

Matmen Tackle Terps Tomorrow

Lions 21-9 Win at Army Keeps Mat Streak Intact

By SAM PROCOPIO

Although Coach Charlie Speidel's wrestlers have safely tucked away their 32nd consecutive dual meet win Jan. 30, at West Point, their toughest obstacles have yet to be hurdled. Maryland, which last year carried Penn State's NCAA champions to the last match before yielding, 18-11, will furnish the first major obstacle tomorrow at College Park. Then on Saturday afternoon the Lions return to their home grounds at Rec Hall where they face Syracuse.

Each time Speidel's matmen win, they rewrite the record books at Penn State and continue to possess the sport's most exclusive title—the winningest team in the nation.

The Army triumph was one of the most impressive showings by the Lions this year. In downing the Army grapplers, Hal Byers, Bob Homan, and Bill Oberly registered falls for Penn State.

The opening encounter found Byers leading 11-4 before he had Cadet Blackwell sunny-side up in 3:54 with a body press. Early in the first period Byers let a "sure" fall slip from under him.

Homan made things easier for the Lions as he followed Byers with a pin, too. After a takedown, near fall, and predicament in the first period, Homan secured a cradle hold on his 130-pound foe, Wetzel, in 3:38.

Moving up one weight for the second consecutive time, Fornicola found his heavier and talented performer, Pete Fikaris, difficult to handle. This 137-pound match was one of the most peculiar seen in some time. The first period was scoreless. But the second period went: Fornicola reverse, Fikaris reverse, Fornicola reverse, Fikaris reverse, Fornicola escape, Fikaris takedown. Then in the third period, after Fikaris had a reversal of position, the Cadet grappler exchanged an escape for a takedown until the score read Fikaris 15, Fornicola 8.

In the 147-pound class Co-captain Jerry Maurey decided on a fine mat competitor in Jim Karns, 9-1. Maurey rode his foe most of the way in the second period. Penn State's EIWA champion almost had a pin in the same period, but the experienced Cadet made the Lion stand out settle for a near fall instead. Karns' only point came on an escape.

Trailing in team scoring 13-3, Army closed the big gap to four points when Dale Ward and Jerry Tebben decided Penn State's Doug Frey and Bill Krebs in the 157 and 167-pound divisions, re-

spectively. Ward, who escaped, and had two-minutes riding time, took down Frey twice and won out 5-1. Krebs, wrestling out of his weight class for the third time in three matches, lost to Tebben 8-1.

But it was at this point that Army concluded its team scoring. George Dvorozniak, who ended his eligibility with this match, completed his wrestling career for the Lions in fine style as he easily defeated Frank Greer, 7-1. Dvorozniak had two takedowns, an escape, and two points for time advantage.

Heavyweight Bill Oberly did a very fine job in pinning Captain Gerry Lodge. Before Oberly used a body press in the third period, Penn State's fancy grappler had Lodge's shoulders almost flushed with the mat twice. However, they both ended in near falls. The fall came in 7:05.

Children Honor Thorpe In Memorial Service

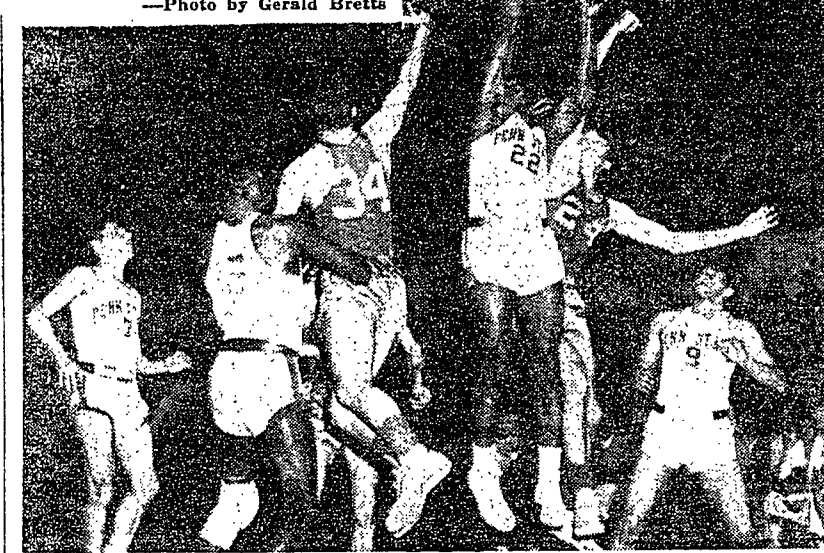
EAST MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., Feb. 8 (AP)—School children lined the streets of this little northeastern Pennsylvania community today to pay respect to Jim Thorpe, one-time Carlisle Indian School star athlete, whose final resting place will be at a memorial center dedicated to his memory.

Varsity Baseball

Varsity baseball candidates for pitcher and catcher positions will meet at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in the varsity football dressing room at Beaver Field, manager Horace Mitchell announced yesterday.

Sophomores interested in becoming assistant managers may sign up in the Athletic office, 107 Old Main, Mitchell said.

JESSE ARNELLE, Penn State center, scores easily in the second period of the Penn State-W. Virginia game at Rec Hall. Arnelle was high scorer with 19 points. The Nittany Lions won, 85-68.



Lion Cagers Boost Record

By DICK McDOWELL

Led by dead-eyed Jesse Arnelle, the Penn State basketball team ripped through four opponents during the semester vacation period, boosting its season record to a nifty 10-2 mark.

The giant center, who has scored 260 points this season for a 21.7 point average per game, poured 97 points through the nets of the quartet of contests as the Lions rebounded from their loss to Navy and went on to grab four in a row from Bucknell, Pitt, Gettysburg, and West Virginia.

The Pitt game at Rec Hall was the big one. After the Nittanians had overpowered an attempted freeze at Bucknell to win with comparative ease, 49-43, Coach Elmer Gross saw his cagers come from behind in two frenzied overtime periods against the Panthers and then pull ahead for keeps in the third extra stanza to win 91-85. Once again Arnelle was high scorer for the Lions with 31 markers, but just about everybody got into the act in the nip-and-tuck thriller.

Lions Come From Behind

Probably the most dramatic moment came when the Lion center stepped to the foul line after the first overtime had ended with the Lions trailing by two points. He lifted two shots through the hoops and the Nittanians were back in the ball game.

The Lions held the lead throughout the contest but the Panthers pressed hard the whole way. Ron Weidenhammer's first half scoring performance, netting him 13 points, Jack Sherry's deadly jump shots, and Arnelle's rebounding work under the boards paced the Nittany attack.

Pitt Has Late Rally

Leading 61-57 with less than a minute to play, the Lions appeared to have the game on ice. But the Panthers had other ideas. A stolen ball and fast break netted them two points. Seconds later Pitt's Dutch Burch intercepted a Lion pass and dribbled the length of the court for the score just before the final buzzer. The regulation game ended, 61-61.

The two clubs scored point-for-point in the overtime and the Pitt players went ahead with seven seconds remaining. The Lions worked the ball through the Panther's tight man-for-man defense and Arnelle went up for a shot from the key-hole with three Panthers hanging on his arms. The period ended but he went to the foul line and sunk both free throws and Penn State had new life with the score tied again, 71-71.

The second overtime was a repeat performance of the first, only this time it was Jim Brewer in the hero's role. Trailing by two, with only seconds remaining, Brewer tapped a rebound through the hoop to knot the score 76-76. Then in the final frame, the Lions went ahead to stay.

The third Nittany win came against a scrappy Gettysburg quintet. The Lions trailed at half time, 27-25, but took the lead in the second half and went on to

win 61-54 with Arnelle and Sherry pacing the club. Arnelle tallied 23 points but it was Sherry's scoring in the first half that kept the Nittanians out of the red.

Gross' cagers captured their fourth consecutive game Saturday when they easily whipped West Virginia 85-68, for the second time this season. The Lion coach used his reserves throughout the contest and kept the second-stringers in the game the entire fourth period.

The Nittanians will meet Pitt for the second game of home and away series Saturday at the Pitt Field House. The following weekend they will travel to Syracuse and Colgate before returning home to meet Rutgers Feb. 27.

Undefeated Lion Gymnasts Meet Navy Saturday

Gene Wettstone's Nittany gymnasts will host the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy Saturday at Rec Hall in their final home stand of the current season.

The Lions thus far own a 2-0 win-loss record. After losing a close battle with Sweden's outstanding squad in an international meet, they rebounded Saturday to defeat Michigan State, 72-40, and the Orange of Syracuse, 63-33.

Carl Schwenzfeier, outstanding Lion performer on the H-bar and flying rings is in the University hospital under observation following a fall from the H-bar during his routine against Syracuse. He is expected to leave today.

Nittany ace, Jan Cronstedt, has lived up to his reputation, especially in the Horizontal Bar, owning a first place in that event in each of the first two meets. However, his best all-around performance was against the Orange, when he copped a fourth place in tumbling and a second on the parallel bars, in addition to the H-bar victory.

Three Lions Unbeaten

Bobby Lawrence, Co-captain Al Wick, and Skeets Haag also demand respect, as each are thus far undefeated in their respective events, the side horse, the parallel bars, and the rope climb.

Tony Procopio and Bill Paxton own one first place each. Procopio's came against Syracuse on the flying rings, while Paxton picked up his victory against the Spartans. Against the Orange he came in second to Corky Sebbo, national tumbling champion.

17th Meeting

When the Lions meet the Midships Saturday, it will be the 17th meeting of the two teams. Each squad sports eight wins and eight losses, thus a win will put the Lions in the series lead which began in 1937.

Last year the Blue and White turned back the Midshipmen, 50½-45½.

Mittmen Will Battle Syracuse Saturday

Syracuse, the iron-fisted powerhouse of Eastern intercollegiate boxing, will visit Rec Hall Saturday night to face Coach Eddie Sulkowski's twice-beaten ringmen. The boxers will be the first event of a twin bill while the gymnastics squad will then follow with its competitors from Navy.

Coach Roy Simmons and his New York squad have been lethal terrorists in both dual meets and in Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association tourney competition. The Big Orange has copped the Eastern Ring crown for the past five years.

During the semester vacation, the Lion ringmen were floored by Maryland last Saturday in the Terp's hometown of College Park, Md., 6-2.

While Sulkowski's ringmen were hosts to the Spartans in a home opener, Michigan State had edged a rugged Quantico Marines squad 4½-3½, and had tied Army, 4-4 giving it some valuable ring experience. The Lions lost to the Spartans, 5-3.

Harry Papacharalambous, recent 132-pound returnee from the Lion's 1951 squad, and Adam Kois, holder of the Eastern 178-pound crown, scored victories while southpaw Joe Goleman, heavyweight, and Don Martin, 139-pounder, managed to draw.

Larry Stokes lost a 30-28 verdict to Spartan Herb Odom, flashy 145-pounder who was undefeated last year, and took wins from both the Quantico and Army matches.

Bob Hartley, Allan DeMay, and Ed Lutes were stopped in the first round of each of their bouts. DeMay faced Tom Hickey, defending 167-pound national cham-

pion. DeMay handled himself well against the champ, until he was rocked by strong lefts from Hickey at 1:45 of the round.

Lutes was stopped by George Sisinni, the Spartan 156-pounder, at 1:50. Hartley's bout was stopped in just 36 seconds when stocky Choken Maekawa engulfed him with a flurry of lefts.

After a week of intensified conditioning, the Lions traveled to Maryland only to drop the match 6-2. The Terps posted four wins and a forfeit win, while the Lions took a lone win and drew in two other bouts.

Jack Stokes won his first match in two outings with a 29-28 victory from Bob Phoffield. Adam Kois emerged from his corner in his second defense of his title with his enveloping aggressiveness surprising a tough opponent, Ron Rhodes.

Kois rocked his opponent to the floor twice in the first round. Rhodes, however, knocked the champ to the canvas in the second when Kois became careless. Referee, Billy Williams, scored the bout a draw, although Kois, Sulkowski, and the fans were amazed. Don Martin scored a draw in the 139-pound. It was Martin's second season draw.

Papacharalambous lost his first fight of the year to Vince Palumbo, 30-37.

Mile Relay Squad Sets New Records

By HERM WEISKOPF

Chick Werner's mile relay team paced the Nittany indoor track team in its first four meets of the season. The Lion quartet of baton-passers set a new Penn State record of 3:19.7 Saturday in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden, New York.

Lion anchor man Ollie Sax had to fight off a desperate bid by Manhattan's Lou Jones to bring home the laurels for the Lions in the record-smashing performance. Art Pollard led off for the Blue and White with a time of 0:50.0 and passed the baton to Roy Brunjes who ran his lap in 0:50.4. An 0:50.2 lap was run by Skip Slocum and then Sax staved off Jones with a 0:49.1 clocking. Jones sped to an 0:47.8 time in vain.

The Nittany victory was the second of the campaign for the mile relay. In the Inquirer meet on Jan. 22 in Philadelphia's Convention Hall the foursome of Pollard, Dave Leatham, Brunjes, and Sax copped the Liberty Bell trophy with a new meet record clocking of 3:23.8. The old record of 3:24 had been set in 1950 by Villanova.

In the Washington and Boston meets the Nittany mile relay squad placed third behind Morgan State and Manhattan. These three teams have been hailed as three of the best in the history of indoor track and the competition has been so keen that the

winner of each meet so far has drawn the pole position.

The night after their first record-breaking performance in the City of Brotherly Love the Lions were defeated by Morgan State and Manhattan in the Washington Evening Star meet in the nation's capitol. One week later the Jaspers copped the laurels for the first time with a time of 3:18.2.

Pollard was victorious in his first heat in the 60-yard dash in the Millrose Games but was eliminated in the semi-final race after breaking the tape in a photo-finish. He was also eliminated in the semi-finals of the Inquirer meet.

First heat in the Inquirer games. In the semi-finals run he beat out Pitt's ace, Wally Monahan, and then went on to take fourth in the finals.

Sax ran the 600-yard race in Boston and New York and placed fourth both times. Mal Whitfield, who was upset by Reggie Pearson in the Inquirer meet, reclaimed himself by copping the baton run in a near-record performance.