

Wrestlers Capture 28th at Pitt, 16-12

By SAM PROCOPIO

A champion wins like a champion! Coach Charlie Speidel's Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling championship team has done just that in three successive dual meets. Saturday's performance was at the expense of previously unbeaten Pittsburgh, where the Nittany Lions' "pressure boys," Joe Lemyre and Hud Samson, clinched a 16-12 victory.

Going into the 177-pound class, the Panthers were carrying a 12-10 lead. Coach Rex Peery's matmen became the only team this season that passed the 130 division with any kind of a lead.

Lemyre and Samson, however, dampened the lead. Lemyre's decision gave the Lions a slim edge, 13-12, but State's talented heavyweight outplayed his opposition for the third straight dual meet to enhance Penn State's lead three more points and its triumph.

Run-Away Plan

The victory at Pitt's Field House not only extended State's consecutive dual meet victories to 28, but snapped the Panthers' 16 win skein.

Like Doc Carlson's basketball "freezing quintet,"

Pitt's Coach Peery employs what Speidel calls a "running-away winning-plan."

"Our boys had to tackle a different style of wrestling than most schools use," the Lion mentor explained. "Their running-away plan changed our strategy and made our boys chase them."

Dick Remains Unbeaten

The Panthers' plan had its effects shown during the opening encounter when State's EIWA champion lost to Hugh Peery, 18-8. Bob Homan got four points behind by chasing Pitt's ace. Seeing that his only chance to win was to continue his initiative, Homan did just that but was continually taken down by Peery. Perry, however who won his 23d consecutive victory, was unable to hold Speidel's sensational sophomore down for long. Of the five takedowns, two near falls, and two reverses, Homan escaped from Peery's holds six times.

Dick Lemyre, as in previous matches against Cornell and Maryland, put the Lions at even terms, 3-3. Lemyre, the only unbeaten starting wrestler, also put on a scoring exhibition, deciding his 130-pound opponent, John George, 15-5.

Maurey gave the Lions their first lead, 6-3, when he decisioned George Matthews, 6-5. Maurey's escape in the third period gave him a 5-3 lead, but Matthews was awarded two points for Maurey's alleged body slam. Jerry's one-minute time advantage, however, spelled the difference.

Frey's Switch Weights

With only two seconds needed for a win, Doug Frey, moving down to the 147 spot, had to settle for a draw with Pitt's Bob Cook. His brother, Don, who moved up to meet Pitt's fine 157-pounder, Charlie Uram, also battled to a draw. This put the score in State's favor, 10-7.

The tide changed, however, when Joe Solomon, the Panthers' unbeaten 167-pounder, scored a fall with a body press in 2:20 over George Dvorozniak. The score then read in Pitt's favor, 12-10.

Co-captain Joe Lemyre and Samson then followed with their excellent performances, Lemyre winning, 4-0, over Dave Davis, and Samson over Pitt's grid star, Eldred Kraemer, 2-0. In the latter match Penn State witnessed more of Pitt's "running away."

Cagers, Gym Team Post Wins

Lions Romp Over Pitt By 20 Points

By TED SOENS

A revengeful Penn State five successfully closed its home season Saturday night with a 73-53 walloping of the Pitt Panthers. This was the 25th consecutive victory at Rec Hall for the cagers who haven't lost on home territory since the Colgate game in 1951.

The Panthers stubbornly clung to the tail of the Lions during the first half—which ended 26-24—but the country cousins, hitting on 60% of their shots, broke loose in the third quarter for 27 points which sewed up the game.

Four State starters hit in the double figures to pull the Lions to their 15th win in 23 starts.

As the result of such an impressive win, the Pittsburgh Press put the Blue and White in second place for the Tri-State college championship with only the NIT-bound Duquesne Dukes (18-7) in front. This was the second year in a row the Lions were runners-up.

Behind the cagers came West Virginia (whom the Lions also swamped by 20 points) with a 18-6 record. In fourth place was Pitt, who ended their season against the Lions and now own a 12-11 log.

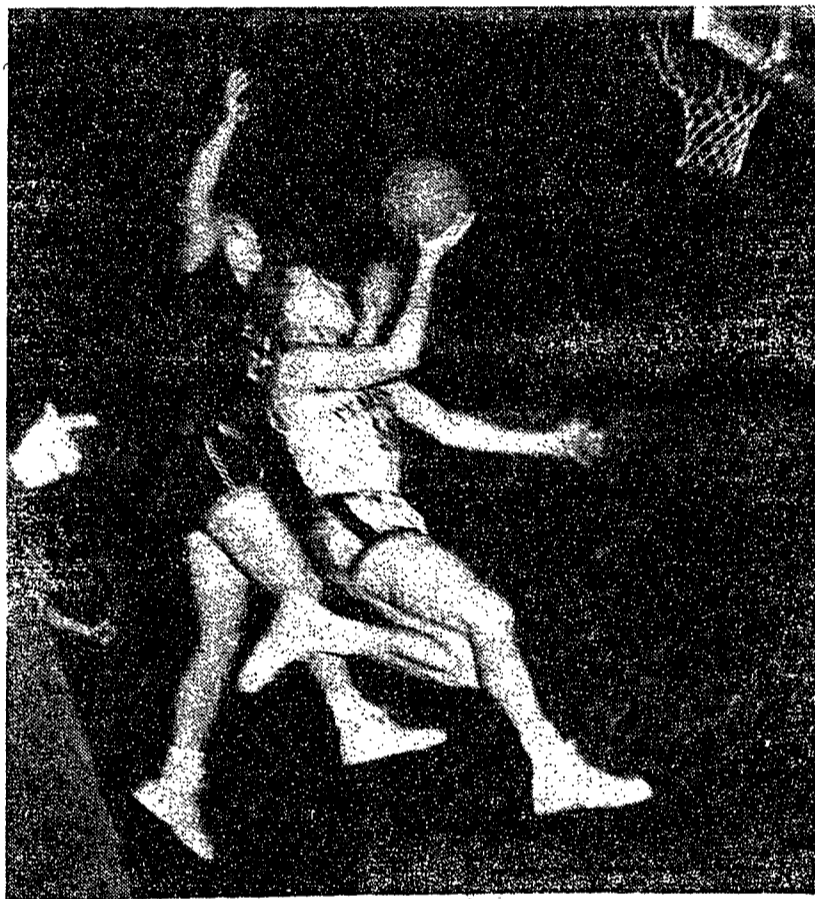
The game started off slow and it wasn't until two minutes had elapsed before Jack Sherry sank a foul to put the Lions ahead. Dick Deitrick, who made four of the five points the Panthers had the first quarter, put in his first foul shot for the only tie in the game.

Excellent Zone

But Ronnie Weidenhammer quickly countered with a long shot for the first goal of the evening. The blonde-haired forward, playing one of his best games all season, had 15 points at the end of the game.

Excellent zone defense prevented the Panthers from putting in a field goal the first quarter and it wasn't until two minutes into the second quarter that they managed a two-pointer by substitute Chester Palesko.

Thirty seconds later, Dutch Burch drove in for a lay-up to put Pitt only four points behind at 15-11. The two teams exchanged goal for goal, till the end of the half at which time the score read 26-24. State was hitting on 26%



JACK SHERRY, Lion forward, cuts in front of Pitt's Dutch Burch in third quarter of Saturday's game to layup two more points for the romping State cagers. The country cousins poured in 27 points in the third period to take their 15th win of the season, 73-53. This was the cagers' last appearance at Rec Hall. They will close out the season next Saturday with Temple.

while the visitors had 20%. Three of State's players had three fouls each and it looked like a duplication of January's loss especially when Deitrick put the Panthers one point behind at 26-25 at the beginning of the third quarter.

High Percentages

But from there on the rampaging Staters caught fire and paced by Weidenhammer, who had four for six in the third quarter, and Jesse Arnelle, with six for six, dropped in 27 points to put them 15 points ahead at the end of the third period.

Arnelle, on 47 percent shooting, was high man with 22 points. He made eight for 17 field goal attempts. Captain Herm Sledzik, playing his last home game, Sherry (50%), and Weidenhammer (43%) had 15 apiece. High man for Pitt was Don Virostek with 14. The Lions made 41 percent of their shots on 27 for 66 attempts while Pitt was hitting on 17 for 56 tries for a 31 percentage.

The summary:

Pitt	FG	F Ttl.	Penn State	FG	F Ttl.
Burch, f	3	4-8	Sledzik, f	2	11-14
Zernich, f	2	1-4	Sherry, f	7	1-4
Virostek, c	4	6-12	Arnelle, c	8	6-9
Boyd, g	0	0-0	Wei'ha'r, g	7	1-2
Deitrick, g	2	5-11	Haag, g	2	0-0
Palesko	4	2-2	Phillips	0	0-0
Deussel	2	1-1	Brewer	0	0-0
Ruschel	0	0-0	Blocker	0	0-0
Artman	0	0-0	Edwards	1	0-0
Totals	17	19-38	Totals	27	19-29

Score by Periods—
 Penn State 13 13 27 20-73
 Pitt 5 19 14 15-53

Gymnasts Record Fifth, Engage Army Saturday

By GEORGE BAIREY

The weekend gymnastics activity in Rec Hall went exactly as Penn State gym Coach Gene Wettstone had figured, but the weekend gymnastics activity in West Point, N.Y., home of the Army, completely upset the dope in EIGA circles.

The Rec Hall result was Penn State 65—Temple 31; at West Point, Army 53—Navy 43.

The Lion gymnasts will meet the surging Cadets Saturday at Rec Hall in the match that will decide where the 1953 Eastern crown will go. A win Saturday by the Lions, and the first EIGA gym title since 1948 will make its way into Rec Hall; with a loss to Army, co-ownership of the crown will go into effect for a season.

The West Point result throws the possibility of a Lion-Cadet tie right into the middle of this year's Eastern race for team honors. The Cadets, the three-time defending champs, weren't supposed to whip this year's Middles—at least on paper. But they did, setting their Eastern seasonal mark at 3-1.

Owls Salvage 2 Firsts

Against Temple Saturday, Wettstone and his crew picked up, in order: (1), their third straight Eastern win this season; (2), their fifth straight over the entire season; (3), their eighth straight over two seasons; and (4), their third win in three years over Temple.

It was all the Lions. Temple did manage to salvage two firsts one in the rope-climb and the other on the rings, but outside of that the meet just served as a Lion tuneup for the rejuvenated Cadets, who will come to town with all ideas of taking back half of their EIGA crown Saturday.

Lion first-placers in the first Rec Hall showing this season were Captain Bob Kenyon in the tumbling, Bobby Lawrence in the

sidehorse, Jan Cronstedt on the horizontal bar, and Al Wick on the parallel bars.

The summaries:

TUMBLING—(1), Bob Kenyon, Penn State, 256; (2), Bob Kreidler, Penn State, 234; (3), Ben Paul, Temple, 227; (4), Bill Coco, Temple, 217; (5), Warren Hommas, Penn State, 215.

SIDEHORSE—(1), Bobby Lawrence, Penn State, 273; (2), Frank Wick, Penn State, 271; (3), Bob Damerjian, Temple, 243; (4), Tony Procopio, Penn State, 233; (5), Bill Coco, Temple, 231.

HORIZONTAL BAR—(1), Jan Cronstedt, Penn State, 282; (2), John Jengo, Temple, 249; (3), Mario Todaro, Penn State, 244; (4), Tony Procopio, Penn State, 233; (5), Bob McCarthy, Temple, 225.

ROPECLIMB—(1), Gene Scholl, Temple, 3.7; (2), Dave Schultz, Penn State, 3.8; (3), Bob Boudreau, Penn State, 4.2; (4), Norman Yu, Penn State, 4.4; (5), Bill Coco, Temple, 5.2.

PARALLEL BARS—(1), Al Wick, Penn State, 271; (2), Bob Zelinsky, Temple, 254; (3), Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, and Bob McCarthy, Temple, 251 (tie); (5), Jan Cronstedt, Penn State, and John Jengo, Temple, 240 (tie).

FLYING RINGS—(1), John Jengo, Temple, 266; (2), Tony Procopio, Penn State, 261; (3), Jim Hazen, Penn State, 255; (4), Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 246; (5), Gene Scholl, Temple, 240.

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