

Lions Top Penn Five, 72-67

Snap Four Year Jinx For 2d Win

By DICK McDOWELL

Just as records are made to be broken so are win streaks. Penn found that out Saturday night when Coach Elmer Gross' basketball team wiped out a four-year blemish, whipping the Quakers, 72-67, at the Penn Palestra.

With Big Jesse Arnelle leading the scoring attack, the Lions spurred ahead in the third quarter after trailing at the half, to set a burning pace that Coach Howard Dellmar's quintet failed to match.

Arnelle dumped 26 points through the hoops and gathered in 15 rebounds as he led the Nittanians to their second straight win of the season. Ed Haag and Ron Weidenhammer added plenty of help with 27 points between them. Haag tallied 15 points and Weidenhammer had 10.

Open Gap in 3rd Period

After a nip-and-tuck first half with Penn in the lead most of the way, the Nittanians opened the throttle in the third period and poured 24 points through the Palestra nets while Penn could counter with only 11. From there on State had only to hold back Penn's high pressure offense and still maintained a five-point edge at the final buzzer.

Penn Gets Early Lead

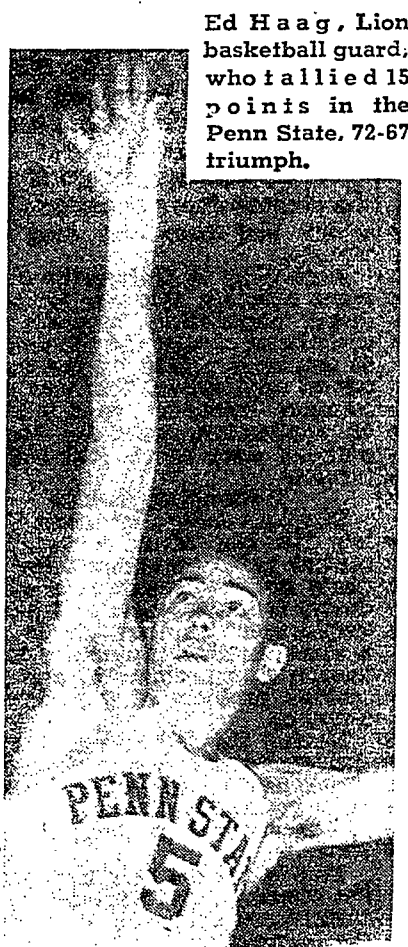
Penn opened the scoring at 1:30 p.m. of the first quarter with Joe Sturgis' one-hand push from the corner and the fire works were started. While Arnelle and Haag paced the Lions, Sturgis, who had 17 points, and Dick Heylman, with 15 for the evening, kept the Quakers out in front, a lead that never ran higher than three points. At the end of the period the Quakers held a 16-15 lead.

In the second period it looked like the Quakers were going to break the contest open as they moved into a 30-20 lead with only two minutes remaining. But the Lions caught fire again as Jim Blocker and Jim Brewer, along with Arnelle, fired fast and furiously to narrow the gap to 32-29.

Sherry, Arnelle Tie Score

Jack Sherry's foul point and Arnelle's jump shot tied the game at 32-32, early in the third period and from there on in the red hot Lions were flying high. Weidenhammer connected on four field goal attempts and Arnelle continued his scoring barrage as State moved into a lead which they never relinquished. While the Lions were piling up points the Quakers went five minutes before they could score. The quarter ended, 53-43.

Penn outscored the Lions 24-19, in the fourth period, but it wasn't enough to catch Gross' quintet. The scent of a long awaited victory was strong and the Lions



Ed Haag, Lion basketball guard, who tallied 15 points in the Penn State, 72-67 triumph.

were not to be outdone at that stage.

Penn's poised offense was working hard, though, as the Red and Blue sought its fifth straight win of the season. However, they could never quite master Gross' pressing zone defense.

32 Per Cent Shooting

In winning their second contest the Nittanians hit on 32 per cent of their field goal attempts and were successful in 23 of 32 attempts from the foul line.

Gross takes his cagers on a two game road trip Friday and Saturday to meet American University and North Carolina State. They return to Rec Hall Jan. 6 when they engage Syracuse.

Penn State		fg		fp		t		Penn		fg		fp		t	
Weid'h.r.g	5	0-1	10	Sturgis,c	6	5-9	17	Edwards,g	1	2-2	4	Vitetta,c	0	0-0	0
Haag,g	4	7-8	15	Leach,g	1	6-9	8	Brewer,g	2	0-0	4	Gramigna,g	0	0-0	0
Arnelle,c	10	6-10	26	Hoagland,g	6	2-2	14	Blocker,f	2	1-3	5	Laving,g	0	0-2	2
Sherry,f	1	5-7	7	Heylman,f	5	5-7	15	Marisa,f	0	1-1	1	Curley,f	0	0-0	0
Rohland,f	0	0-0	0	Mulroy,f	1	2-2	4	Laferty,f	0	0-0	0	Demir,f	0	0-0	0
				Smith,f	2	3-4	7								
Totals	25	22-32	72	Totals	21	25-33	67								
Penn State	15	14	24	19	72										
Penn	16	18	11	24	67										

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McCoy Is Elected To ECAC Positions

Ernest B. McCoy, athletic director at the University, has been elected to the eligibility committee of the Eastern College Athletic Conference and to the executive committee of the Eastern College Football Association at separate league meetings over the weekend in New York.

The ECAC took over the sponsorship of the holiday basketball tournament in Madison Square Garden, beginning in 1954.

100-Member Conference

The 100-member conference, which includes all the major eastern colleges, went into the sports promotion business for the first time. The ECAC has been mainly a regulatory body.

Recommended by its executive council, the ECAC accepted the offer of the metropolitan intercollegiate basketball committee to turn over the holiday event. The association admitted that the purpose in taking over the tournament was to find a source of revenue, since it has been operating at a deficit.

Lions To Be Considered

With Penn State as a member of the ECAC, its basketball team will be considered against other members for a possible bid for the holiday tournament.

The metropolitan committee, composed of Manhattan College, St. John's, and New York University, was organized last year to sponsor the first Garden holiday festival. It will continue to control the event this year. The three colleges specified that they must be represented on the ECAC committee in charge of the event.

They suggested that all three, or at least two, of their teams should be invited to compete each year.

By July 1944, G. I. Joes were using scarcely a single weapon that was the same as those in use when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Saylor Rates Nittany Lions 37th in Nation

Roger B. Saylor, professor of economics, who earlier listed his eastern football ratings with Penn State third, released his 1953 national collegiate ratings with Penn State a distant 37th.

Saylor compiles football statistics as a hobby. He has placed unbeaten, untied Maryland in the No. 1 position, edging out unbeaten but once-tied Notre Dame.

The statistician predicts keen competition in at least four of the five major games. "My ratings would indicate that Georgia Tech is a little too strong for West Virginia," Saylor says, "but otherwise the Bowl pairings are even better than they were a year ago."

Saylor's top ten collegiate football ratings:

	WLT	Rating*
1. Maryland	10-0-0	534
2. Notre Dame	9-0-1	528
3. UCLA	8-1-0	510
4. Illinois	7-1-1	504
5. Michigan State	8-1-0	503
6. Rice	8-2-0	500
7. Oklahoma	8-1-1	499
8. Georgia Tech	8-2-1	489
9. Auburn	7-2-1	487
10. Kentucky	7-2-1	486

*Only games against intercollegiate competition are used in the ratings.

Indiana Tops AP Court Poll

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Indiana, Kentucky and Duquesne, tabbed as this year's Big Three of college basketball before the season began, held on to the top positions in the national ratings in the first weekly Associated Press ranking poll today.

With Indiana's NCAA champions at the top, these three teams, kept their records clear of defeat through the past week and split up most of the first-place ballots of 78 sports writers and broadcasters participating in this week's poll.

Indiana Holds Top Spot

Indiana brought its record up to 3-0 with a convincing 76-57 victory over Butler Saturday to hold its top rating. The Hoosiers, awarded the No. 1 rating in last week's pre-season forecast poll, collected 35 of the 75 first-place votes and a total of 743 points on the usual basis of ten for first place, nine for second, etc.

Kentucky, kept out of intercollegiate competition all last season and playing only two games so far this year, drew 20 first place votes and 621 points. Duquesne drew five firsts and 584 points.


After the first three, nearly every team that has won a game this season, managed to do enough to attract the attention of at least one voter.

Kansas Drops

Kansas, losing its first two starts and La Salle failed to justify their high pre-season ratings and dropped far down the list while Illinois, Louisiana State and Minnesota moved up on the strength of unbeaten records.

The rest of the first ten lined up this way: Illinois, Louisiana State, Minnesota, Oklahoma A. and M., North Carolina State, Fordham and Western Kentucky.

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