

Late Spurt Gives Panther Five 40-33 Win Over Lions

Pittsburgh's basketball quintet literally threw Emily Post to the winds on the Pitt Stadium court Saturday night, as the Panther sharpened its claws on a scrapping Nittany five by a 40-33 score.

Disregarding all rules of etiquette, the Smoky City hosts waited until the final ten minutes of play before pouring 20 points through the hoops before the startled eyes of the visitors from Centre County.

With the Lawthermen never behind until the early minutes of the last quarter, Nittany hopes of securing a win the first time out were blasted when three of the Lions' starters were fouled out.

NORDBLOOM

Soon after the inception of the fourth quarter, Carl Nordbloom was waived from the game because of fouls. He was quickly followed by Terry Ruhlman and Marty Costa, giant 6-foot, 6-inch State center.

The State zone held up brilliantly throughout the first three quarters, yielding only seven field goals from the floor in the entire first half.

'Little Joe' Tocci and Costa combined eleven points apiece to notch more than half of their team's total. Rugged Terry Ruhlman, with six points; Willard Parkhill, with three, and Carl Nordbloom, with two points completed the Lawthermen's scoring.

High honors for the evening went to Captain Sammy David, Panther guard, who broke through for 14 points, most of

which were racked up in the final stanza. Dodo Canterna gave David some scoring assistance with four double-deckers and three fouls for 11 counters.

STATE LEADS

Also opening its 1948 season, Pitt fell behind during the first quarter when State took a 10-6 lead. Tightening its already-rigid zone, Lawther's crew built up a 17-12 advantage at halftime. Tocci's play during the second quarter accounted mainly for the Lions' halftime edge.

Action bogged down after the resumption of play, both teams limited to only eight points, but the final-quarter scoring spurge supplied the Panthers' victory margin, giving them a 35-34 lead in the series that began in 1906.

The next Penn State tilt will be played at Washington, D. C., against American University on Saturday.

Penn State	FG	FT	Pts	Pittsburgh	FG	FT	Pts
Parkhill, f	1	1	3	Canterna, f	4	3	11
Tocci, f	4	3	11	Baumbeck, f	0	0	0
Costa, c	3	5	11	Hromanik, f	2	2	6
Schisler, c	0	0	0	Cecconi, f	1	0	2
Nordbloom, g	0	2	2	Lerner, c	2	0	4
Ruhlman, g	3	0	6	Everett, c	0	0	0
McKown, g	0	0	0	McCrossin, g	1	0	2
Weiss, g	0	0	0	David, g	5	4	14
				Belich, g	0	1	1
Totals	11	11	33	Totals	15	10	40

Free throws missed: Penn State—Parkhill, Tocci, Costa, 5; Nordbloom, Pittsburgh—Canterna, 2, Baumbeck, 3, Cecconi, 2; Lerner, 2, Belich.

17 Sports

Penn State sponsors 17 inter-collegiate varsity sports. They include: football, soccer, cross country, basketball, boxing, wrestling, indoor track, outdoor track, fencing, swimming, skiing, gymnastics, rifle marksmanship, lacrosse, baseball, golf, tennis.

Perfect Record

Nittany Lion gymnasts have been unbeaten in collegiate competition for four straight years.

Basketball Surprise; Berletic Foursome Outscores Gazelles

There is nothing unusual about a 41-12 score especially nowadays when everyone's mind is still following the grid wars.

But this 41-12 score was the result of a basketball game. That it's one-sided is one's first reaction to such a result, but what's more outstanding about this score is that it was racked by four basketball players competing against five.

Last week the Berletics, a top-flight team of the independent league in the intramural basketball tourney, found itself in a peculiar spot. Only four members of the team showed up for the scheduled game against the Gazelles.

At whistle time their fifth member, Frank Huron, didn't appear and so the quartet of Ralph Palmero, Hal Wausat, Lou Sulpizio and Paul Norton took on its giant-killing task.

Limiting their opponents to two field goals in the first half, the four players tired and allowed the "not-so fleet-footed" Gazelles to score eight points the second half. Norton, with 18-points, paved the way for the four "ironmen" as they won walking away by 41-12 count.

Rogel on Rice Second Team

Penn State's leading offensive back, Fran Rogel, won national honors this week by capturing a second-team backfield berth on Grantland Rice's All-America team.

Rice, who has been selecting All-America teams since 1925, compiled the votes of 440 football writers throughout the nation for the Look Magazine team.

Also singled out for honors was Elwood Petchel, Nittany tailback, who placed on the third team along with Arnold Galiffa and Robert Stuart of Army, and Jack Cloud of William and Mary.

Pennsylvania took state honors in the Look voting as three Keystone athletes secured places on the All-American squad. Tackle Leon Hart, of Notre Dame and Turtle Creek, Back John Rauch of Georgia from Yeadon and Center Chuck Bednarik of Pennsylvania from Bethlehem placed on Rice's team.

'Ash' Heady Competitor, Says Werner

By Pete Kalandiak

Little did Coach Chick Werner suspect as he watched a tall, gaunt, unassuming fellow run through his paces one afternoon three years ago that he had in his midst a fellow destined to be a stellar runner.

That modest, lean-looking chap turned out to be Horace Ashenfelter, the pride of the Penn State track team.

Horace is a genuinely solid, dependable, fiercely competitive guy who is unaware that the word 'quit' exists. In many respects, he may be considered an ordinary athlete with ordinary ability. He doesn't practice any longer than his running mates, he doesn't have an unusual diet, and he doesn't wear a special shoe. But he does possess a quality which marks him as unusual.

Chick Werner puts it this way: "The big difference between Ashenfelter, and the team, is in his head. He realizes that the best thing to do is to follow someone's advice who knows and to go out and get it."

ADVICE

Well, ever since the "Flying Dutchman" set foot on Nittany soil, he has been following the expert and guiding words of Chick Werner and has been putting those words into practice with reverence.

The progress and development of Ashenfelter into a runner extraordinary is short of amazing. He came from Collegeville, Pa., minus fanfare and minus high school experience. He loved to run. He listened, he absorbed, he worked, and never stopped trying.

"Horace has never failed to improve day after day," declares Chick Werner. "He has performed better every time he competes. He's a stubborn Dutch fellow. If he is beaten, Ashenfelter never gives up." Stubbornness and courage characterize Horace Ashenfelter.

WIFE

One person greatly responsible for his success is his wife, Lillian. She has always insisted on his living better through rest, diet and sleep.

Lillian would never let him alone. She wanted him to improve — she wanted him to be the best.

Horace Ashenfelter has come a long way. He has overcome many obstacles. He has the flamboyant hustle, the indomitable will-to-win and courage which typifies a champion. Chick Werner, who has taught Horace the fundamentals and the finer points in running, says, "He is the most courageous guy in the world—he has no respect for anybody."

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

Home Again

Charles "Jiggs" Beatty, ace center on the '48 Nittany Lion football squad, will be glad to get home come Christmas vacation.

He hasn't been home for Christmas in Weisel since 1942. After a long tenure with the Marie Corps, "Jiggs" had his first chance to be home for the holiday season in '46 but he chose to stay in California, Pa., where he had been a veritable rock on the State Teachers forward wall of Coach Earl Bruce's '46 eleven.

Then came last year and the Cotton Clash in Dallas. Now "Jiggs" says, "Things are back to normal."

Incidentally, sponsors of the annual post-season Blue-Gray all-star game in Montgomery, Ala., contacted Beatty to play this year, but then withdrew the invitation when they discovered he is a junior. The Blue-Gray fracas is reserved for senior collegiate stars.

Smith Speaks

Chet Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press, girded himself for an expected volley of queries and then addressed over a hundred Penn State journalism students Sunday night.

The "Village Smithy" discussed everything from the intricacies of the Michigan football single wing to the biased broadcasting of Pittsburgh's Rosey Rowswell. And the crowd liked it.

Among other things, Smith declared that Penn State's '48 gridiron edition was easily one of the best in the country, and rated ahead of Army in his book.

He decried the popular psychology which makes a "great team" out of one which loses its first game and roars back to win all the rest (example—Oklahoma), and at the same time terms as a "has-been" a team which remains undefeated before dropping one game close to the end of its campaign (example—Penn State).

Morgan Tops Grid Yogis

The old crystal, now in mothballs until next football season, worked fairly accurately in the final prediction week for sports editor Tom Morgan and writer Red Roth who both wound up with seven right out of nine.

This brought Morgan's season average up from .711 to .717 and Roth's from .625 to .654.

The composite season results stand:

Morgan	81-32	.717
Vadasz	80-33	.708
Krane	75-38	.663
Roth	74-39	.654

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