

Cagers' 2d Half Rally Stops Army Threat, 85-73

Lions Notch 15th Straight Win; Play Penn on Road Tomorrow

By DAVE COLTON

With additional confidence from their two championship performances over the weekend, Coach Elmer Gross' courtmen are prepared to meet Penn in Philadelphia tomorrow night in the first game of the Lions' toughest week of the campaign.

Besides tomorrow night's encounter with the Red and Blue, the rampaging Lions must face Colgate Friday and Syracuse Saturday in other away games.

Saturday afternoon at West Point State's cagers put on one of their most impressive displays of the season as they rallied to defeat an aroused Army squad, 85-73.

Arnelle Breaks Record

The victory increased the Nittanians' victory string to 15 and elevated their seasonal record to 17-1. Terrific shooting by both sides highlighted the contest, which was witnessed by 4500 spectators, plus a large television audience.

The Lions broke two more records in the affair. Jesse Arnelle, six-five frosh, continued his tremendous scoring pace with 24 points to give him a total of 327. This broke the all-time State single season record of 319, set by Lou Lamie, captain of last year's quintet.

The Blue and White also scored the most tallies ever recorded against a West Point team. The Lions' 85 points bettered the 84 markers scored by Villanova in 1948.

Army repeatedly hit with outside shots to jump to an alarming early advantage. After Arnelle opened the scoring with a field goal, Army's deadeyes garnered ten straight points before the New Rochelle freshman countered with a nice hook. The Cadets kept peppering away and built a 24-11 first quarter lead.

Army Pours on Pace

Fred Meyers, a six-foot freshman, paced the Cadets' phenomenal shooting parade with ten points in the first quarter. The home team made 9 of its first 11 attempts and had a 64 percent shooting average at the end of the quarter.

Army partisans continued their wild cheering as the Cadets maintained their torrid pace in the opening minutes of the second period. Meyers made another set shot shortly after the quarter began to give the Cadets a 29-14 lead, their largest of the afternoon.

State then began to retaliate with some of the fanciest sharpshooting of the campaign. Co-captain Tiny McMahan, repeated his great clutch play of the Rhode Island contest, and sank two remarkable hooks. Meyers hooped another one hand push from the side, but Co-captain Hardy Williams drove down the middle and cut the cords with a neat jump shot. Army now led 31-20.

Sherry Comes Through

Moments later another Lion, Ronnie Weidenhammer, took up the burden with three quick baskets. The Kutztown flash's third tally narrowed the Cadets' edge to 36-28.

By this time Army's shooting percentage was dropping with their lead, and State's height advantage began to take its toll. Jack Sherry came through with seven points and Arnelle's five additional tallies sliced Army's intermission lead to 45-41.

Williams and Sherry with seven points each led the Lions' second quarter barrage as the Nittanians outscored the Cadets 30-21 in this blazing ten minutes. The West Pointers were still sailing along with a great 52 percent shooting average.

At the start of the second half Arnelle and Herm Sledzik scored quick goals and Williams a one pointer to give State a tempo.

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Aids in Clutch



Tiny McMahan

AGD, Chi O Capture Third IM Victories

Alpha Gamma Delta and Chi Omega won their third consecutive games in badminton and bowling, respectively, in the women's intramurals last night.

Alpha Gamma Delta's badminton team defeated Simmons. Other teams losing to Alpha Gamma Delta are Co-op and Kappa Alpha Theta.

On the bowling alleys Chi Omega rolled over Delta Zeta, 501-473. Atherton West and Phi Sigma Sigma are other victims of Chi Omega.

In the other badminton games, McAllister swept Thompson B. Kappa Alpha Theta defeated Co-op. Atherton East bettered Delta Gamma. Beta Sigma Omicron rebounded after last week's loss to Atherton East by defeating Sigma Delta Tau.

Atherton West's bowlers topped Theta Phi Alpha, 543-421, and Kappa Delta forfeited to Leonides. Ginny Hinner of Chi Omega and Connie Wellen of Atherton West tied for high scores of the evening with 129. Hinner was high scorer last Monday night with 139 points.

The first half of intramural activities ends Thursday night.

Bixler Named Grid Assistant at Penn

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18—(AP)—George Munger, head football coach at the University of Pennsylvania, got another top drawer assistant today—Paul O. Bixler, former gridiron chief at Colgate and Ohio State.

Bixler resigned recently as head coach at Colgate on grounds that the athletic powers at the Red Raider school scheduled opponents far too tough for his squad. Last year Colgate won four, lost three and tied one.

Diamond in Rough

Penn State's Olympic-bound trainer, Charles (Chuck) Medlar, is assistant coach of the Nittany Lion baseball team.

Gymnasts Down Navy For 2d Win

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

Surprising strength shown by Penn State's tumblers and rope climbers provided a comfortable margin for Gene Wettstone's charges as they rolled to an easy 58-38 win against Navy's gym team at Rec Hall Saturday.

The win was the Lions' second straight on the home floor and brought their season record to two wins and one defeat.

Dave Shultz made a fine showing in the rope climbing event for the Nittanians as he traveled the 20-foot distance in four seconds flat to tie Charlie Wiseman of Navy for first place.

Baffa 4th on Rope

Ray Crater was the only other Navy ropeman to place in this event, which had been one of the Middies' strong points all year.

Registering a fourth with a 4.4 time was State's Johnny Baffa, who was followed in fifth place by teammate Norman Yu.

As was expected, Navy's Fritz Graf ran away with first place in tumbling with a total of 282 points. His performance was easily the best seen at Rec Hall this season.

Wilkinson Scores

The Lions' act tumbler, Bob Kenyon, tallied 275 points on the mats for second place. It was his highest point total for the year. State's Bob Kriedler also came through with his top performance of the campaign. He tallied 242 to capture a vital third place.

Captain Owen Wilkinson added another point to the Nittany cause in the tumbling event when he finished fifth.

In the horizontal bar event Jean Cronstedt put on another one of his brilliant performances which was worth a 276 point total and good for first place.

Lawrence Wins 3rd

Little Mario Todaro finished 19 points below Cronstedt on the high bar, good enough for second place for the Lion gymnasts. Karl Schwenzsfeier placed fifth for the Nittanians.

Bobby Lawrence romped to the sidehorse event as he scored 260 points against the Middies. Frank Wick added points to the Nittany cause as he racked up 241 points for second place. Dick Shaffer completed the Lion scoring in this specialty by registering a fourth.

Hazen Takes Rings

In the parallel bars event, Cronstedt took his second first place of the meet with his 277 point total. Fourth place was garnered by Dave Douglass, who made his first start of the year on the p-bars.

Jim Hazen captured his second first place of the year in the rings event as he scored 269 points against the Middies. Third and fourth places were registered by Tony Procopio and Schwenzsfeier, respectively.

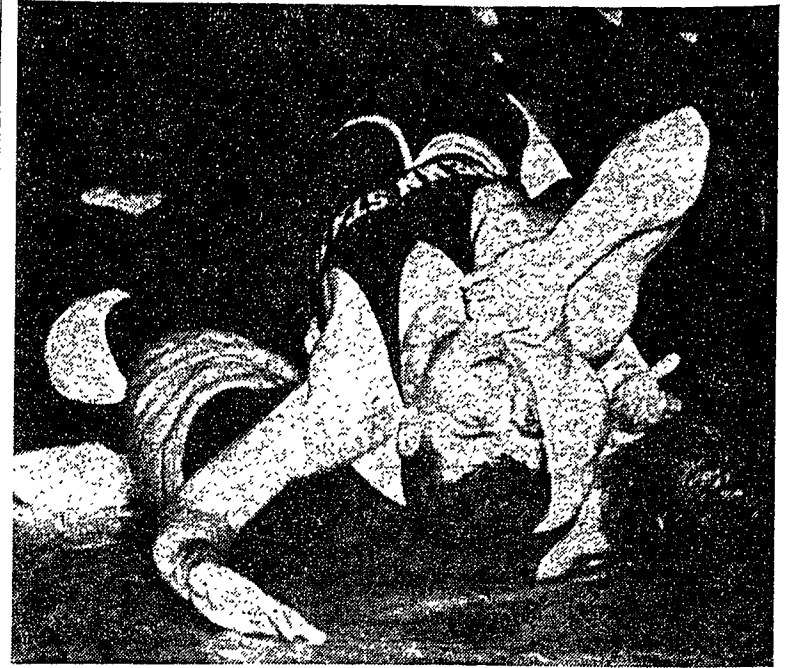
Report Walcott Agreed To Title Bout With Ez

NEW YORK, Feb. 18—(AP)—A spokesman for the New York State Athletic Commission announced today it had received a telegram from the manager of Jersey Joe Walcott saying the world heavyweight boxing champion had agreed to meet Ezzard Charles in a title bout.

"Walcott has complied with the commission's request," the commission spokesman said.

Bob Christenberry, commission chairman, recently gave Walcott until Feb. 17 to agree to a title bout, or be stripped of his championship. With Feb. 17 falling on Sunday, Christenberry extended the time to today.

'Let Me Up, Will Ya?'



—Photo by McNeillie

JOE LEMYRE, the Nittany Lions 167 pounder starts a reverse on Syracuse's Hank Gobetz during their match in Rec Hall Saturday. Joe survived a rugged first round and went on to win, 10-5. Charlie Speidel's matmen stretched their unbeaten dual meet streak to 17.

Matmen Top Syracuse As 3 Suffer 1st Setbacks

By JAKE HIGHTON

Proving conclusively that they are a solid, well-balanced team and not just a group of individual stars, Penn State's matmen scored a brilliant team victory Saturday night despite the fact that three previously unbeaten wrestlers were toppled from their favored positions.

In an edge-of-seat, tense duel in Rec Hall the Lions emphasized their Eastern supremacy with a 17-11 triumph over a powerful Syracuse mat team loaded for Lion but instead sufferer of its first defeat of the season.

Three Chosen Top 'Athletes of Week'

For the first time this year, three men have been designated as "Athletes of the Week" by the Daily Collegian sports staff.

Those named were wrestler Hud Samson, gymnast Jean Cronstedt, and basketball player Jesse Arnelle.

Samson ran his dual meet record to 5-1 with a body press and half nelson pin of Chuck Dinkelmeyer in 6:52. Samson's pin was the crushing blow as far as Syracuse was concerned.

Up to that time, the Orange had a chance to win the match provided Dinkelmeyer could turn the tables. Samson, however, put an end to all Syracuse dreams of an upset as he stretched State's lead to 17-6.

Cronstedt, the "Flying Finn," captured two first places to pace State's gym team to a 58-38 victory over Navy. The lanky freshman took first places in horizontal bar competition and the parallel bars with point totals of 276 and 277, respectively. His performances drew a roar of approval from the large crowd.

To no one's surprise, Arnelle, one of the outstanding freshman cagers in the country, broke the individual scoring record of 319 set last year by Captain Lou Lamie.

The husky center banked in 24 points Saturday at Army to erase the old record by eight points. Arnelle's total has now reached 327 points, an average of 18.1 per game. He zoomed over the 300 mark at Rhode Island State the night before with 18 markers.

Played Baseball

Charles (Chuck) Medlar, who'll cater to Uncle Sam's athletes in his newly-acquired job as trainer for the 1952 Olympic Games, once played organized baseball in Beaumont and Buffalo. A sore arm prompted his return to college and, upon the death of Jack Hulme in 1946, he was named Penn State athletic trainer. He's an alumnus of Penn State.

Tennis Managers

Students interested in tennis managements may sign up at the athletic office in Old Main.

The Orange, the last team to beat the Nittanians in dual meet competition, made a spirited attempt to repeat its 1950 Rec Hall conquest but had to settle for the title of toughest foe yet while becoming State's sixth victim of the season and 17th in order.

D. Lemyre, Maurey Win
Don Frey's phenomenal 13 straight undefeated collegiate dual meet mark, as well as Bob Homan's and Lynn Illingworth's five-match unspotted records fell before the power switches and power-running escapes of Syracuse to dampen an otherwise striking win.

But it was Joe Lemyre, Doug Frey, and Hud Samson who supplied the Lions' "team" strength as they contributed sparkling victories after the match was tied 6-6 with four bouts to go and the outcome greatly in doubt.

Samson's Pin Decides
Taken down by Syracuse's Chuck Dinkelmeyer, Hud escaped a cradle before the match was a minute old. Hud again narrowly avoided a pin en route to pulling a falling reverse. Starting the third at disadvantage Hud squirmed loose from a near fall, escaped, scored a takedown to trail 7-8 and then as suddenly as he was so nearly pinned, ended it with a half-nelson and body press at 6:52.

The unfamiliar sight of Don Frey losing was thus quickly forgotten by the drama which followed. Don was upended by a tough 147 pound frosh Ed Rooney and a bad case of tonsillitis, 6-3.

To get his sixth straight win of the year, 130 pound Dick Lemyre displayed great strength as well as his usual speed to manhandle the Orange's rubbery EIWA runner and Captain Lou Tschirhart, 9-2.

Gerry Maurey also got by a worthy foe in Bob Bury for his second win in as many varsity starts at 137 pounds. Gerry swiftly and adroitly danced away from Bury's leg takedown attempts. Then Gerry took the offensive to win 6-2.

One of the sharpest Lion performances of the evening was turned in by veteran Joe Lemyre who for the first time this season flashed the skill and form of his unforgettable duel with Navy's Thomas in the Easterns.

In a rapid-reversing duel similar to the Thomas fight, Joe utilized

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