

Lions Turn Back St. Francis 69-63 in Scrimmage Contest

Big Maurice Stokes of St. Francis College did everything on the court but blow the referee's whistle Saturday night as he jump-shot his way to 30 points, but all his scoring was of no avail as the Red Flashes quintet bowed to the Nittany Lions, 69-63.

The Frankies displayed superb ball handling and passing but weren't able to connect on their shots until too late in the game. They only converted on 14 1/2 percent of their shots during the first half and had an over-all percentage of 19.

A near capacity crowd saw the Lions stop a strong last-quarter surge by the Frankies and avenge an earlier practice tilt setback.

Leading Scorer

With but five minutes left in the last half, the Frankies had wiped out an 11-point deficit and had taken the lead for the first time, 53-51. Ronnie Weidenhammer made it 52 points on a foul shot, but the Frankies came right back with a free throw by Jim Dugan. A quick layup by Captain Herm Sledzik tied it up, and three points by Jesse Arnelle put the Lions ahead.

The Flashes tried again to overtake the Lions as Stokes, the game's leading scorer, dropped in a beautiful jump shot from near the foul line.

But the stubborn Lions countered with three more points by Arnelle and an overhead corner shot, a layup, and a foul by Sledzik to put the game on ice. And for added insurance, Weidenhammer and Bob Rohland converted on four free throws.

Held to 6 Points

Arnelle was State's leading scorer with 17, and Sledzik was second with 16.

Using their sliding zone defense and double teaming, Coach Elmer Gross's men were able to hold Stokes to a mere six points the first half and forced the Frankies to do most of their scoring on foul shots. Thirty-five of their points were by the free throw route.

The Staters were pressed by a man to man defense and took to outside set shots to loosen it up. Scoring on 27 1/2 per cent of their

shots during the first half, the Lions were able to command a 33-24 lead at half-time. State's overall shooting percentage was 25.

Outstanding Player

Soon after the start of the second half, the Lions ran up an 11-point margin on some sets by Haag and Weidenhammer and several jumps by Jack Sherry. But the Flashes, using their fast break, began to pick up tempo. "Jocko" Clancy and Stokes were able to whittle down the score to 49-44 at the end of the third quarter. Their second half drive started too late as the Lions were able to score 20 points in the last quarter to take the contest.

Stokes lived up to a comment by Gross that "he (Stokes) was one of the outstanding players in the country." The 6-6 pivot man scored mostly on jump shots and tip-ins, and his passing and ballhandling set up most of the scoring chances. He scored 24 of his points in the second half. Clancy, a 6-1 senior from Pittsburgh, was the Frankies' second high scorer with 16.

BASKETBALL FREE THROWS—Gene Phelps, of St. Francis, left the game in the fourth quarter because of a pulled muscle. Both Sledzik, Arnelle, and Sherry had more than five fouls, but because it was a practice game they were able to stay in.

Stokes is definitely all-America material and is probably one of the best players Penn State will see this year. He grabbed 21 rebounds. High in rebounding for State was Arnelle with 12 and Sledzik, Piorkowski, with 8 apiece. St. Francis made 35 out of 55 foul shots.

SUMMARIES

Penn State			St. Francis		
FG	FT	Totals	FG	FT	Totals
Sledzik	7	2	12	6	8
Haag	5	2	17	2	16
Arnelle	6	5	7	10	30
Sherry	3	1	2	1	1
Piorkowski	2	3	3	3	3
Rohland	2	3	1	1	3
Weidenhammer	4	3	1	2	2
Hill	1	1	14	35	63
Scoring by Quarters					
Penn State			14	19	20
Saint Francis			12	12	19

Court Clinic Is 'Success'

The Penn State basketball clinic held Saturday was termed a "success" yesterday by Lion Coach Elmer Gross, director of the program. State played host to some 86 coaches and officials and 200 high school players at the first clinic since 1941.

The coaches came from as far away as suburban Philadelphia to hear a four-hour discussion and explanation on basketball fundamentals, new rule changes for the season, and common basketball injuries. The afternoon's program was climaxed by the Lion-St. Francis practice scrimmage in the evening, which the Lions won, 59-63.

The proceedings opened with a short demonstration on basketball fundamentals by Dr. John Lawther, former Lion coach and present assistant dean on the Phys Ed school. This was followed by Gross using the Penn State varsity to demonstrate different types of zone defenses.

Trainer Chuck Medlar explained several ways of taping up the ankle, knee, and hand, and discussed keeping players in top condition. Then Freshman Coach John Egli showed the fast breaks and other offensive patterns using his freshman for demonstrations.

An official explained the new rule changes including the foul rule that gives a second free throw if the first one is missed.

Tentative plans are being made to make the basketball clinic and other major sport clinics annual events at the College.

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35 Given Letters at Grid Dinner

Fourteen seniors, including student manager Ben Thompson, numbered among the 35 players who were voted gold awards for their services to Penn State football this year at a banquet held Monday at Camp Hate-to-Leave-It.

It was announced that Richard Crafton will be head manager of the team in 1953. Crafton attended St. Vincent Prep and is a junior in pre-law. He will succeed Thompson, a journalism major from Ridgeway, who graduates next spring.

The principal speaker at the affair, sponsored by the Titan Metal Co. of Bellefonte, was Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. Coach Rip Engle gave out the letters to his players. Movies of the Penn State-Pittsburgh tilt were shown.



Dick Crafton

Manager-elect Crafton's first assistants were named. They are Jack Greiner, Jim Scott, and Al Schneirov.

The complete list of monogram winners is as follows:

SENIORS: Backs Bill Leonard and Ted Kemmerer, State College, and Bob Pollard, Berwyn; linemen Joe Gratson, Leisenring; Stewart Scheetz, Lansdale; Jim Dooley, Williamsport; Bob Smith, Bentleyville; Don Barney, Erie; Dan Van Sichel, Corydon; Herb Raifsnider, Chambersburg; Carl Pfirman, Williamsport; Joe Yukica, Midland; and Dave Simon, East Millsboro, and manager Ben Thompson, Ridgeway.

SOPHOMORES: Backs: Don Bailey, Pittsburgh, and Buddy Rowell, Erie; linemen Don Balthaser, Reading; Don Shank, Norristown; Orville Haldeman, Lititz; Sam Green, Pottstown; Gene Danser, Monessen; Alfred Bowden, Seaford, Del.; Roosevelt Grier, Roselle, N.J.; Danny DeFalco, New Castle; Jack Sherry, Philadelphia; Jim Garrity, Monaca; and Jesse Arnelle, New Rochelle, N.Y.

JUNIORS: Backs: Don Eyer, Chambersburg; Keith Vesling, Clarendon; Tony Rados, Steelton; Matt Yanosich, Midland; Pete Shopa, Blakely; and Dick Jones, Bellevue; and linemen Pete Schoderbek, Drexelsne, and Don Malinak, Steelton.

Soccermen Cop 5th Whitewash At Hands of Foreigners, 5 - 0

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

The long layoff the Nittany Lion soccer team has had the past two weeks didn't show a bit Saturday as the Jeffrey men continued their airtight play in whitewashing a team composed of foreign students and faculty members, 5-0, at the Beaver Field baseball diamond.

It was the Lion booter squad's fifth straight decision and its fifth shutout of the campaign.

And the soggy turf, combined with near-freezing temperatures, gave both teams chilblains before the afternoon had passed.

The Foreigners made a good battle of it for the first half of the fray, holding the Nittanies to a 1-0 lead after 44 minutes. This was probably due to the fine defensive work of Foreigner goalie and team captain, Rustom Roy. Roy's brilliant stops around the general areas of the net entrance minimized the Lion score greatly in the first two periods.

Coach Bill Jeffrey's charges drew first blood at the opening of the second period when Jack Pinezich, the Lions' high scorer and new seasonal goal titleholder, with 23 goals, blasted the ball into the net to give the Nittanies a 1-0 halftime margin.

Jeffrey cleared the bench during the course of the game, which gave him an opportunity to see the possibilities of some of the second-stringers, including freshman sensation Dick Packer, who

started on the Lion freshman booter team this fall.

In the fourth quarter Packer showed his stuff when he found the net on two occasions to give the Lions a final score of 5-0. Packer went in for Pinezich at the center forward slot.

The Foreigners, who played a top-notch brand of defensive soccer in the early stages of the game, were obviously victims of lack of condition. As they began to tire in the third period, their guard also fell.

And the Nittany kickers were quick to take advantage, as wingman Lynn Thomann, third-high Lion scorer this year, dealt the Foreigners a double dose of poison by registering two goals in the third period to give the Jeffrey men a 3-0 lead going into the fourth frame.

Penn State's defense was, as usual, superb. The stone wall of fullbacks Paul Dierks and Hap Irvin and the clever trio of halfbacks, Captain Kurt Klaus, Frank Follmer, and Jack Charlton, made offensive attack a difficult problem for the Foreigners. State's reserve backfielders continued in fine fashion after the starters

were removed, keeping the Foreigner attack well under control.

The game served as a warm-up for the "still-waiting" Jeffrey men. No word has come from St. Louis yet about a possible Soccer Bowl bid Dec. 28.

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