

# Cagers Take 2d Win, 62-50

## Presidents' Offense Is Stalled By Double-Teaming Tactics

By TED SOENS

Using close double-teaming tactics, the Nittany Lions were able to take their second win of the season Saturday night by dropping the Presidents of Washington and Jefferson, 62-50.

The Presidents' offense stalled repeatedly as the aggressive Lion forwards "bottled up" the players and stole the ball, and if the W&J quintet did get past midcourt then the Lions would drop back into their sliding zone defense.

### Tie With 13 Tallies

Again, Penn State's two big guns took top honors in the scoring column. Although off on his shooting, making six for 23, Jesse Arnelles was high point-getter with 20 and close behind him came Captain Herm Sledzik. His eight for 19 shots and two fouls totaled 18 points.

The Presidents had John Moizer and Joe Richards tie in the points. Both had 13 tallies.

But for the second night in a row it was small, speedy Jim Brewer who captured the crowd's eye. His shifting, stop-go dribbling and hard pressing set up many scoring chances.

### Good Ball Stealing

About 4800 partisan fans saw the Lions take sweet revenge over the same team that defeated them last year in a close contest. The way the Presidents opened the first quarter it looked like a repeat. In the first two minutes they dropped in six quick points, on two fast jumps by Moizer and Dane Weber's foul shots.

But the surprise defensive work and stealing by the Lions gave them too many shots at the basket and scoring on 34 percent of their attempts, the Lions quickly closed the gap.

The visitors had a fine shooter in 6-5 Moizer, but once the Staters caught on to his unusual jump, the scoring punch lagged and at the end of the quarter the Lions had the edge, 25-14. The Presidents made 43 percent of their shots in the first quarter.

### 41-29 At Half

With Richards hitting on his effective push shot from the corner, the Presidents made their only serious bid of the evening to catch up and came within four points of the Lions in the second quarter.

But the ball-hawking Lions wouldn't allow W&J the pleasure as repeated steals by Joe Piorkowski, Jack Sherry, and Ed Haag helped Arnelles and Sledzik to build on the nine point lead. At the end of the half the score stood 41-29 in favor of the home team with the Lions scoring on a total of 31 per cent of the shots and the visitors on 30 per cent.

### Full Court Press

In the beginning of the third quarter Haag made a nice block of Richards drive and layup and yelled out of the game on fouls. Three points later, the Presidents' Don Fuhr went out on the five foul rule.

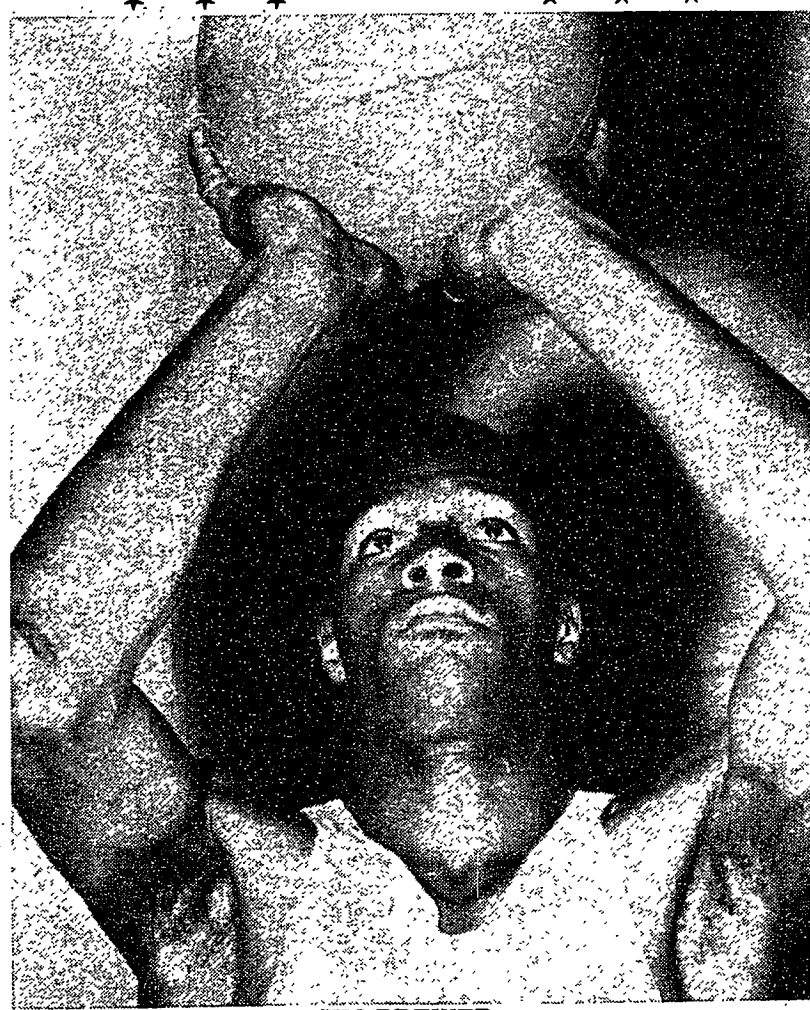
From the start of the second half to the final whistle, the Lions held a comfortable lead. The Presidents did change tactics momentarily in the fourth quarter and resorted to a half hearted full court press—but it didn't work out too well as quick passes by Ronnie Weidenhammer and Brewer through the widely spread defense set up some easy layups.

**BASKETBALL FREE THROWS**—Captain Herm Sledzik has been playing excellent ball these past two games. He has improved considerably in his shooting and is second in scoring with an average of 17 per game.

### Summary

P. State	Fg	Ft	W&J	Fg	Ft	Tl	
Sledzik, f.	8	2-7	18	Weber, f.	0	2-3	2
Haag, f.	1	1-1	3	Moizer, f.	4	5-8	13
Arnelles, c.	6	8-12	20	Oblom, c.	0	2-2	2
Sherry, g.	2	2-4	6	McGillphey, g.	0	1-1	1
Piorkowski, g.	4	1-1	9	Alvarez, g.	3	2-3	8
Widmer, m.	1	1-1	3	Richards, g.	4	5-11	13
Brewer, g.	1	1-2	3	Thornberry, g.	2	3-3	7
Rohland, g.	0	0-4	0	Godfrey, g.	0	1-1	1
Phillips, g.	0	0-0	0	Fuhr, g.	0	1-2	1
				Kushner, g.	1	0-0	2
				Krebs, g.	0	0-0	0
Totals	23	16-32	62	Totals	14	22-34	50

Score by periods—  
Penn. State 25 16 10 11—62  
Wash-Jeff 14 15 9 12—50  
Officials—Allison, Mihalick.



JIM BREWER

## Lion Cagers Employ A Sliding Defense

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Now that the 1952-53 basketball season is under way for Coach Elmer Gross' men, there is no better time than the present to review the style of play that Penn State's courtmen will probably employ in the remainder of their games.

As in the past two campaigns, the Nittany basketball team will use the sliding zone defense, with some variations in their pattern of stopping the opposition.

In the aforementioned style as the Grossmen move from one side of the court to the other, the defensive player farthest from the ball will move to the part of the court closest to the ball and face that direction.

This type of play does not vary too widely from the plain zone defense. The main job of defensive players in the zone is to play the ball. Each defender is assigned to a specific area. When an opponent with the ball enters the area, the defender may try unorthodox tactics in trying to gain possession of the ball. If he fails he usually can count on his teammates behind or to the side of him to render defensive assistance to cover his tactics.

Some of the other patterns of zone defense the Lions may use are the 2-1-2, 3-2, and 1-3-1.

The 2-1-2 is the most common type of zone defense. Here the middle man moves up front to form a 3-2 at times, or moves to the rear line of defense to form a 2-3. The chief strength of this style lies in the compactness of the defense deployment in the keyhole area.

In the 2-3 defense, which is intended for greater rebounding strength underneath the defensive basket, there is greater protection against guard-around set screen plays or short one-handed set shots from the corners. The prime weaknesses of this system lies in the offensive ability to overload on the outside with three men who take medium long set-shots, and to use height of a pivot man in and around the free area at the foul line.

The most frequently employed system is probably the 1-3-1 defense. The other zone defenses if has its fence. It is supposed to be effective against a team which has one

big man who is a high scorer from weaknesses also. The most obvious ones are on the outside against a good set-shooting team and the ease of offensive over-loading against the corner man to set up scoring plays from there.

In the zone defense the players are chiefly interested in the ball. The man is secondary consideration. Effort is made to keep between the ball and the basket so that an interception may be attempted at any time.

Opponents are guarded only when they invade a particular territory or have the ball. Considerable defensive teamwork is possible because each player slides from one territory to another, confident his teammates will support him in case an opponent with the ball manages to drive around him.

The most productive use of the zone defense is against a fast, short passing, give-and-take team. Paradoxically, a good passing team should be able to create many scoring opportunities against this zone. Nevertheless, the zone defense normally will clog the usual passing and scoring lanes and prevent a good short passing team from reaching its usual level of colorful efficiency. By playing the ball, and not the man, the defensive players are less apt to be feinted out of position, or to be screened out in pick-off plays as in a set screen game, or to be jockeyed into each other by smartly maneuvering offensive players.

The zone defense may be used as an effective base for the lightning-like fast break. With the proper men in rebounding position and the two or three speedy men up-court, ready to convert instantly from defense to offense, fast break tactics are distinct features of most zone defenses.

## Jeffrey Given Leave To Teach in 'Rico'

Bill Jeffrey, Penn State soccer coach, has been granted a leave to accept a teaching-coaching assignment at the University of Puerto Rico next semester.

The Lion veteran said today that he planned to fly to Mayaguez during the Christmas holidays to inspect university facilities and also to seek housing for his family. He plans to take his wife and daughter with him if suitable housing is available.

Early negotiations indicate that the university will expect him to overhaul its athletic program, with particular emphasis on soccer, and at the same time assist in the development of the institution's industrial engineering curriculum.

Several Penn State alumni, notably Ramon I. Gil, Penn State soccer captain in 1925, recommended him and joined the university in urging him to accept the assignment.

The executive committee of the Board of Trustees approved the leave for the period from February 1 to June 30, 1953.

This appointment necessitated that he decline still another invitation from U.S. Army Special Services to return to Germany next spring on a soccer clinic assignment.

## Frosh Defeat Jayvees 58-44 For First Win

By DICK MCDOWELL

A speedy, smooth-passing freshman basketball team retaliated from an earlier "three quarter" setback and defeated the junior varsity quintet, 58-44, Saturday night in Rec Hall. The frosh had been beaten by the JV's Friday night, 36-26, in a game that was prematurely ended in the third quarter.

With lanky Earl Fields showing the way, the frosh jumped off to a swift 8-0 lead and never relinquished it to the more experienced JV's. Fields, who kept the nets hot with seven field goals and three free throws, tied with the JV's Jim Blocker for scoring honors. The pair had 17 points apiece.

The frosh were never threatened after getting off to their quick start, and at one time led by 20 points. A fast breaking offense and fine passing attack made the difference. Of course, the story could have been different Friday night, too. Had the game been allowed to continue to its full extent, the score could have been different. Then too, freshman Coach John Egli used a set first team in Saturday's contest. Friday Egli employed a "three platoon" system in an effort to single out his best five players.

Speedsters Hugo Mori and Hal Brown were key men in the freshman victory. Mori, an excellent dribbler and ball handler, had a hand in most of the frosh's fast breaks and tallied 11 points. Brown did just about everything. The smooth guard dribbled, passed, shot, and plucked rebounds from the taller JV's with the grace that is becoming to a pro. He poured in seven field goals for 14 points; second high for the yearlings.

Ed Rudler, a husky six footer, played aggressive ball under the boards, scoring 10 points, and taking several rebounds to help the freshman cause. The frosh will meet the Bucknell freshmen Friday night in Rec Hall. They will be going after their second win in three starts.

Freshmen	Fg	Ft	Fp	Tp
Marisa, f.	1	0	0	2
Rudler, f.	3	4	4	10
Fields, f.	7	5	2	17
Hauck, c.	0	0	0	0
Lank, c.	2	0	0	4
Brown, g.	2	0	0	14
Mori, g.	4	4	3	11
Martynuska, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	13	10	58
Junior Varsity	Fg	Ft	Fp	Tp
Garrity, f.	4	0	0	8
Jackson, f.	1	3	2	5
Blocker, c.	3	5	7	17
Gutschell, g.	2	0	0	6
Brusfield, g.	2	2	1	5
Gross, g.	1	2	1	3
Totals	16	16	12	44

## Sports Briefs

### No Tie Allowed

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Detroit Lions and the Los Angeles Rams will play until somebody wins next Sunday. There will be no tie game.

Bert Bell, commissioner of the National Football League, said that should the score of the play-off game for the National Conference title at Detroit be tied at the end of the regulation game, the teams will start a fifth quarter and the first one to score, wins.

The game will start at 1:30 p.m. EST and the winner qualified to meet the Cleveland Browns, American Conference champion, in the NFL title game at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium Dec. 28.

### Bucs Sign Janowicz

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15 (AP)—Catcher Vic Janowicz, just out of the Army, signed a two year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates today and will report to their training camp next spring.

Janowicz, former Ohio State grid star, batted .356 in 61 army games with the 37th Division Ohio Buckeyes. He plans to work this winter in Elyria, Ohio.

### Groza to Play

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15 (AP)—X-rays showed today that Lou Groza, star place kicker and tackle for the Cleveland Browns, suffered a rib separation, not a broken rib, in yesterday's game with the New York Giants.

That means he will be able to play in the National Football League championship game here Dec. 28, said Dr. Vic Ippolito, team doctor.

### Hanging Up Gloves?

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson was back in town today from the Boston cabaret flood lights and there were fresh reports that his retirement as middleweight champion is only hours away.

A close friend and advisor of the 31-year-old titleholder said Robinson has prepared his retirement announcement and is ready to submit it to Abe Greene, commissioner of the National Boxing Association.

Penn State's 7 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie in 1952 represented its best football season since 1948.