

EXTRA! Homer Barr Loses; Swimmers Win

East. Champ's Upset Dampens Squad's Joy

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To use a hackneyed expression, the end of an era has come to Homer Barr.

For three years Barr had never tasted defeat in Eastern competition until Saturday night's match with Cornell. Nobody had ever taken Barr down, and only one, Lehigh's Gus LaSasso, scored a near fall on the champ of the EIWA before Dick Clark accomplished what will probably become a historic takedown.

It isn't clear yet just what happened. According to notes taken at Barton Hall in Ithaca, Clark scored a takedown in the first period on a backwing, a hold popular in Olympic competition where simultaneous touching of the shoulders to the mat results in a fall.

Barr Sluggish

Barr pulled an escape and then took Clark down, but it was very evident that Clark's initial takedown had taken something out of Barr. He is not ordinarily a sluggish performer, even in the late minutes of a match.

The second period put the clincher on the champion. Barr almost went free for an escape in the first minute of the period, but, suddenly Clark had Barr in a near-fall and for the second time in his career, Barr saw the lights of a gymnasium.

He wiggled and squirmed and fought Clark, much like the many men who have fought to escape in an identical situation with Barr the boss.

Either a last minute effort or wrestling instinct, which was to carry both Clark and Barr through the last period, freed Barr from the hold and he managed to pull an escape on Clark. It was then that the 1500 howling fans knew that they were about to see the greatest upset in modern Eastern intercollegiate wrestling.

Fighting Effort

Barr went after Clark. But his eyes were glazed, his mouth hung open and his head lolled from side to side. He lifted his feet as if each one had a 100 pound weight attached to it. Only the fact that Clark was in no better condition saved Barr from a pin. Both were on their last legs.

Barr took the top as the third period opened, and Clark pulled an escape to make the score 5-4, Cornell.

Somewhere, somehow, out of the great wealth of wrestling knowhow that Barr has piled up in the past four years, he pulled one last trick out of the bag, and got a takedown to Clark to lead him, 6-5.

Clark made his move and came up with an escape to tie the score at 6-6 with about 30 seconds left. Under normal circumstances, there probably would have been enough time for a takedown and the match for Barr. But the circumstances weren't very normal.

Crowd Goes Mad

When the horn blew to end the match, the hall went wild. The

Not Smiling Now



Homer Barr

only silent ones in the place were Barr and Clark. Both had collapsed on the mat and lay there trying to summon enough strength to get up.

The Cornell team lifted Clark to their shoulders and carried him to the dressing room, with a swarm of Cornell rooters shouting congratulations.

Penn State's team carried Barr to a chair and went to work on him. After about five minutes, he had recovered enough to be moved to the dressing room.

That dressing room was a sad place. It wasn't like the dressing room of a team that had just finished an undefeated season. Rather, it was like a hospital room full of children.

Everyone talked in hushed tones, and watched Coach Charlie Speidel, assistant coach Charlie Ridenour and Bill Santel work over the prostrate form on the rubdown table.

The smell of ammonia hung over the room as Santel kept breaking open capsules to keep Barr awake.

It was a moment when many who invaded the dressing room after the match seemed on the verge of tears. It's funny what grown men will cry over.

Clark was in no better shape in the Cornell dressing room. He had wrestled long and well for the win.

Said Clark, "I feel like I just got through wrestling three men." He had waited two years for another crack at Barr. Barr pinned him two years ago in 1:10 of the first period. Last year Clark dropped out of competition so that he would have one year of eligibility left and so that he "would be better the next time I met Homer."

J. Hopkins Edges Lion Duelers 15-12

By piling up a commanding edge in earlier duels, Johns Hopkins survived a wild Penn State stretch drive to cop a 15-12 sword triumph Saturday afternoon at Rec hall.

The Lion duelists got off to a bad start and therein lies the story of their fifth setback.

In foil competition, Ed Kalanik gleamed for State as he displayed fine form in winning, 3-0, 3-2, while losing 3-2. Joe Kuscik won one and lost two, and Tom Taylor dropped all three bouts.

Lions Drop Saber Event

The saber matches saw the Nittany slashers falling before the vicious thrusts of the Docs, 5-4.

Captain Ed Merek slashed his way to 5-3, 5-2, victories over Charles MacLaughline, and lost to Frank Kaisler, 5-2. Jerry Clauser, who continues to improve with each appearance, forced the attack at every chance, and at times his bouts resembled a duel between two knights as he won his two bouts, while losing one.

In the epee duels, State took five of nine to cop the event, 5-4. Pete Raidy defeated Brooks Rometry, 3-0, 3-2, and was beaten by Bud Howard, 3-2. Lous Como took two out of three. His scores were 2-3, 3-1, and 3-2. Bob Whitman made a good showing in his one victorious bout. His scores were 3-1, 1-3, 0-3.

Charlie Ridenour, freshman wrestling coach at Penn State, was defeated only once as an undergraduate grappler.

Mike Rubino brought Penn State runner-up honors at 175 pounds in last year's Eastern wrestling championships.

Lion Mermen Snap Losing Skein; Jolt Temple, 50-25

Trampled all year, Penn State swimmers rose up to break an eight-meet losing streak with a vengeance as they jolted Temple, 50-25, Saturday in Glennland pool.

The triumph was carved out in record-breaking fashion and

only through the mercy of Coach Bill Gutteron, who pulled and switched men from several events, was the score kept half-way respectable.

Biggest hit of the afternoon was the Penn State record-topping 400-yard relay team which chipped five seconds off the old standard while winning by 30 yards. Bob Long, Dick Wilson, and Gene Kolber each ripped off 56 second 100 yards while Cas Borowy firmly anchored the quartet with a swift 55 second effort to stop the watch at 3:42.3.

Old Recordholders

Adding luster to the feat is the fact that the old recordholders at 3:47.7, John McGrory, Jack Senior, Borowy (the same one), and Bill Schildmacher, were all Nittany captains with the exception of Senior.

Kolber made it two records as he lowered his own Penn State mark in the 220 down to 2:22.2.

Flashing to a surprise double victory, Al Lucidi raced 50 yards in 25.3 to beat teammate Long by a whisker. He then stroked to a 15-yard win in the 100-yard dash. Cas Borowy also came in for double honors as he anchored the 300-medley team to its first win of the year. Rod Waters backstroked to a ten-yard lead. Then, surprisingly, the breaststroke leg increased the margin to 25 yards with Jim Davies doing the butterfly.

Outdistancing his rivals by 30 yards, Dick Hamilton captured his sixth backstroke conquest.

Collision Spills Lion Relaymen

At nearly every track meet, especially on narrow indoor boards, there is at least one spill, but mixups are getting on the monotonous and annoying side for the Penn State mile relayers.

At the Knights of Columbus games in New York's Madison Square, garden Saturday night, the Nittany mile relay quartet had its second running mishap in succession.

Bill Lockhart, John Lauer, and Guy Kay brought the baton to anchorman John McCall all-even with runners from Manhattan, Colgate, and St. Johns. But, McCall took no more than two strides when, without knowing what happened, he was tripped and sent sprawling off the track.

Only other Penn State competitor, Lion cross-country leader Bill Ashenfelter, was given a running lesson by brother Horace in the two-mile run which the older Ash won in 9:07. Bill was nudged from a medal-winning third position by a half-stride.

Bob Kenyon's brilliant twists and somersaults were offered little competition as he took down top low-board diving honors. Bob Richardson, Kenyon's stablemate, showed much improvement—a factor which earned him a second place.

State Gymnasts Top Temple 52-44; Valentino Wins Again

Gathering necessary strength and showing too much depth throughout their lineup, the Penn State gymnasts stopped Temple Saturday in Rec hall, 52-44.

The win enabled the Lions to end a three-week victory famine and conclude the dual meet season with a 3-3 record.

Rudy Valentino tumbled his way to his 6th first place of the year and thus kept his season slate unblemished.

Benner Wins

Dave Benner opened the meet by winning on the sidehorse. Benner was making his last appearance before the home crowd.

Temple took the lead, temporarily, after the horizontal-bar event which John Gallante captured. State regained the lead in the next event, the rope-climb, and held it throughout the meet.

Dave Schultz far surpassed the

other climbers in that event, reaching the top in 4.2 seconds. Jim Hazen, State, and Bob Allen, Temple, tied for second with a 5.0 time.

The parallel-bars honors went to Charlie Koessian, captain of the Owl team, but Dave Douglass, Tom Campbell, and Bill Humphries combined to finish 2-3-4 and win the event for the Nittanians.

Gallante Wins Two

Gallante took his second individual victory of the meet on the flying rings but the performances of Hazen and Bill Hendrickson, who finished second and third, offset the Temple man's win.

Valentino had little trouble taking the tumbling honors, although hindered by a cold. Nevertheless, he panted and puffed his way through a good enough routine to win by 39 points.

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