

Offense Stalls as Cagers Lose to Panthers, 42-31

Apple Tallies 18; Lions Return for 3-Game Stand

It was another disappointing night for Nittany Lion fans in Pittsburgh Saturday as Penn State's cagers absorbed their fourth straight defeat—this time at the hands of the Pitt Panthers 42-31.

It was the 32nd win for Pittsburgh as against 33 for Penn State in the 65th game in a series between the two colleges dating back to 1906. The season's record for the Nittany Lions now stands at two won against four lost. Early season victories over Susquehanna and Georgetown accounted for the set of wins.

HOT 'APPLE'

The Lawthermen, after holding the first-half edge by a slim 21-20 count, were able to register only one goal from the floor in the second half while the Panthers, led by forward Nate Apple, were able to count with regularity to win going away.

Apple, the 5' 8" sparkplug of the Pitt team, sank 18 points against the Lions to put the Panthers back in the win column after four successive losses and give Coach Doc Carlson a home send-off for his silver jubilee of coaching.

HORNSTEIN HIGH

Center Dave Hornstein was high man for the Lions with 10 points to move up to second place in scoring for Penn State this season with 36 points. Jack Biery, who counted five points against the Panthers, leads the parade with 69 points for the six games played. Biery, incidentally, set a modern Penn State scoring record of 25 points in the season's opener against Susquehanna.

A crowd of 2000 fans crowded into Pittsburgh's Stadium Pavilion to see the Nittany Lions round out the first part of a difficult schedule which saw them play five of their first six games on the road. The Lawthermen now return to Rec Hall for the first concerted home stand of the season, facing Temple tomorrow night, Muhlenberg on Saturday and winding up with Bucknell the following Wednesday evening.

The box score:

PENN STATE	FG	F	Pts.
Lawther, f	0	1	1
Russell, f	0	0	0
Simon, f	1	2	4
Biery, f	1	3	5
Hornstein, c	2	6	10
Kulp, c	0	0	0
Rusinko, g	2	2	6
Bozinski, g	1	2	4
Dietterick, g	0	1	1
Totals	0	1	31
PITT	FG	F	Pts.
Apple, f	6	6	18
Zemuch, f	1	1	3
Bosse, f	1	1	3
Morris, f	0	0	0
Shuber, f	0	0	0
Largliata, c	0	0	0
Caterna, g	4	1	9
Cieply, g	2	1	5
David, g	0	4	0
Cecconi, g	0	0	0
Furquer, g	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	42



NATE APPLE
PITT GUARD

Speidel Announces Mat Tournament

Charley Speidel, veteran wrestling coach, announced that a wide-open inter-class mat meet, designed to bring back the pre-war interest in wrestling, will be held shortly.

Speidel, who already has started pre-season drills for the varsity matmen, said preliminary competition would begin in the near future. The personnel of the class teams will be chosen and championships held about the third week in January.

In the absence of a freshman class, Speidel plans to organize a team from the defeated entries in the other three classes and this group will fill the fourth place in team competition.

Students from the various classes are asked to enroll immediately by turning in their names at the wrestling mats in Recreation Hall after 4 p.m.

Lions Lose Intercollegiate Ski Meet at Lake Placid

The Penn State Ski Team placed last in the intercollegiate meet at Lake Placid during the holidays.

Ten colleges entered four-man teams in the meet in which the Nittany skiers came in fifth in cross country racing, tenth in downhill, slalom and jumping.

George Quimby, Cliff Cartes and Herbert Wahl came in 11th, 18th and 20th respectively in cross-country racing.

With two Lions ineligible because of scholastic standings, a hurried reorganization was needed. The Lions competed with the best ski teams of New England.

The team practiced at the Snow Ridge Ski Club, Touraine, N. Y., where they had 72 inches of snow with a three-foot snow pack. The temperature was 15 degrees below zero as it snowed every day. Sherman Fogg, ski team coach, said there are two openings on the squad if any students are interested.

Cage Tourney Continues

Rapidly advancing into its last stages, intramural basketball play resumed last night with nine tilts being played.

Scheduled for tonight at 9 o'clock are Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Theta Xi "A" (Court 1), Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Phi Sigma Kappa (2), Alpha Tau Omega vs. Beta Sigma Rho (3).

At 9:40, Delta Upsilon "B" vs. Delta Sigma Phi (1), Delta Chi vs. Phi Kappa (2), Zeta Beta Tau vs. Triangle (3).

At 10:20, Sigma Phi Sigma vs. Phi Sigma Delta (1), Alpha Chi Rho vs. Alpha Zeta (2), Tau Phi Delta vs. Pi Lambda Phi (3).

Nittany Lion Gridders Play in Annual Classics

Bucky Walters, graduating Nittany Lion end, scored a final period touchdown for the North when he snagged Penn's Carmen Falcone's pass, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Rebels' lead in the annual Blue-Gray gridiron classic which the South won, 20-13.

Larry Joe, Lion tailback, also played in the game at Montgomery, Alabama, on December 28.

Penn State's graduating captain, Red Moore, started in the left tackle slot for the East eleven at the annual East-West Shrine charity game at San Francisco on New Year's Day. The East won, 13-9.

Quarterback Manny Weaver saw action in the single wing offensive which Coach Andy Kerr alternated with his own double wingback formation.



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Lion Mittmen Preparing To Meet Miami Hurricanes

With the Christmas vacation over, Leo Houck's Nittany Lion boxers began their final week of preparation for the opening of the dual meet season Friday night against the Hurricanes of Miami in the Rec Hall ring.

Houck refused to name a starting lineup until after the inter-squad bouts which are scheduled to begin today. The coach finds himself with a wealth of material for the first time since pre-war days.

MIAMI TOUGH

Miami is scheduled to bring a good team on their first sojourn to Rec Hall. The Hurricanes are regarded as being especially dangerous in the lighter-weight divisions.

Several fighters from the recent intramurals have been approached by Coach Houck to come out for the team. Houck said these fights were the finest that he has seen in his many years as boxing mentor.

Rec Hall resounded again last night to the noise of punching bags as the varsity prospects went through their paces on the light and heavy bags, shadow boxing, indoor road work and rope-skipping. Led by captain Jackie Tighe, the Nittany mittmen gave the bags a rough beating prior to entering the ring this afternoon.

TIGHE STARTER

Tighe is the only Lion boxer

who is assured of entering the ring against Miami Friday night. The smooth-working captain, with several years of collegiate and army experience under his belt, will start at 165 pounds—twenty pounds over his pre-war weight.

At the 125-pound slot, Johnny Turasco will fight it out with Red Cramer and Fred Smith for the opening bout while it will be between Glenn Hawthorne and Dick Benefield at 130.

Either Joe Bondi or Jim Cassidy will get the nod at 135 while the 145-pound division remains a scramble between John Sheehy, Bob Boal, Tom Owens, Maurey Wolff, and Lee Eisenhart.

SLUSSER LEADS

John Slusser seems to be the 155-pound candidate but he will have to prove himself against Tom McCaffrey, Ted Alex, Ken Cook and Bob Fere, the Lion coach stressed.

At 175-pound Pat Conlon, Ken Mills, Nick Ranieri and Will Greene are all rated as possible starters and another big question mark is the heavyweight berth. Houck has Bill Laughlin, Joe Bardo, Joe Conlon, Sid Fedor, Fred Mauk and Jerry Sitkin with a possibility that Bob Ziesenheim, winner of the heavyweight crown in the IM's, may be added to the list.

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