

Lions Meet W. Va. In Road Finale Tomorrow

Marty Costa Breaks Scoring Mark As Nittany Cagers Split Weekend Bill

By RAY KOEHLER

Back from their two-game weekend trek to New York with a 72 to 57 win over Colgate and a 46 to 44 defeat by Syracuse, Penn State's cagers resume practices in Rec Hall in anticipation of tomorrow's tilt with West Virginia. The game at Morgantown will mark the Lions final road appearance this season.

The Nittany courtment have yet to record their first basketball triumph against the Mountaineers on their home court and a favorable decision over the Virginians would be quite a feather in Coach Elmer Gross' war bonnet. Already this season Penn State has defeated West Virginia twice, once during the Christmas season Dixie Classic semi-finals and again, 82 to 56, at Rec Hall. A field-goal in the final seconds by Syracuse brought Penn State's hopes of attaining a double win in its last weekend foreign stand crashing to the State Fair Coliseum floor.

"TINY" TIES TILT

After holding a three-point advantage at half-time, Syracuse saw the Lions fight back to tie the score at 44 to 44 on Jay 'Tiny' McMahan's hook shot with only a minute to go. Down to the final seconds the Orange's Bob Savage hooked in the winning basket.

The defeat gave Penn State its eighth loss against twelve wins in addition to putting them one down in games played away from home, its away record now standing at 6 won and 7 lost on the road.

The same time as big Marty Costa was breaking the all-time one season Penn State scoring record against Colgate, Lou Lamie ran into a hot night. The 72 to 57 triumph had Lamie tying a Lion road scoring record with 7 field goals and 13 foul shots for 27 counters.

'ATTA BOY, MARTY'

But it was Costa who drew the headlines Friday night as his 15 points enabled him to top by five the former record of 260 set by Jack Biery in 1943. The Lions' co-captain came back the following night at Syracuse to pace both teams with 14 points.

Penn State's win put a temporary damp rag on Colgate's Winter Carnival. Over 1,300 revelers watched the Lions' fast break, featured by Lamie, Costa and the head man of "Club '50" Joe Tocci, riddle the cords for a 40 to 30 half-time gap and then add 32 counters during the last 20-minutes.

Colgate sustained its seventh loss against nine wins and it was sweet revenge for the Grossmen who suffered an early season extra-period, 68 to 67, defeat by the Raiders at Rec Hall.

LIONS PAD SCORE

With eight minutes left Gene Cremins, 6-foot 5-inch Junior brought the score to 57 to 52 with three quick buckets. The Lions settled behind their sliding zone, however, and mechanically began padding their score.

Ted Panoplos, who rated rave notices before the season opened but who has been slow in coming around, dropped 12 points against Colgate, added five more against Syracuse and has probably earned himself a starting berth for the West Virginia game.

Syracuse held a three-point edge in the first-half with seven minutes to go but the Lions, primarily a second-half club, were content to sit back with a 21 to 18 disadvantage at intermission. With five minutes left to play and Syracuse ahead in the second-half Gross took his charges out of the zone and into a man-to-man.

High scorers for Penn State during the two-day trip were Costa,

with 29 points—bringing his total to 279.—Lamie, 28—227 —Tocci, 19—150, Lee Schisler, 18—165, and Panoplos, 17.

In another Saturday night game at Pittsburgh, Pitt defeated West Virginia, State's next foe, by a 55 to 53 count.

The box scores:

Penn State	G	F	T	Colgate	G	F	T
Costa	5	5	15	Norris	3	5	11
McMahon	0	1	1	Utz	1	2	4
Lamie	7	13	27	Stratton	0	0	0
Schisler	4	0	8	Sutliff	0	0	0
Tocci	2	4	8	Alton	4	2	10
Williams	0	1	1	Cremins	5	1	11
Panoplos	5	2	12	Stacy	2	0	4
				Kluckhohn	2	0	6
				Joyce	0	0	0
				Moore	3	1	7
				Kidd	2	0	4
Totals	23	26	72	Totals	22	13	57

Half time score: Colgate 30, Penn State 40.
Free throws missed: Colgate: Stacy, Moore 2, Alton 2. Penn State: Lamie 5, Costa 4, Tocci Panoplos, McMahon 2.
Officials: Barney Hearn and John Hamilton.

Syracuse	G	F	T	Penn State	G	F	T
Suprunowz	0	0	0	Lamie	0	1	1
Beck	0	0	0	Williams	0	0	0
Rosen	1	0	2	Josta	4	6	14
Joekle	3	3	9	Storer	0	0	0
Stark	0	2	2	McMahon	1	1	3
E Miller	5	1	11	Schisler	3	4	10
Savage	5	1	13	Tocci	5	1	11
Kiley	3	5	11	Panoplos	2	1	5
Total	17	12	46	Total	15	14	44

Half time score: Syracuse 21, Penn State 18.

Matmen Maul Middies, Snag Sixth Skirmish

With the possibility of having the most successful season since 1942, Penn State's wrestling team is eyeing its closing match with Princeton's matmen in Rec Hall Saturday.

Michigan was the only stumbling block in the Lions' path in 1942 as the Nittanians rolled to a 7-and-1 mark. The Blue and White matmen climaxed that season by winning the EIWA team championship.

Three State grapplers garnered individual titles, while the men of Nittany also copped two second places and one third. Charlie Ridenour (now assistant coach), Sam Harry and Captain Glen Alexander were first place winners.

Last Saturday at Annapolis, Md., Navy's once-vaunted wrestlers fell before the Lions, 18-6, in a contest in which all bouts were decided by decisions. It was Penn State's sixth win in seven tilts.

MAUREY-SMITH

Don Maurey, 138-pounder, grabbed a 7-6 win from Captain Wayne Smith, who was previously unbeaten, to highlight the meet. Smith, EIWA 136-pound king in 1947, rolled up a 5-1 lead before Maurey stepped on the gas. The first period was scoreless—the first time this season that Smith had not maneuvered a takedown in the initial frame. Maurey started the second period on top, but Smith escaped and got a quick takedown. Maurey pulled an escape, but two seconds before the period ended he was taken down again.

In the final canto, Maurey reversed and rode the Middle team leader until the closing seconds. Then the fireworks began. Smith escaped, but the alert Maurey flipped him to the mat for a "do-or-die" two points. Two minutes of time advantage gave the decision to Maurey.

6-0 WINS

John Reese, Jack Dreibelbis and Captain Jim Maurey posted identical 6-0 victories. Reese chalked up his fifth win over Bob Sutley at 121 pounds, while Dreibelbis scored a quick takedown and went on to gain the nod over Dick Neff, a good 128-pounder. Maurey won his sixth battle in seven starts over glue-stomached Bill Daniels at 145 pounds. Reese, Dreibelbis and Maurey each got first period takedowns, second period reverses and earned two minutes' time advantage.

Other Nittany victors were Mike Rubino at 175 pounds and unbeaten Homer Barr, heavyweight. Rubino worked over Archie Thompson, Navy light-

Hendrickson, Spiese, Valentino Star But Syracuse Tops Gymnasts

By BOB KOTZBAUER

With less than two weeks to go before the top gymnasts of the East come here for the Intercollegiate, Penn State fans are becoming more optimistic about the chances of several Lion performers to place high.

They'll be expecting tumbler Rudy Valentino, side-horseman Dave Benner, parallel-barman Dick Spiese and ringman Bill Hendrickson to kick up quite a fuss in the all-star competition. And they've a right to expect it after the job those boys did against the glittering array of Syracuse stars last Saturday.

As a team, the Lions lost as expected, 55 to 41, taking only the flying rings event. It was the

pushing himself and his form suffered. Valentino did a slightly easier routing, though some exercises were difficult, but he went through with a rapid-fire, snap-snap precision. "That, to me, was better."

Baba didn't like the decisions in two other events, the parallel bars and the flying rings, which he dropped. On the bars he lost to a steadily-improving Lion, Dick Spiese, 265 to 264. On the rings he fell to Bill Hendrickson, a Nittany unknown who rocketed to stardom, 261 to 260.

About Baba, Nittany Coach Gene Wettstone said: "On the P-bars his exercises were difficult but not too graceful or rhythmic. He didn't have enough swing on the rings, (the swing is supposed to be 45 degrees), and his dismount was only fair."

That's the way Wettstone explains Baba's demise but the coach and fans take no credit away from Spiese and Hendrickson who proved themselves capable of competing in the best company.

BENNER IN FORM

Dave Benner, too, came back with a performance on the side-horse that wiped out his bad showing against Navy. Benner finished a good second to Gene Rabbitt, Syracuse's NAAU and Eastern Intercollegiate champ, who won the event with 279 points.

The Lions had little chance on the high bar where Lou Domin, Les Backhaus and Ken Meister slammed the event for the visitors. Ned Foster, very much improved, turned in the best performance for State.

The Wettstonemen had a chance to outscore Syracuse in the rope-climb when Sal Postich and Al Christie climbed well, but Lee Perna slipped twice and the Orange took charge, 9-7. Leo Minotti, Eastern record-holder, had no trouble winning the event with a time of 3.7 seconds.



Gene Wettstone

individual performances of the above quartet that caused the recent furor.

Valentino in winning his fourth tumbling first place of the season easily defeated two tumblers to whom a lot of people have been prematurely handing the Eastern title, Jack Bean and Norm Matthews, both former PIAA champs. Valentino, although suffering from a cold, scored 271 points with his whirl-i-gig backflips and full turns. Matthews was second with 264.

Joel Baba, the Orange's all-round star and a pretty fair tumbler himself, questioned the judgment of the officials, maintaining that Matthews had performed harder exercises. That's the old question in gymnastics—Which scores higher, hard exercises done fairly well, or easier exercises performed excellently?

Head Judge Harry Nelson, of Philadelphia, who gave Valentino first, answered it this way after the meet: "Matthews did the harder exercises, true, but he was

Five Pool and Team Records Fall As Syracuse Tankmen Triumph

By ART BENNING

Records, like rules, are made to be broken. And Penn State and Syracuse went on a record-breaking spree in Glennland pool Saturday afternoon, churning the water for three pool records and two team records, as Syracuse won, 53½-21½.

Cas Borowy, swimming against one of the best all-around swimmers in New York state, Brent Clark, set a pool record and a

Penn State record in the 100 yard freestyle by sprinting the distance in 54.3. He broke the pool record set this season by Bob Kozlow of Seton Hall in 54.5, and eclipsed his own Penn State record of 55.3 by a full second, set against F and M in 1949.

TWO MORE RECORDS

Brent Clark and Hal Auer, roommates at Syracuse, each broke a pool record set by a former roommate of theirs, Paul McCabe, brilliant Orange swimmer who broke a total of 20 marks during his varsity years.

Clark clipped two seconds off McCabe's former Glennland pool record in the 220 yard freestyle, when he finished well ahead of Auer and State Captain John McGrory, in 2:19.1.

Auer, pushed hard by McGrory, stroked the 440 yard freestyle in 5:09.4. In doing so he broke McCabe's pool record, swam the fastest 440 time the Lions have come up against this season, and bettered the time of Pitt's Jim Zentgraf, who is already rated as an Olympic prospect. Zentgraf posted a 5:16.0 mark against the Lions the week before.

The 400 yard relay, won by the Orange in a close finish, also saw

a new team mark set for a Syracuse team. The previous record for the Orangemen was 3:47.7. Jack Faxon, Jack Watkins, Jack Gary, and Clark went the distance in 3:46.3. The present pool record is 3:39.

Rod Waters won the only other first place for State when he beat Ken Heller in the 150 yard backstroke in 1:44.7. Ken Conrad finished in a dead heat with Skippy Mullin for third place. Each man receives ½ point for this. Earlier in the week another dead heat for a third place in the 440 meant a 37½-37½ tie with F and M.

The Lions have swum against many of the best swimmers in the East this year, including Temple's Bernie Cheskin; Seton Hall's Kozlow and Ben Kurtzman; Pitt's Zentgraf; F and M's brothers, Robert and Ivan High; and Syracuse's Clark and Auer.

Looking toward the intercollegiate next month, Rutgers broke Pitt's undefeated string at seven straight last weekend.

State's record for the season stands at two wins, five losses, and one tie. One dual meet remains on the schedule. The Lions host Virginia Saturday.

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