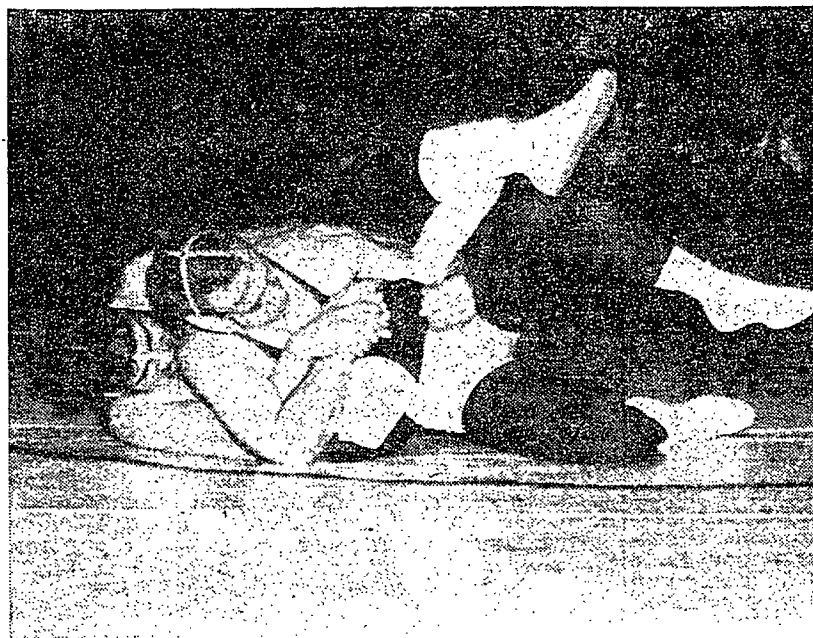


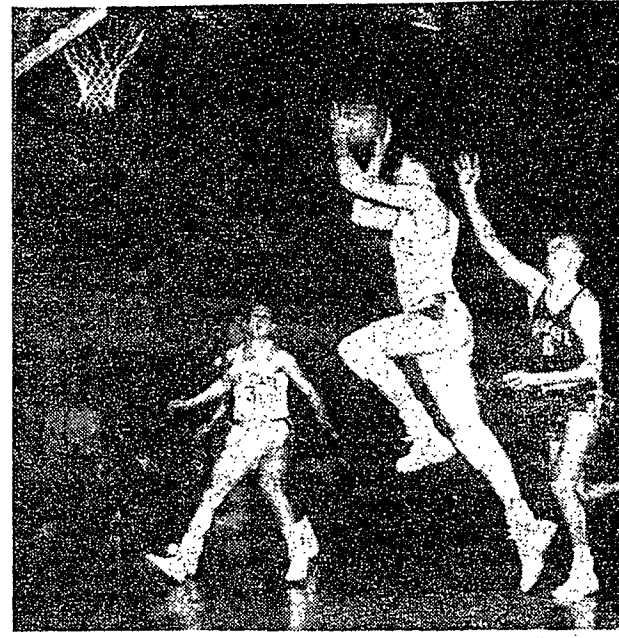
# Action Highlighted in Recreation Hall Twin Bill



PENN STATE'S LARRY FORNICOLA prepares to drop his 137-pound Cornell opponent, Arno Nieman, to the mat with a legal body slam. The Bellefonte grappler scored the only pin of the dual meet when he put Nieman flush to the mat with a cradle hold in 6:52.



PHIL HARVEY of Cornell attempts to free himself from heavy-weight Bob Oberly's figure four hold. The latter hold is rarely accomplished by heavyweights. Oberly scored his 7-0 win by a take down, reverse, predicament, and one minute time advantage. Penn State won the dual meet from Cornell, 20-6.



—Photos by Schroeder  
ED HAAG, Penn State guard, drives in for an easy basket in Saturday night's basketball game with Colgate. Haag scored the two-pointer on a fast break. Looking on is Ron Weidenhammer and an unidentified Colgate player. The Lions won the game, 78-58.

## Matmen Extend Streak to 30; Cagers Whip Colgate, 78-58

### Fornicola Registers Pin As Grapplers Win, 20-6

By SAM PROCOPIO

Usually not much enthusiasm is exhibited by townspeople or students when their team is crowding the second division, or having a mediocre season. It doesn't take much, however, to stir anyone when an elite appears in a certain game. And that was about it. An elite—Penn State's wrestling championship team—was responsible for the 5505 fans who crowded Rec Hall last Saturday, the largest indoor attendance this season.

It was apparent that the Lions did not look like the champions of old, but they still mastered the Big Red of Cornell, 20-6, copping their 30th straight dual meet win.

It was also apparent that the Lions looked slow because the Big Red grapplers made themselves hard to handle by not mixing. Whenever a team wrestles in a shell, it prevents the opponent from making any contest of the match.

Despite this, once Larry Fornicola, junior made his 137-pound foe, Arno Nieman, observe the Rec Hall lighting system with a cradlehold in 6:52 of his match, Penn State never relinquished its lead. In scoring the only pin of the meet, the Bellefonte grappler won his fifth consecutive match over a three year span.

As usual, 123-pounder Bob Homan started Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen off on the right foot, giving the Lions a 3-0 lead when he decided on a fine competitor in Rex Boda, 6-4. The first period was even-steven with Homan taking down Boda and the latter obtaining a reversal. After falling behind in the scoring in the second period, State's 1952 EIWA champion, made a reversal attempt good and then rode Boda for two minutes time advantage.

New talent was featured in State's 130-pound class. He was Hal Byers. Byers handled Cornell's co-captain fairly well but was edged out by his more experienced foe in the final period. Behind 2-1 at the time, Blackman was able to grab one of Byers' legs, wrestling from the neutral position. He lifted it into the air and after several attempts, Blackman successfully tripped Byers to the canvas for a take down and handed State's sophomore his first defeat.

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#### Kois Boxing Captain

Major hold-overs in boxing at Penn State are 132-pound Sam Butler, and 178-pound Adam Kois. Kois is captain-elect of the team.

### Grid League Possibilities Are Sought

Athletic directors at the Universities of Pitt and Penn State, Tom Hamilton and Dean Ernest B. McCoy, have been exploring all the possibilities of football conferences, according to a report by the Pittsburgh Press.

Their number one goal, the Press said, was to interest Army and Navy in such a conference. As a result of the Ivy League move the outlook has improved.

The Ivy League announced it planned to withdraw from most outside football competition. This makes it even more imperative for the Eastern independents to get together.

There would be no trouble getting together enough eastern schools to make up a league, but Pitt and Penn State have too many considerations involved to be hasty, the Press said.

The Panthers and Lions don't intend to jump into any league though, the Press continued, until they learn if Army and Navy are available.

### Hogan Wins Belt As Professional Athlete of Year

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 11 (AP)—Ben Hogan, Texas golfer who swept the U.S. and British Open championships and the Augusta Masters in 1953 today won the Ray Hickok \$10,000 belt as "Professional Athlete of the Year."

Hogan's decisive triumph in the voting of sports writers and sports casters was announced at tonight's annual Rochester Press-Radio Club dinner for the infantile paralysis fund. Hogan was not present to accept the award.

The 41-year-old golf wizard won three monthly ballots in '53, April, June and July to coincide with his important triumphs. He received 51 first place votes among the 93 ballots and a total of 201 points on a 3-2-1 point basis.

Roy Campanella, Brooklyn catcher who was voted most valuable player in the National League for the second time in three years, finished second to Hogan with 21 firsts and 102 points.

Ted Williams' brilliant performance for the Boston Red Sox after his return from Korea won third place with seven firsts and 53 points. Kid Gavilan, the welter champ who was voted "Fighter of the Year" by the Boxing Writers Association was fourth with one first and 47 points. Then came Billy Martin, Yankee World Series star, with 2 firsts and 36 points.

Willie Shoemaker, the record-breaking jockey had two firsts and 30 points.

#### Maiden Season

Ken Hosterman, protege of former coach Bill Jeffrey, won 5 and lost 2 in his first season at the Penn State soccer helm.

#### Polio Victim

Penn State's Eastern side horse titlist, Bob Lawrence of Wynnewood was crippled as a youth by a polio attack.

### Seek Sixth Tomorrow Against West Virginia

By DICK McDOWELL

Back on the road after two straight home games, the Nittany Lion basketball team meets West Virginia University tomorrow night at Morgantown, W. Va., seeking a follow-up win of their 78-58 triumph over Colgate Saturday night.

The Nittany victory over the Raiders boosted their season total to 5-1 as they won their third straight home game of the year before a capacity crowd at Rec Hall.

The Raiders came to town with a poor 1-3 record, claiming only a victory over weak St. Lawrence. But for the first quarter, the Hamilton, N.Y. quintet almost booby-trapped Elmer Gross' high-flying Lions behind the floormanship and dead-eye shooting of guard Frank Patterson.

Lead 19-16 at Quarter  
However, after leading by only three points, 19-16, at the end of the period, the Nittanies coolly and deftly pulled away from the Raiders to turn the contest into an eventual rout.

With Captain Jack Sherry and Jesse Arnelle firing 18 points apiece into the nets to lead the Nittany scoring, State effectively combined a fast-breaking offense with their pressing zone-defense to win the game with ease in the second half.

Arnelle consistently split the nets with his pivot shots from around the key-hole and did a masterful job under the basket, while Sherry provided the Lions with an extra scoring punch through his jet-propelled driving lay-up shots.

Haag Scores 14  
And when these two weren't scoring Ed Haag took over the reins with an expert bit of set shot artistry from the corners which netted him 14 points.

Once again, however, it was Ron Weidenhammer who provided the Nittanies with the spark that kept their fast break game

alive. The 6-1 guard, although he scored only five points himself, was the key man in the many of the Penn State scoring plays with his sparkling floor play.

The Raiders found early in the game that they were going to have trouble penetrating the aggressive Lion defense and employed a snappy passing game. However, the scoring had to be done, for the most part, from the outside, and Patterson, who was high man for the night with 22 points, began scoring from the back court with his accurate two-hand set shots.

#### Accurate on Sets

The 6-3 senior demonstrated early in the game that he was going to be a tough man to reckon with when he split the cords with four straight sets. His passing, and ball handling proved to be the backbone of the Colgate offense before the night was over.

The Raiders opened the scoring when guard Don Ronnie and center Milt Graham each scored four points, and the first ¼-mile was on. The lead changed hands seven times before the Lions could gain a 13-12 margin late in the period. And it wasn't until they increased the margin to 26-23 in the second period that they began to move away from the Raiders.

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