

Lions Romp Over W&J, 66-41 JVs Nip Freshman Courtmen, 43-42

Arnelle's 18 Leads State In Opener

By DICK McDOWELL

An air-tight pressing zone defense and a fast moving offense, gave Elmer Gross' cagers, their first win of the 1953-54 basketball season Saturday night when they whipped Washington and Jefferson, 66-41, on the Rec Hall boards.

Led by towering Jesse Arnelle, Captain Jack Sherry, Ed Haag, and Ron Weidenhammer, the Lions easily captured their opening contest against the Presidents. Arnelle, displaying a variety of hook, jump, and driving lay-up shots, tallied 18 points, Haag scored 11, and Weidenhammer and Sherry each recorded 10 markers.

But the biggest factor was the Lions' superb defensive play. The Presidents, who had scored 81 points against St. Vincent earlier in the week, could collect only nine field goals against the impenetrable Lion screen. However, they picked up 23 points from the foul line in 39 free throw attempts.

Take Early Control

From the beginning the Lions scored almost at will although their offense did seem a little rough at times, a normal expectancy in any opening contest. With Haag and Weidenhammer providing superior floor work and Sherry and Arnelle controlling the bankboards, State took the lead early in the game.

The Lions opened the scoring with Rudy Marissa's foul point and steadily widened the gap, as everybody took turns at the basket. The Presidents scored their first five points from the foul line and tallied their only field goal of the first period when forward George Kushner cut the nets with a one-hand push shot. However, with Arnelle hitting from the pivot and Weidenhammer from outside State had piled up a 10 point lead, 20-10, at the end of the quarter.

Widen Gap

They widened the gap to 42-22 in the second frame when Sherry and Haag took over the scoring chores. Both men kept the W and J nets hot with accurate jump shots from around the key-hole.

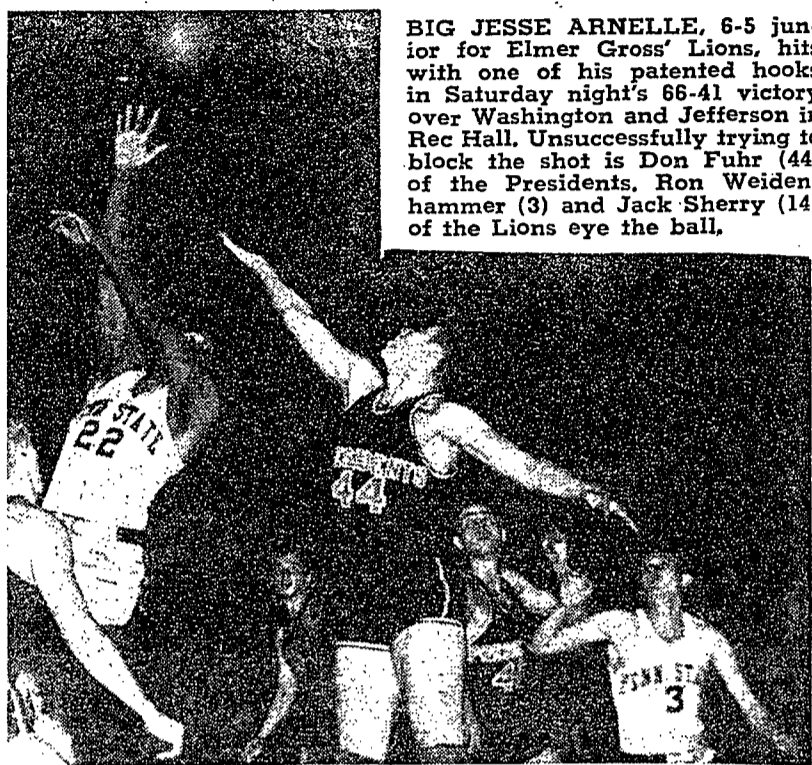
The scoring tempo died temporarily in the third period, and again Gross' aggressive sliding zone defense, held the visitors to only one field goal. The Nittanians tallied 12 more themselves and held a 54-27 lead at the three-quarter mark.

Gross substituted freely throughout the contest and used his reserves almost completely in the final quarter. Dave Edwards and sophomores Chuck Christianson, Bob Hoffman, and Earl Fields kept the Lions' relentless attack on the move. The Presidents had their best quarter here, scoring 14 points. Speedy guard Tony De Celleo and Kushner paced the Presidents but they could narrow the gap by only two points.

Kushner was the top scorer for the W and J quintet, hitting on three field goal attempts and six charity shots for 12 points.

In winning their first game, the

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BIG JESSE ARNELLE, 6-5 junior for Elmer Gross' Lions, hits with one of his patented hooks in Saturday night's 66-41 victory over Washington and Jefferson in Rec Hall. Unsuccessfully trying to block the shot is Don Fuhr (44) of the Presidents, Ron Weidenhammer (3) and Jack Sherry (14) of the Lions eye the ball.

Nine Ring Decisions Highlight IM Boxing

There was nothing sneaky last night, a night commemorating the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, '41, as nine boxers punched their way further along into Intramural competition. Seven other pugilists advanced by way of forfeits.

The ninth bout of the evening, and by far the closest, found

Mike Cramer, Zeta Beta Tau, take a hard-earned, split-decision from Bill Frengel, Lambda Chi Alpha. The match was fought in the 155-pound class.

Both boys opened up, swinging hard and accurately, early in the first round. Frengel, who packs a thunderous wallop for a man his weight, had the better of second stanza, scoring with hard rights to the head. Cramer came on strongly in the finale and took the decision. This was Cramer's second win in the tournament.

In the only independent match, two 145-pounders, Ron Smith and James Sponsler, fought three action-packed rounds before Smith was awarded the decision. Both were sharp punchers but lacked the power to put the other "away." Smith's footwork gave him an advantage as he evaded many of Sponsler's punches.

Ed Suley, Sigma Pi, played the reverse roll of a Goliath, as he struck repeatedly and accurately at Tom Falkie, Sigma Phi Sigma. Falkie kept charging in but couldn't deflect Suley jabs. Suley coasted the final stanza and took the decision.

The third bout of the evening, a heavyweight match, was a well-earned decision for Glenn "Moose" Gross, Lambda Chi Alpha, over Rus Miller, Delta Upsilon.

Gross had Miller staggered against the ropes in the second session but the DU refused to go down. Miller fought back in the final round but couldn't overtake mous.

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Frosh Game Halted; Lang's Field Goal Decides Contest

By HERM WEISKOPF

Penn State's junior varsity nipped John Egli's freshman cagers 43-42 Saturday night in Rec Hall in a game that "ended with five minutes to go."

According to the scoreboard, there was almost half a period left in the game when the final horn sounded. Six foot seven Bob Ramsay was on the foul line for two shots for the frosh when officials were informed that the time had arrived for the varsity players to take the floor.

Without knowing of the unfortunate turn of events, Ramsay missed on both tries.

Joe Piorkowski, former Lion cager, coached the junior varsity and saw his quintet get off to a 5-0 lead. Clarence Watts dropped in a two-pointer to open the scoring for the JVs. Ramsay hit on a foul shot for the first tally for the frosh. Jim Lysek dropped in three buckets in this period and paced the freshmen with his one-hand push shots in a late drive that narrowed the score to 13-9 in favor of the JVs.

In the second period the junior varsity outscored the frosh 12-8 to bring the half-time margin to 25-17. Joe Malone and Watts dumped in two field goals each for the JVs, with Malone and Watts collaborating on a fine play that went almost the length of the court. After Watts had taken a rebound and dribbled down-court he passed to Malone, who broke for the basket and then flipped the ball behind his back to Watts who racked up two points.

Joe Hartnett opened up for the frosh during the third period and hit for seven points on three field goals and one foul. Hartnett sparked the offense for the yearlings with his driving play.

The JVs led after three quarters, 39-35.

Pete Lang, hitting with his "soft" hook, operated mostly from the keyhole during the third

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NCAA Service Bureau statistics showed today that Bratkowski kicked the ball 50 times for 2132 yards, an average of 42.6 yards per try. Georgia, with other players kicking 11 more times, averaged 41.2 yards.

Des Koch of Southern California actually had the highest punting average and the unusual experience of being a defending champion who neither kept his crown, nor was dethroned, nor retired. NCAA punting statistics are based on a minimum of 30 kicks for championship rating. Koch had only 22 opportunities and averaged 44.6 yards.



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