

Star in 63-47 Win...



Lions Gain Upset Over Orange Five

Penn State's unpredictable hardwood performers stunned a Rec Hall crowd Saturday night by riding roughshod over a favored, highly regarded Syracuse court contingent by a 63-47 score.

More than 3800 screaming court addicts looked on as the Nittany warriors, who have found the going very rough and very tough most of the season, finally hit the jackpot. The rugged fray, which saw 56 personal fouls called—32 against the Orange and 24 against State—turned out to be more a foul shooting contest than a basketball game as tempers mounted in the turbulent second half.

Although outscored 17 to 16 in the field goal department, the Centre Countians must have set some kind of Penn State foul shot record by dropping 31 out of 39 attempts, which, in the final analysis, provided the margin of victory.

COACH COMMENTS

An elated John Lawther, beaming an ear-to-ear grin in the locker room after the game, contributed the team's fighting spirit as the winning factor. The Lion court coach also recognized and lauded the outstanding play of the second string.

Although State's tall timber Marty Costa came through with 18 points to lead both clubs offensively and captain Milt Simon directed his mates superbly, in addition to scoring 13 counters, it was Joe Tocci who starred in the hero's role.

The swarthy 5-foot 7-inch Queens' ballhawk, put on a brilliant one-man dribbling and passing show to eclipse any other individual play on the floor. In the final 10 minutes when Syracuse was attempting a down-court smother, Tocci had the fans gasping with his clever dribbling.

Costa, who played the best game of his young collegiate career, was used only about half of the contest and in addition had to cope with the New Yorkers' 6-foot 8-inch Royce Newell. The home forces jumped off to

a 17-11 lead at the 10 minutes interval and from there in were never headed. After the whirlwind first period, State slowed its pace and went into the half-time holding a 27 to 20 lead. State's offense turned in its most concentrated scoring attack of the season in the last half as it began clicking on all five cylinders.

COSTA, SIMON

Sparked by Costa and Simon, the Lions kept pace with the Orange hoopsters who were staging a scoring spree of their own in the third quarter. After Terry Ruhlman and Carl Nordblom, who turned in top-notch defensive games, fouled out, Shorty Rosen and Al Beck gave the Lions some anxious moments but the onset of the final quarter saw State hold a 44 to 38 gap.

The Nittany collegians' next opponent will be West Virginia who will furnish the opposition tomorrow night at Rec Hall.

IM Basketball

Intramural cage crews whip into action again tonight as nine contests take the hardwood at Rec hall starting at 8:45 p.m. Schedule for tonight is:

8:45 p.m. — Berletics vs. Rummies; Kappa Sigma vs. Theta Kappa Phi; Delta Tau Delta vs. Beta Sigma Rho.

9:25 p.m. — Beta Theta Pi vs. Theta Xi; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Lambda Chi Alpha; Speedsters vs. Privateers.

10:05 p.m. — Matilda Chi vs. Ward 2; Smooth Schmoos vs. O. Quintet; Jordan Hall vs. Red Flashes.

Orangemen Top Lions 16-13;

The middle-weight strength of a much-heralded Syracuse University wrestling team proved too formidable for Coach Charlie Speidel's Lion grapplers, and the Blue and White matmen went down to their first defeat on Saturday. The score of the meet was 16-13.

The loss, to a formidable opponent, was keenly felt by the Nittanians. Jim Maurey, the lighter half of the Lions' fancy "Pin Pair," did not make the trip to the Orange stronghold because of a knee injury suffered in practice sessions last week.

SURPRISE BOUT

Al Fasnacht, State 136-pounder, pulled one of the biggest surprises in the East out of the bag when he clamped a 6-5 defeat on Syracuse's Joe Settani. It was Settani's first dual meet loss in his collegiate career.

Homer Barr, Nittany heavyweight, ended the afternoon meet with his fourth consecutive fall win over Fred Gunther. Barr used a reverse nelson and body press to pin Gunther in 2:37 of the first period.

DREIBELBIS

A brilliant performance was made by Jumpin' Jack Dreibelbis in his 128-pound battle with Bob Valle of Syracuse. Valle got the first takedown, but Dreibelbis reversed with a fast step-over and went on to hang up a 9-5 victory.

The summaries:

- 121 pounds—Reese, Penn State, and Fogarty, Syracuse, drew, 1-1.
- 128 pounds—Dreibelbis, Penn State, decided Valle, 9-5.
- 136 pounds—Fasnacht, Penn State, decided Settani, 6-5.
- 145 pounds—Tice, Syracuse, decided Shallerross, 8-5.
- 155 pounds—Hunt, Syracuse, pinned Santel, in 4:02 with reverse nelson and body press.
- 165 pounds—Perry, Syracuse, decided Hetrick, 6-0.
- 175 pounds—Gebhardt, Syracuse, decided Markle, 8-3.
- Unlimited—Barr, Penn State, pinned Gunther in 2:37 with reverse nelson and body press.

Lion Rifle Team Gains Third Spot

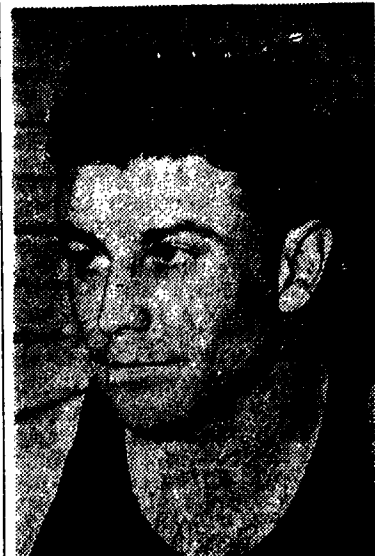
West Point's small bore rifle team, scoring 1405 out of a possible 1500 points, outshot N.Y.U. and Penn State last Saturday to win a triangular varsity meet on West Point's small bore rifle range.

According to Captain John O'Neill, assistant coach of the Lions' varsity rifle team, State's scorers would have been good enough to win ordinarily, but West Point and N.Y.U., who placed second, both had exceptionally good scores.

Lion Mittmen Outslug Black Knights, 5½-2½

A slugging Lion boxing unit exploded its power on Saturday winning every bout from the 130-pound through the 165-pound class as the Houckmen won their second consecutive dual meet of the current mitt campaign by downing West Point's fighting Cadets 5½-2½.

The smoothly oiled Blue and White boxing machine shifted into high gear when Lion captain John Benglian started the evening's fireworks by scoring a first round TKO over his Cadet opponent.



JOHN BENGLIAN

SMITH SHINES

Not to be overshadowed by Benglian's knockout wallops was lanky Paul Smith. Dropping ten pounds from last year's 175-pound weight, the blonde battler, used hard jabbing lefts to the best of advantage. His rapid fire punches earned him a one sided 30-25 decision.

Making his inaugural appearance, Ollie Wallace, stylish Negro lightweight, showed some classy footwork co-ordinated with a vicious right as he earned his first Lion ring victory.

Combining excellent defensive maneuvers with well aimed rights, the veteran Jack Sheehe had little trouble annexing three 10-8 rounds against his green opponent, Joe Lafleur.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

In the closest contest of the evening's fight agenda, Leo Houck's heavyweight protege, Chuck Drzenovich, came from behind to garner a 10-9 decision in the final round to earn a draw with Cadet heavy Bill Kellum.

The summaries:

- 125 pounds—Bitzer, Army, decided F. Smith, 30-24.
- 130 pounds—Benglian, Penn State, won by TKO over Stickleby in 1:40 of the first round.
- 135 pounds—Wallace, Penn State, decided Robinson, 30-24.
- 145 pounds—Sheehe, Penn State, decided Lafleur, 30-24.
- 155 pounds—Ma'oney, Penn State, decided Herring, 29-28.
- 165 pounds—P. Smith, Penn State, decided Hasting, 30-25.
- 175 pounds—Montore, Army, decided Bolger, 30-23.
- Heavyweight—Kellum, Army and Drzenovich, Penn State, drew, 29-29.

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