshmen elected Joe Scalzo, 155-pounder, honorary captain. Scalzo is recognized as the most polished wrestler on the yearling squad.

Virginia Halts Lion Punchers By 6-2 Count

By TOM BOAL

Six thousand fans watched and agreed that they had gotten their money's worth out of seeing two of the best boxing college teams in action and were satisfied that the better team had won, when Virginia gained a 6-2 victory over the Lions Saturday.

Crowds in Memorial gymnasium, packed to the doors, watched spellbound while Co-captain Ray Schmidt, N. A. A. U. 175-pound champion, and Al Bolder, Penn State's sophomore star, put on the best bout of the evening. Al boxed the best three rounds that Leo Houek has ever seen him do, easily winning the first round with superior jabbing. Early in the first, Bolder caught the champ with a pile-driving right that momentarily stopped the southern star.

Schmidt, a southpaw, then came back to outscore Bolder but was kept busy catching Al's lightning punches. Mike Cooper, fighting his first bout, showed plenty of promise when he kept John Simpson on the defensive for the first round. Simpson staged a rally the last two rounds to gain the decision.

Tapman Wins Easily
Al Tapman, 125-pounder for the Lions, took the aggressive in the last two rounds and tired his opponent, Jerry Kushner, who had won the first. Tapman kept the air filled with punches, bewildering the Cavalier fighter.

In a close decision, Co-captain Maynard Harlow, Southern Conference champ, won out over Captain Sam Donato in the 145-pound slug-ging duel. In the final stanza, Sammy, weakened by the rigorous training of last week, was unable to continue his lead of the first two rounds.

Lessig Wins Fight Early
Heber Lessig, State's latest claim to a knockout artist, came out slugging in the first round, flooring Hierone Opie, of Virginia, three times. Speeding up his delivery in the second, Lessig, at 165 pounds, was awarded a technical knockout after 15 seconds had elapsed.

Roy Hanna lost to Stuart Barksdale in the 135-pound division after an interesting boxing match in which both lads showed plenty of wares. Hank Schweitzer made a good first appearance against Truman Southal in the welterweight bout, losing the first two rounds but coming back strong in the third.

Fencers Down Lehigh For Initial Win, 12-5

The varsity fencers chalked up their initial victory of the season by outpointing Lehigh, 12-5, in Rec hall Saturday.

Superiority in the foils gave the Nittany swordsmen seven of the nine bouts, Scotty Rankin accounting for three, Dean Foltz and Vic Shauklas winning two apiece. Only Lehigh's Hamill could solve the Lion foilsmen to garner two matches.

Minus the services of Captain Spence Potter because of an injured back, the sabermen met stiff competition with John Lipczsky and Paul Fiebigger dividing four contests. Foltz of State again demonstrated his ability by thrusting aside two opponents for two of the three markers in the epee.

Title Hopes Dashed, Cagers Aim To Hold Second Position

By JOHN A. TRONOVITCH

Their hopes of bringing the first Eastern Conference championship to Penn State shattered, the Lion cagers today were aiming to hang on to the loop's second-place berth into which they were catapulted last week-end on the wings of a close 44-41 victory over West Virginia while Pittsburgh's dethroned kings bowed to Temple and Georgetown to slide into fourth place.

With Max Corbin and Jack Reichenbach on the injured list, Coach John D. Lawther started Herb Peterson and Bill Stopper in addition to Co-captains Sol Michoff and Joe Proksa and Charley Prosser. With Peterson on the front line of the defense, State bottled up West Virginia during the first half, yielding only one field goal, to pile up a huge 19-7 lead at halftime.

Lions Lead at Half
The Lions faded soon after the second period opened when Prosser followed Stopper to the bench via the personal-foul route. Two distinct Mountaineer scoring sprees, with Homer Brooks pacing the onslaught, pushed West Virginia into a 36-33 lead with three minutes left to play. Only the sensational shooting by Howard McWilliams, who copped State scoring honors with 15 points for the night, kept the Lions in the running.

Michoff, however, rushed back into the game after a brief rest, stole the ball twice to score a field goal and passed to George Chalmers for the tying tally with only 36 seconds left. Tied at 37 all, West Virginia moved ahead with the beginning of the extra period, racking up three points in rapid-fire order. However, Peterson and Chalmers netted double-deckers, and State see-sawed into a 41-40 lead. Foul conversions by McWilliams, Michoff, and Chalmers clinched the victory in the waning moments.

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Hockey Team Opposes Pitt In Initial Contest

Fourteen players, representing the first ice hockey team in Lion history, left this noon to cross sticks with the Pitt Panthers at Duquesne Garden in Pittsburgh tonight.

Coached by Al Hook of the physical education department, the Nittany skaters have been handicapped by lack of equipment and practice as a unit. Warm weather, difficulty in obtaining transportation, and neces-

sity to pay their own expenses have brought about irregular attempts at practice sessions. Johnny Waters, high school star, will lead the offensive line against the Eastern division leaders in the Ohio-Penn league. Waters is one of the three experienced members of the squad with Bill McCallister and Carl De Long, defense and goalie, respectively.

Malcolm Weinstein of the Lion tennis team was ranked second only to Izzy Bellis of Penn, when the Middle Atlantic Tennis association recently announced their seedings.

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