

Cagers, Matmen Score Decisive Wins

Frosh Positions Open—Speidel

Basketeers Battle Navy Tomorrow

Penn State's unpredictable courtmen will attempt to stretch their current winning streak to four straight tomorrow afternoon when they move into Annapolis, Md., with intentions of silencing the basketball guns of the Navy.

Following the surprise 41-33 triumph over the Temple Owls in Philadelphia's Convention Hall Saturday night, the Lions' stock has risen, and the odds now favor the Nittanymen as they seek their 9th victory in 11 starts for the present season.

Against the Owls, the Lion cagers played what was probably their best game so far this year. At least that is how Coach John Lawther summed up the unexpected triumph.

Soon after the opening tip-off, Convention Hall fans realized that the Temple aggregation packed more skill in court tactics; but the Lawther machine more than retaliated, as they fought back with the same fire that carried them to victory over Pitt and Army.

Again, it was Elmer Gross and his typical one-hand shots that bore the brunt of the Nittany attack. The senior co-captain captured scoring laurels for the evening by marking up 14 points on 5 field goals and 4 successful tosses out of as many attempts from the foul line.

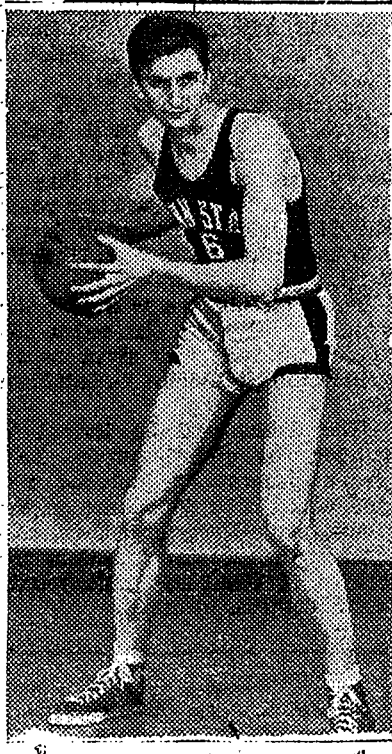
Superiority in foul shooting, and efficiency in playing the rebounds proved to be the margin of victory for the Lions, according to Coach Lawther. Although they scored only one more field goal than Temple, the Nittanymen showed unusual accuracy at the foul line by sinking 11 out of 14 attempts.

The summaries:

Penn State (41)	fg	f-ft	tot
Gross, f	5	4-4	14
gent, f	2	2-2	6
Baltimore, c	3	2-4	8
Ramin, g	3	2-2	8
Egli, g	1	0-1	2
Grimes, g	1	1-1	3
Smith, f	0	0-0	0
Total	15	11-14	41
Temple (33)	fg	t-ft	tot
Dorn, f	0	0-1	0
Morganstine, f	3	1-3	7
Getchel, c	5	1-1	11
Halpin, f	1	0-0	2
Nochinson, f	0	0-0	0
Rosenberg, g	1	1-1	3
Snyder, g	2	0-1	4
Musi, g	2	1-1	5
Bechtloff, g	0	1-1	1
Total	14	5-9	33

Score by halves:
 Penn State 19 22-41
 Temple 8 25-33
 Referee, Dayhoff; umpire, Malloy.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS



HERK BALTIMORE

RETAINS LEAD—After tallying eight points against the Temple Owls Saturday night, Herk Baltimore still paces the Nittany scorers with 83 points for the season. Elmer Gross, leading scorer against the Owls, has a season total of 71 for second honors.

Cenci Reports To Boxing Team

Aldo Cenci, 225 pound varsity football player last season, and Captain Bob Baird are undergoing strenuous training to bolster Coach Leo Houck's varsity mitmen for their oncoming tilt with North Carolina in Rec Hall Saturday night.

Cenci reported for the team Saturday to fill the gap left by the departure of Bob Halpin who was handed a shellacking in his first varsity encounter against Western Maryland.

Captain Bob Baird, who returned from Altoona where he was practice teaching throughout the first semester, kept himself in fine physical condition although he was 50 miles from Rec Hall and will probably face the North Carolina contender in the 145-pound division.

Jack Grey, who scored an impressive victory in the Western Maryland match, is being pushed hard for his varsity berth by Tom Walsh. Walsh, a formidable contender in this year's tourney, is tall for his 120 pounds and has a considerable reach on Grey.

Lions Maul Tigers, 24-8 In One-Sided Match

After savagely mauling the Princeton Tiger, 24-8, Saturday, the Nittany Lion looks ahead to new grappling grounds in Philadelphia this weekend when the Temple Owl becomes prospective prey for a victory-inspired squad.

Only two of Princeton's highly touted champions and veterans succeeded in withstanding a savage Penn State attack as the Nittany matmen walked off with three bouts won by falls and three by decisions.

Captain Herb Van Brewer, diminutive Tiger stalwart, fell before Charlie Ridenour as the Lion lightweight recorded his fourth consecutive pin. The 121-pounder repeated his feat by measuring Van Brewer again in the third period.

Displaying top form, 175-pound Bob Morgan lost little time in pinning Howard White in 2:15 of the first round. By working continuously through three periods, Captain Glen Alexander added two points for time advantage to easily outscore Andy Turnbull, 155-pound Tiger, 6-1.

EIWA champion Gene Taylor of Princeton capitalized on his weight advantage over Clair Hess who fought a dogged battle in the 136-pound class. The Tiger star could not pin the slippery Nittany lightweight and was held to a 9-4 decision.

Sam Harry, 128-pounds, outclassed his opponent and in addition to piling up an impressive array of points pinned him twice. Veteran Bob Feldmeier of Princeton proved a much tougher foe for Allan Crabtree who edged him out 7-6 in the 145-pound division.

Heavyweight Mike Kerns fell before Dick Robbins for the second consecutive year as the Tiger pinned him in 5:54.

The summaries:
121-pound class: Charlie Ridenour, PS, threw Captain Herb Van Brewer, bar chancery and body hold, in 5:10.

128-pound class: Sam Harry, PS, threw Charles Henry, body press, in 3:57.

136-pound class: Gene Taylor, Princeton, decisioned Clair Hess, 9-4.

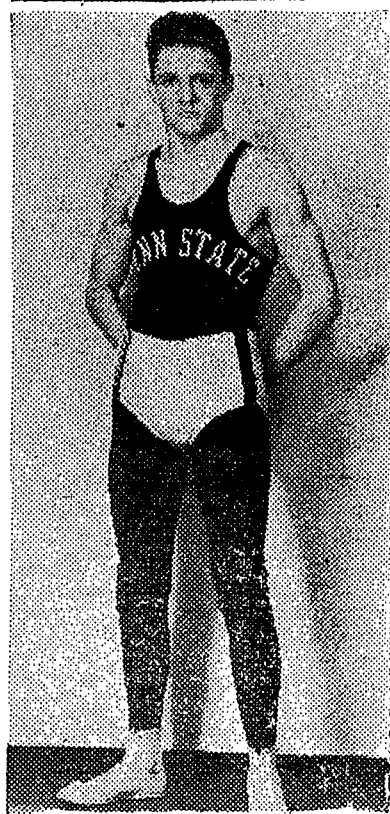
145-pound class: Allan Crabtree, PS, decisioned Bob Feldmeier, 7-6.

155-pound class: Captain Glen Alexander, PS, decisioned Andy Turnbull, 6-1.

165-pound class: Ralph Sayre, PS, decisioned Ralph James, 6-3.

175-pound class: Bob Morgan, PS, threw Howard White, body press, in 2:15.

Heavyweight class: Dick Robbins, Princeton, threw Mike Kerns, cross body and crotch, in 5:05.



CLAIR HESS

SPUNKY DEFENDER—Plucky Clair Hess, outweighed heavily in his meet with Gene Taylor of Princeton used strategy and experience in his defense against that old demon weight advantage.

Frosh To Battle Bison Yearlings

Aiming to upset the Bucknell yearlings next Thursday after a 35-21 defeat at the hands of the Aberdeen Testing Grounds five Saturday night, Nick Thiel's frosh basketeers are busy trying to perfect plays that were easily wrecked by the soldiers.

Leading 12-11 in the first period of the preliminary to the Princeton-Penn State wrestling match the '45 quintet dropped behind at half-time 20-18, and were held to three points for the remainder of the fray.

Made up of former College court stars, the Aberdeen squad clicked well and were efficient in grabbing rebounds from the backboard. More body contact was evident than in any of the freshmen's previous tilts, although only 17 fouls were called.

High scorer for the Armymen was Mark Heller, former captain of Syracuse's Orange cagers, who garnered 11 counters, while Jack Pfirmann led the Cubs with ten points, all via field goals. Will Parkhill and Jim Lawther shared runner-up honors with four points apiece.

Moe Becker, former Duquesne University stalwart, was the main cog in the Soldier's fast-moving offense which helped them to their 13th win in as many starts.

Joe Hetra, a freshman cage player when he attended Penn State, contributed four points to the Testing Grounds' cause and was at the starting forward post.

When the Nittany yearlings take the floor against the Bison freshmen, the battle will mark the second "official" contest for the Cubs. Cornell was the only other regularly scheduled match.

Gymnast Injures Ankle; Anderson Back In School

Varsity gym coach Gene Wettstone "broke even" yesterday when Jim Reifsnnyder, rings contender, injured his ankle in practice, and Ed Anderson, formidable tumbler and horizontal bar performer on the frosh team last year, reported for practice after being out of College for a semester.

Anderson pushed Hal Zimmerman, who has yet to be defeated on the parallel bars and in tumbling this season, into his winning form last year and Wettstone expects the two gymnasts to team together in piling up points for the Lions when the team starts its dual league season against Princeton in Rec Hall Saturday.

Reifsnnyder made an improper dismount from the flying rings in a practice session Saturday and is thought to have a broken bone in his ankle.

"All positions are wide open," Coach Charlie Speidel told his freshman wrestling candidates after last night's practice sessions in Rec Hall.

Coach Speidel, busy with the varsity team during the heavy part of its schedule, now plans to spend more time with the yearling grapplers who face their first competition when they meet Wyoming Seminary, here, on February 14.

Outstanding among the '45 candidates is Glenn Smith who has suffered only two defeats since he started his wrestling career in prep school. These defeats came at the hands of DiBattista, undefeated intercollegiate wrestler at University of Pennsylvania and Karmichael now a varsity wrestler at Navy. Both of these defeats came during Smith's prep school days.

The inter-class wrestling tournament which has seen practically no action since before the Christmas holidays is due to be resumed as soon as time permits.

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