

# Gymnasts, Matmen Triumph in Weekend Contests

## TV Fans View Lions 25th Win

By SAM PROCOPIO

It's five down and four to go for the Nittany Lions' third unbeaten wrestling season. Coach Charlie Speidel's two-time Eastern Intercollegiate champions' next scheduled dual meet is with Cornell on Saturday at Ithaca.

Penn State's matmen came up with a surprising 28-5 win over Syracuse last Saturday, winning their fifth meet of the '53 campaign and their 25th in succession.

The New York wrestling fans observed some mat know-how from the Nittany Lion grapplers when they witnessed the dual meet on TV. The first three matches were won by falls.

### Fornicola Scores Pin

Starting the parade of pins was EWA champion Bob Homan. The 123-pounder, winner of eight successive dual meets, pinned Bob Hillman in 5:54 with a shoulder stand.

Putting the Lions ahead 10-0 was Bellefonte's surprise package, Larry Fornicola. The aggressive matman scored his pin with a chancery and bar in 7:39. Fornicola is among Speidel's unblemished "octette," scoring his fourth victory in a row in the 130-pound class. Two pins in succession is great, but rugged Jerry Maurey also followed with a fall to make the match sensational. Unbeaten in nine matches, Maurey made it ten by pinning his 137-pound opponent, Chuck Debellis, with a reverse cradle in 2:25.

### Don Frey Draws

Co-captain Joe Lemyre closed the "day of pins" in championship style by placing Enva Marinelli's shoulders on the mat in 4:35 with a half nelson and body press after a 4-0 deficit.

Co-captain Don Frey kept his unbeaten skin alive by battling to a 1-1 draw with tough Bob Bury. Don's twin brother, however, lost a close decision to Syracuse's excellent 157-pounder, Ed Rooney.

Improving every match, George Dvorozniak decided his highly-praised opponent, Lee Martin, 3-2.

Heavyweight Hud Samson padded the Lions' score three more points when he scored a 6-2 win over Dick Beyer.

# Lion Cagers Take 12th Victory, 56-42

By TED SOENS

Although they made only 24.7 per cent of their shots the Lion courtmen managed to outshoot Dickinson college last night and gained their third win in a row and the 12th of the season. The final whistle blew with the cagers ahead, 56-42.

The game started out fast enough with the Red Devils scoring the first point. However, two minutes later, Ed Haag, returned with a foul shot for the only tie in the game. From there on the game went into a slow motion with both teams doing a lot of passing but little scoring.

### Lose at Foul Line

A tight zone defense and a poor field goal average (25% for Dickinson) added up to a low scoring first half. The visitors managed to make only six field goals out of 30 attempts in the first half for a percentage of 20. The Lions weren't doing any better hitting on eight out of 37 for a 22 per cent, but led at half time 23-16.

At the foul line during the first half, the Lions hooped seven out of 14 free throws while the Red Devils were hitting on four out of 17.

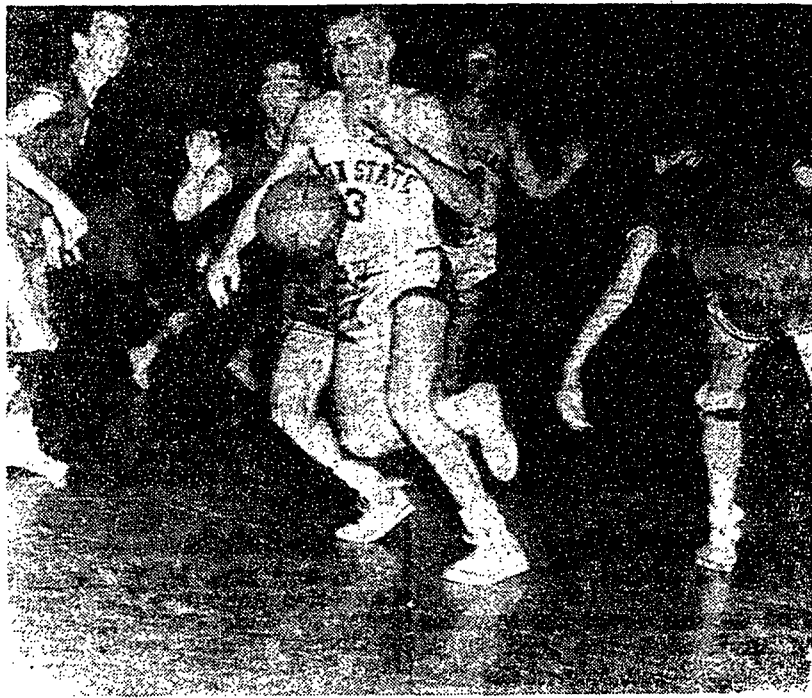
The visitors out-scored the Lions in the third quarter, getting 16 points to 15 for the cagers. At one time Dickinson was within four points of a tie. But superior board control and some fine defensive work by Haag kept the game at a comfortable lead for the Staters.

### Defeat Bucknell

Three quick buckets by Jack Sherry in the final quarter nailed shut the contest. But the real story was at the foul line where the Lions made good on 22 out of 33 foul attempts while the visitors muffed their chance for an upset by making only 12 out of 30 attempts.

This was the second victory in three nights for the Lion cagers. Previous win was on Saturday over hapless Bucknell. Final score of that tilt read 71-49 with Jesse Arnelle the leading scorer with 21 tallies.

The superior height of the Nittany (Continued on page seven)



—Photo by Freeburn  
RON WEIDENHAMMER (with ball) is caught by the camera as he drives toward the basket in last night's game with Dickinson. The Lions won the contest, 56-42, recording their twelfth win of the season. The Penn State player in the background is Jack Sherry. The Dickinson players (left to right) are, Lee Huber, John Dudas, and Niel Graham.

## Gym Team Nips Navy By 5 Points

By GEORGE BAIREY

The all-winning gymnasts remained that way at Annapolis Saturday and securely laid the foundation for the 1953 edition of the EIGA team title by dropping the previously unbeaten Middies of the Naval Academy, 50 1/2-45 1/2.

The loss, coming before the largest winter indoor crowd of the season at McDonough Hall, was Navy's first in Eastern play against one win. Coach Gene Wettstone's ambitious crew gathered in its first Eastern victory and third in the season without loss. Navy overall is 4-1. State has six in a row over two years.

Wettstone had nothing but praise for his entire squad, which came from behind two times, and at one late stage in the meet, was trailing by eight big points.

The gym Lions then proceeded to slam the parallel bar event to give them a scant two-point edge going into the final event. On the parallel bars, all three Lions displaced Navy's Hal Lewis, who finished a distant fourth.

The meet, although Navy didn't know it, was all over after little Karl Schwenzfeier, Lion number-three performer on the flying rings, got off with a 260 total. Navy couldn't beat it—even Lewis didn't come close.

Schwenzfeier's win, coupled with ace Nittany ringman Jim Hazen's "safe" second-place tie, clinched the meet. The veteran Hazen, the unsung hero of the day, sacrificed some of his harder routine to protect the Lion two-point lead.

Four of the six events were swept or near-swept in what Wettstone described as a "weird" match.

The summaries:  
TUMBLING—(1) Fred Graf, Navy, 279; (2) Burt Munson, Navy, 253; (3) Bob Kenyon, Penn State, 247; (4) Bob Kreidler, Penn State, 220; (5) Guy McElroy, Navy, 218.

SIDE HORSE—(1) Bob Lawrence, Penn State, 274; (2) Frank Wick, Penn State, 255; (3) Tony Procopio, Penn State, 232; (4) Mitch Soltys, Navy, 229; (5) Bob Chambers, Navy, 203.

HORIZONTAL BAR—(1) Hal Lewis, Navy, 284; (2) Phil Cronk, Navy, 269; (3) Bob Wolke, Navy, 249; (4) Mario Todara, Penn State, 238; (5) Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 228.

ROPE CLIMB—(1) Dave Schultz, Penn State, 3.9; (2) Merl Norby, Navy, 4.0; (3) Ray Crater, Navy, and Bob Munger, Navy, 4.2 (tie); (5) Johnny Baffa, Penn State, and Bob Boudreau, Penn State, 4.3 (tie).

PARALLEL BARS—(1) Jan Cronstedt, Penn State, 281; (2) Al Wick, Penn State, 266; (3) Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 254; (4) Hal Lewis, Navy, 250; (5) Bob O'Malley, Navy, 234.

FLYING RINGS—(1) Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 260; (2) Jim Hazen, Penn State, and Hal Lewis, Navy, 254, (tie); (4) Ned Schuman, Navy, 250; (5), Mike Greenley, Navy, 243.

## Lion Freshmen Beat Bison Cagers, 76-64

By DICK McDOWELL

John Egli's freshman basketball team put on a scoring spree in the second half to defeat the Bucknell frosh, 76-64, Saturday night in Rec Hall.

The frosh, led by Jim Brennan and Bob Hoffman, scored 53 points in the third and fourth quarters to grab their fifth straight victory of the season, but had to come from behind to do it.

Going into the third period, Egli's quintet trailed, 34-24. Then Brennan and Hoffman began to hit. The pair scored 50 points between them, Brennan accounting for 26, and Hoffman, 24.

In winning their fifth, the frosh displayed a fast-breaking, snappy-passing floor game, coupling driving layups with deadly set shots by Brennan and Hoffman.

Hoffman is a newcomer to the yearling squad. He was named to all-WPIAL quintet at Farrell High school last year and played freshman football last fall.

Along with Brennan and Hoffman, Egli had Rudy Marisa, Bob Wainscott, and Bob Christiansen in his starting lineup. The frosh mentor was minus the services of Hal Brown, Earl Fields, and Phil Lang, all regulars, and Ed Rudler, an aggressive reserve.

The frosh have dropped only one contest this season. They lost to Elmer Gross' jayvee quintet in the season opener, but defeated the same team in a return contest.

Penn State		Bucknell	
FG	F Ttl	FG	F Ttl
Brennan, f	12 2-2 26	Gutten'h, f	7 3-2 16
Marisa, f	2 5-3 7	McKenzie, f	2 6-4 8
Wainscott, c	1 3-2 4	Groom, c	3 7-7 13
Hoffman, g	9 8-6 24	Richards, g	2 8-4 8
Christ'sen, g	2 5-3 7	Wain, f	1 2-2 4
Rendulich, g	1 4-3 5	Hendr's, g	3 11-7 13
Holm, f	0 6-3 0	Harder, f	1 0-0 2
Malone, f	0 0-0 0		
Totals	27 43-22 76	Totals	19 37-26 64

Score by quarters:  
 Penn State 8 24 51-76  
 Bucknell 16 34 48-64

### Lacrosse Candidates

Freshman and sophomore candidates for the lacrosse team may sign up tomorrow in 221 Rec Hall. Freshmen are especially needed.

### Rip Coached 3 Sports

Rip Engle, who concentrates on football at Penn State, also coached tennis and golf at Brown University.

## Lions Ollie Sax Nipped At Wire in NAAU 600

Madison Square Garden track fans got a special treat Saturday night at the National AAU track and field meet. They saw Penn State's Ollie Sax give Olympian Mal Whitfield one of the toughest battles in his racing career.

Whitfield won the 600 yard run, setting a new NAAU record at 1:10.4, only .2 second off the world mark, but the sensational Sax led all the way, and although he finished second, was clocked in the identical time.

Sax broke on top at the start and held the lead until the last 50 yards, warding off three attempts by Whitfield to gain the lead. Then, as they came down the stretch, Whitfield came abreast, along with Reggie Pearson, and the trio crossed the finish line in what looked like a lead heat. The judges ruled Whitfield the winner, however, giving second place to Sax.

The race marked the fourth time the pair have met this season, with Whitfield winning all four, one of them a record breaking 500 yard gallop.

Jim Herb tied for third place in the high jump, hitting 6-5 1/2. Herb matched Vic Fritt, a former Penn State performer. Lewis Hall, University of Florida, scored a repeat victory in the event, topping the bar at 6-8 3/4.

Rosey Grier could muster only 9-8 in the shot put to finish sixth in the event. Olympic champion Perry O'Brien won the title, pushing the sphere 55-10 3/4. Freshman Art Pollard, running

as an unattached entry, went as far as the semi-finals in the 60 yard dash before being eliminated. In that race, the speedy freshman got a bad start when his starting blocks slipped and was five yards behind when he got moving.

However, Pollard has one consolation. He whipped Penn's John Haines in the opening heat, and it was Haines who eventually won the championship, pulling a surprise upset.

## Freshmen Whip Sinkers, 56-51,

Penn State's freshman cage quintet picked up its sixth victory in a row last night, defeating the Sinkers, 1952 IM independent champs, 55-51.

The yearlings held a ten-point lead throughout most of the contest. In the closing minutes, the Sinkers, led by Don Malinak and Jim Garrity, narrowed the gap to two points, but couldn't quite catch John Egli's boys.

Jim Brennan led the freshman scorers, tallying 15 points, and Bob Hoffman hit for nine. It was Earl Fields, however, who iced the game for the frosh. The big forward came into the game in the fourth quarter and sunk four successive field goals to give the freshmen a last minute scoring burst.

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