

Cage Season Ends as Owls Top Lions, 56-54

By TED SOENS

Five quick points in the last minutes of play Saturday night cost the Lions their final game of the season to the Temple Owls, 56-54. The Staters held a three-point advantage with 90 seconds to go, but the hard-pressing Owls slipped in two field goals by Harry Silcox and Al Didriksen to put them ahead and a foul shot as added insurance.

The Lions finished their season with a 15-9 record and a total of 1613 points (which sets a new team scoring record by 17 points). The previous record was made last year at a total of 1596.

Slow Start

The Staters lost their nine games on the road while the home mark showed a record of 25 straight wins. For their opponents, the season final gave them a 16-10 mark.

Only a total of 19 points was scored the first period as the two teams got off to a slow start. State held the lead with 12 points going into the second quarter, but the Templers, paced by Didriksen, who was high scorer of the evening with 21, quickly found the hoop in the second frame for 22 points. They led at half-time, 29-24.

Arnelle Scores 18

The Lions took the lead away from the Owls in the third frame by scoring 18 points and holding their opponents to 12. But effective fading defensive work by the Owls and double-triple teaming of Jesse Arnelle, held down the visitors in the fourth and important final frame. The Lions only managed 12 points while Temple had 15.

Arnelle was high for the Lions with 18 points. This gave him a total of 408 for the season, the second year he reached the 400 mark. He had 492 in 26 games last year. Captain Herm Sledzik, playing in his last game, upped his total to 351 and second place scoring position.

| Penn State | | | Temple | | |
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| Player | FG | F Ttl. | Player | FG | F Ttl. |
| Sherry, f | 3 | 2-2 | Sylvester, f | 2 | 2-5 |
| Sledzik, f | 2 | 1-1 | Silcox, f | 5 | 1-1 |
| Arnelle, c | 5 | 8-12 | Kane, c | 3 | 4-5 |
| W'd'h'm'r, g | 5 | 0-0 | Miller, g | 3 | 1-1 |
| Haag, g | 3 | 2-3 | Didriksen, g | 5 | 11-19 |
| Edwards | 0 | 0-0 | Kittredge | 0 | 1-2 |
| Bloeker | 2 | 1-2 | | | |
| Brewer | 0 | 0-0 | | | |
| Totals | 20 | 14-20 | Totals | 18 | 20-33 |
| Score by periods— | | | Temple | | |
| | | | 7 | 22 | 12 |
| | | | 12 | 12 | 18 |
| | | | 12 | 12 | 54 |
| Officials—Collins, Shirley. | | | | | |

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
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It was Army Day in Rec Hall Saturday. Much of the athletic cream of the Corps came like world-seeking Caesars from their West Point stronghold along the banks of the Hudson; they saw, one Eastern championship team and quite probably another one; but they conquered no one except the Nittany boxing team—a hollow conquest since five other opponents had done the same.

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The Cadets began their offensive in the afternoon gymnastic meet. They held the EIGA title for the last three years and they had a jinx factor in their favor—State hadn't defeated them since 1948. Gene Weistone's Lions were unbeaten and although the Soldiers had lost once, they were coming on strong in recent battles. Sensing the pitched struggle that was to take place, 3000 appreciative spectators peered down on the Rec Hall plain.

The Cadets quickly established a bridgehead by taking strategical positions one and two in the tumbling. But from that point on the battle went poorly for them as the sharpest part of the Army routine became the strut, and "Brace Up Dumb-John" approach to the apparatus. Bobby Lawrence's near-flawless sidehorse maneuvers and Frank Wick's dazzling leg-scissoring evened the score.

Suddenly the Cadet line broke as the Lions' counterattack continued with a three-place slam of the horizontal bar. Jan Cronstedt, a magnificent piece of sculptoring from Finland, flew around the bar with effortless ease, fabulous grace, and straighter than the straightest arrow. Mario Todaro and Tony Procopio, short-statured G-men who typified the team's "rising to the occasion," took second and third on the h-bar even though they needed the help of a fireman's ladder and the grunts of the crowd to reach the bar.

However, Army still had a massed concentration of Big Bertha strength—the rope climb, always an Army fortification. But State's Dutch Schultz hand-over-handed the 20-foot Yogi rope in 3.6 seconds—a Penn State record—to win and open the flood gates of a rout. Al Wick tied for first in the parallel bars and the Army was chased from the battlements minus an EIGA medal. Jim Hazen's fluid-power triumph on the flying rings only added insult to the Army debacle.

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Undaunted, the Cadets returned to the field of battle in the evening. In the opening boxing skirmish, Sam Marino won but Army's Captain Jim McGee—a rugged individual of the Old Guard who stands up between rounds—evened the score. Tony Flore advanced one kilometer for State but Army counterattacked with three straight victories. In one, State's Steve Melmeck's nose bled like Cyrano's and his face was "the Red Sea." However, Hammering Adam Kois took revenge by dealing Army's lightweight a thorough saturation bombing.

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This mitt win could hardly cheer the Cadets. State next wheeled in its elite Panzer divisions—the unbeaten, unbloodied, and unbowed wrestlers. The Nittany blitzkrieg trio, Bob Homan, Dick Lemyre, and Jerry Maurey quickly dealt crippling blows. After Homan won, Dandy Dick—who has more tricks than most of his foes heard of—pulled as fantastic a pinning movement as is likely to ever be seen. With the Army foe fighting Dick's rear-guard, Lemyre flashed an encircling attack from a lying-on-his-back position and the Soldier was licked. Next Jerry overcame an Army "retrograde movement"—a strategical retreat—to put State ahead irretrievably.

Only Army's tank-sized and armor-plated Al Paulekas could save West Point prestige from a complete whitewash annihilation. But the day was already lost. After the gymnastics setback, martial-air organist George Ceiga struck up with "Fight On Old Army Team"—he didn't have the heart after the wrestling match.

Matmen Victors --

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The puzzling question of the fall was: What hold did Lemyre use? Referee Dick DiBattista was called to the reporter's table to explain the hold.

"Do you expect me to call that hold?"

After everyone nodded their heads, he exclaimed: "Call it a body press."

Speidel called it a "back-lying cradle" when questioned after the dual meet.

Maurey followed the Lemyre pin with a 9-2 decision over Pete Fikaris. With little action in the first and second rounds, State's 137-pound matman had to wrestle from the referee's position to start the action. Maurey escaped and then had little trouble taking him down and scoring a near fall. Fikaris tried to avoid Maurey but couldn't. Maurey let him escape in order to get him to wrestle. As soon as he was free, the Cadet found himself two points behind with take downs.

The Frey brothers, Don and Doug, found similar situations. Don, however, had to give his foe a horse back ride when Jim Karns, 147-pounder, became tired. Don shutout Karns, 3-0, while Doug squeezed by on time advantage, 3-2, over Dale Ward. At this time the Lions led, 17-0.

Dvorozniak and Samson scored convincing wins over their 167 and heavyweight opponents, Bob Mentillo and Jerry Lodge. Dvorozniak, who gave one of his finest winning performances, 6-1, had his man pinned many times but to no avail. Mentillo was off the mat each time. Lodge was no match for State's talented heavyweight, too. In fact, Samson almost secured a pin on every turn in his 13-4 win, but Hud let them slip from under him.

All-Winning Season

An unbeaten campaigner on the current Penn State boxing team is 178-pound Adam Kois, of Uniontown.

Boxers Lose -

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the last time with a workmanlike TKO victory over Army's Woodie Hansell at 139 pounds. Hansell, holding his hands high, managed to stay even with the easily-coasting Flore for two rounds. But in the third, Flore flashed a previously silent right and after scoring repeatedly and with rapidity the ref called a halt at 1:58.

Nittany Stan Engle was virtually helpless before Andy Maloney in the 147 division and wound up on the very short end of a 30-19 decision.

Steve Melmeck (156) dropped his fourth decision at the hands of Army's Harry Ruhf, 30-28, but he did far better than his blood-covered face led most to believe.

Moving up a weight as did Melmeck, Hank Arnold found the heavy, solidly-built Skip Massey too tough as the Cadet scored a wide 30-23 decision in the 165 pound bracket.

State's last chance for cheers were provided by the sledgehammer fists of Adam Kois, 176 pounder. From the opening bell, Kois tore into the towering Ed Mendell and with cyclonic fury hammered the Soldier steadily for 1:45 minutes until a merciful referee stopped it.

Heavyweight Bill Andresevic ran into his toughest Eastern foe all season and went down before Army's Frank Hicks, 30-26.

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