

Listless Hoopsters Triumph Over Low Scoring Eagles 45-25

Attacking with the speed and deliberation of a chess team the Penn State eagles outlasted a tall but rather bewildered American University squad 45-25 last night before 3,000 yawning fans in Rec Hall.

"We don't have an alibi for the loss," commented the Eagles' coach, "Pop" Cassell. "The shooting percentages of the game show that we just lost to a better team tonight." The visitors from Washington were definitely "off," hitting the hoop for just ten per cent of their shots while the Lions made 37.5 of their tries.

SLOW START

A low-scoring, slow-moving first quarter in which only nine points were marked up by both teams opened last night's contest. Bob Lamon sank a long set shot to start the scoring but from that point couldn't find the basket again and missed his next eleven tries. Batnick and Ruhlman scored baskets near the end of the period to give the Blue and White a 6-3 lead.

Slightly more activity marked the second frame which ended with the count standing 19-15 in favor of the Lawthermen. During this quarter many of the fans, bored with the undramatic play of the Lions, switched loyalties and started to root for the visitors.

While the American U. team

was missing the basket from all angles. Coach Lawther's five slowly sank basket after basket until they increased the margin to 33-15 at the end of the third quarter.

Suddenly the Eagles snapped out of their lethargy and started to fast break on the offense while they played a pressing man to man on the defense. These tactics enabled them to pull to within ten points of the victors, but the overwhelming lead garnered by Penn State was too much for the Capital City boys and they fell apart in the last five minutes.

BOX SCORE

Penn State	FG	F-FT	Pts.
Simon	4	3-4	11
Bierv	2	5-6	9
Batnick	6	3-3	15
Kulp	2	2-5	6
Ruhlman	2	0-2	4
Schisler	0	0-1	0
Costa	0	0-1	0
Nordblom	0	0-1	0
Totals	16	13-23	45
American U.			
Lamon	1	1-2	3
Ishman	2	0-3	4
Nesley	1	3-3	5
Crockett	2	1-4	5
Hilloek	0	1-1	1
Fling	1	4-7	6
Griffin	0	0-1	0
Wakefield	0	0-1	0
Tannev	0	1-1	1
Totals	7	11-23	25

Track Managers

Anyone interested in becoming an assistant track manager for the track team should report to Don Miller, head manager, at Rec Hall after 3 p.m. any weekday afternoon.

Jackie Tighe Injures Nose

Leo Houck's boxing team may go into its opening meet with Bucknell on Jan. 17 without the services of Captain Jackie Tighe.

A loose nose piece on his head gear opened a cut on Tighe's nose during a regular sparring session Tuesday afternoon. The cut was originally received in the Michigan State meet last March and handicapped the boxer during the National tournament.

Tighe was back at the ring session yesterday afternoon and states he will be ready for the opener. Coach Houck was undecided and may hold his star boxer out of the Bucknell matches.

A new addition to the weak heavyweight division is Chuck Drazonovich, blocking back on the Blue and White football team. He donned the gloves after returning from the New Year's Cotton Bowl contest.

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Blue and White Wrestlers Prep for Princeton Opener

Coach Charlie Spiedel and his Nittany wrestlers will pry the lid off of what should be a very successful season when the Lions oppose invading Princeton in Rec Hall at 7 p.m. Saturday.

With a number of returnees from last year's better than average squad, and with a batch of seasoned newcomers from state teachers' colleges, the Blue and White grapplers are currently concluding the trials for starting lineups.

Assisting Spiedel in the coaching of the more than 35 students have been NAAT champions and contenders for an Olympic berth, Charlie Ridenour, and Al Barker past master of wrestling-famed Cornell College at Iowa.

WEAK SPOT

The current weak spot looms at 175 pounds, where a group of inexperienced contenders are clamoring to plug the gap left by Wally Chambers, who is now aiming at the heavyweight post from these contenders. Warren Conrad may win the assignment.

Captain Ernie Closser and veteran Grant Dixon, both firmly entrenched in the 145 and 155 pound positions, respectively, last year, have been hard pressed to retain their standing by two promising sophomores.

Laird Robertson, a newcomer from Millersville State Teachers, dropped a trial off to Dixon Tuesday, and will most likely sit out the Princeton meet. Robertson entered the Middle Atlantic AAT's

at Lancaster last year and copped the 155 pound title. He will also be remembered as the recent winner of the 155 pound intramural boxing crown here.

Most of the weights are as yet undecided, with practice trials today and tomorrow slated. Coach Spiedel admits to many openings on the squad, but is very pleased with the sophomores and the way in which veterans have had to keep on their toes.

Following are the leading candidates for the respective weights: 121 lbs.—George Schautz, Al Vigilante.

128 lbs.—Grant Davis, John Lux, Harry Matern, Leo Noker. 138 lbs.—Don Arbuckle, George Thomas.

145 lbs.—Ernie Closser, Jim Maury. 155 lbs.—Grant Dixon, Laird Robertson.

165 lbs.—Bob Hetrick, Earl Long.

175 lbs.—Warren Conrad. Heavyweight—Wally Allwoerden, Wally Chambers, Joe Clark.

Dorm 27 Cops 16-14 IM Win Berletics Defeat Whiz Kids

An intramural scoring record in reverse was established Tuesday night when Dorm 27 downed Dorm 29 in an overtime IM cage contest, 16-14. The two teams battled for eight scoreless minutes before the first point was registered, and at halftime the score stood at 2-1, with Dorm 27 in front.

Chief competition centered around teams in independent league "C". Berletics downed the Whiz Kids 22-18, and Dorm 13 triumphed over Drowlers 28-12, to remain tied for the league lead with four victories apiece.

In an epic contest to determine the undisputed cellar-dweller of the league, Zeroes handed Nittany Co-op its fourth consecutive defeat, 22-7, and relinquished exclusive cellar rights to the Co-op five.

Dorm 33 moved into a tie with Dorm 37 in independent league "A" by notching its third straight win at the expense of Dorm 41 who forfeited. This also won their third straight, 20-18, from the Lazy Five quintet and tied Comets for first position in league "D." Dorm 28 took over the league lead in league "B", outshooting Dorm 25, 12-9.

In other contests Miners outclassed Dorm 9, 22-7, and Dorm 30 won by forfeit from Dorm 40.

Tonight's schedule:

8:45—Sigma Phi Alpha—Chi

Phi, court 1; Kappa Delta Rho—Phi Delta Theta, court 2; Pi Lambda Phi—Phi Kappa Tau, court 3.

9:25—Sigma Phi Epsilon—Theta Chi, court 1; Delta Upsilon—Beta Theta Pi, court 2; Phi Gamma Delta—Phi Kappa Sigma, court 3.

10:05—Alpha Tau Omega—Delta Chi, court 1; Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Alpha Phi Delta, court 2; Delta Tau Delta—Zeta Beta Tau, court 3.

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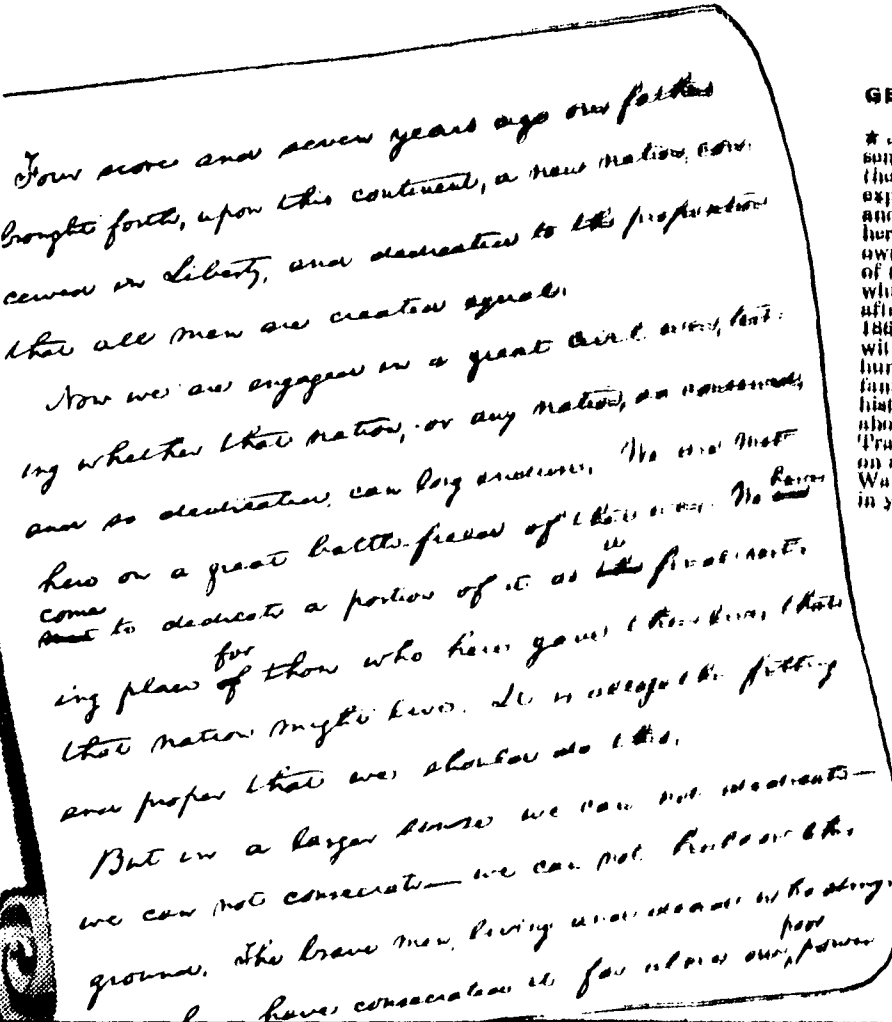
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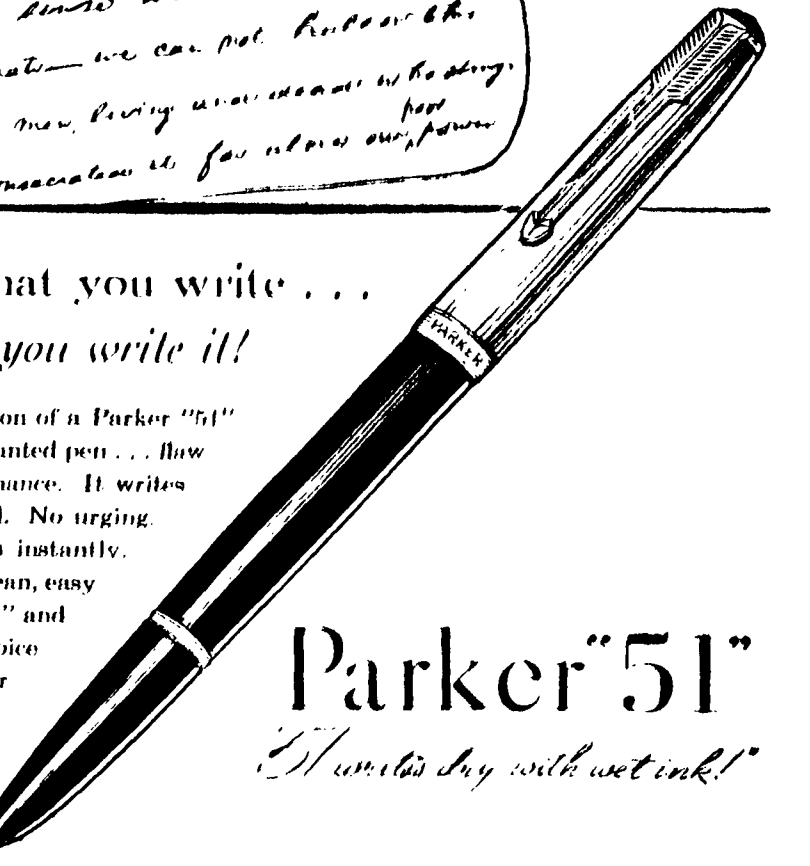


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