

NYU Downs State Cagers; Halts Lion 15-Game Streak

By DON WEBB

Led by Sophomore Jerry Fleishman, an undefeated New York University quintet dropped Penn State from the unbeaten ranks as they whipped the Lions by a 49 to 40 count before a capacity crowd of 18,000 at Madison Square Garden, New York City, Wednesday evening.

In winning, the Violets snapped a 15-game Lion victory streak which had extended since midway through last season. The New Yorkers also stretched their own winning streak to seven thus far this winter.

With Co-captain Johnny Egli out of the contest with a sprained ankle and Bob Beck and Dave Hornstein banished from the tilt on fouls, the Lawthermen found themselves without the regular defensive back line, which spelled doom for any ray of hope that the Penn State fans held in the final period.

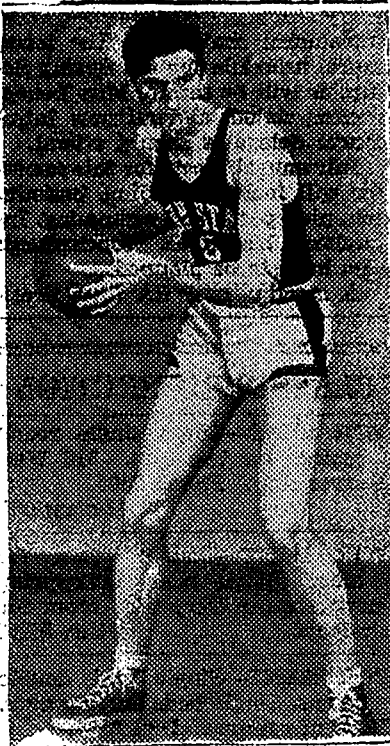
Early in the game Hornstein put the Lions out in front by dropping two fouls through the net. After NYU had scored three, Whitey VonNieda scored the first of his six field goals and put the visitors out in front by a 4 to 3 count.

With 12 minutes remaining in the half, Fleishman and his teammates garnered three field goals and were never headed throughout the rest of the game. The half ended with the home club in front by a 22 to 17 score.

The second half was evenly matched, but Fleishman's six field goals on marvelous tries proved to be the winning margin.

Outstanding players for the Lions were Dave Hornstein, who played a fine defensive game as

Lion Co-captain



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well as accounting for eleven Nittany points, and Whitey VonNieda, who bewildered the opponents with his speed and successful shots.

This defeat puts the Lion's season's record at three games won and a single contest lost.

After a short scrimmage last night, the Lions wind up practice sessions for the Saturday night tilt with Temple at Convention Hall, Philadelphia.

Conger, New Lion Track Coach, First to Beat Nurmi in 1928 Olympics

Ray Conger, recently elected to serve as cross-country and track coach during the absence of Chick Werner who joined the Navy, is getting his indoor track squad into shape for the coming spring competition.

A member of the American Olympic team in 1928 and the first runner to beat the great Finn, Paavo Nurmi, in the mile run, Conger will assume head coaching duties "for the duration."

Graduating from the Iowa State College in 1927 where he starred for three years on the track team, Ray went on to further competition when he joined the Illinois A. C. squad, and competed in the one-half mile and mile runs until 1932.

In 1936 he came to the College as an instructor in the School of Physical Education and Athletics, and now holds the rank of assistant professor, besides his coaching title.

Although opponents for the Lion track team have not been selected, the runners are getting into shape by use of the upstairs track in Rec Hall.

The Lion squad will lack the services of Mac Smith until February as a result of an appendicitis operation, while Jerry Karver, another one of Conger's varsity trackmen, is back at the helm after a tonsillectomy operation.

Norm Gordon, a member of Penn State's '42 champion track squad is back in College taking graduate work. Gordon has received an invitation to compete in the one-half or two-mile run of the Milrose Meet in Madison Square Garden February 6. The Lion squad has also been invited to enter a team in the one or two-mile relay competition.

BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BEN BAILEY, Sports Editor

You know, folks, this college line, Dave Hornstein, followed could use a lot more fellows like Coach John Lawther around here in these troubled times.

Only last week Lawther entertained very high hopes of sending his basketball team into Madison Square Garden to wallop high-flying NYU.

But Monday night he lost Co-captain John Egli, who pulled up with a bad sprain at practice. And, to top that, Egli's replacement, Bob Beck, fouled himself out of the NYU game before he was in long enough to become acquainted with the ball.

Another third of his defensive

line, Dave Hornstein, followed closely on Beck's heels. With his sliding zone almost completely stalled, Lawther switched Larry Gent and Jim Lawther to the guard spots.

Despite these terrific odds, the boys made a fight of it all the way, finally losing by a 49-40 score. 'Tis said that some coaches have gone off the deep end with less provocation than that, but not Lawther.

Last night I finally tiptoed into Rec Hall after casing the place for 15 minutes, and found Lawther not only smiling, but occasionally laughing—he still believes 1943 has great possibilities.

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