

# Cagers Lose to Pitt, 74-62; Milers Win

## Panthers Hand Nittanies Third Loss of Season

The Penn State basketball team turns to two New York rivals this week as the 1953-54 court season heads down the home stretch. The Lions meet Colgate and Syracuse Friday and Saturday in their last two road encounters of the campaign.

Elmer Gross' cagers will be making their second try for win number 11 in Hamilton, N.Y. Friday following their jolting 74-62 loss to the University of Pittsburgh Saturday in the Pitt Memorial Field House.

The defeat was the third for the Grossmen, and roughly squelched, at least temporarily, rumors of a possible NCAA play-off bid, that developed shortly before the game. According to a report in the Pittsburgh Press, the Nittanies were in line for an "at-large" bid from the NCAA if they beat the Panthers.

### Pitt Takes Early Lead

However, Bob Timmons' revenge-minded quintet had other ideas. They took an early command of the game and never showed signs of slowing down, staying well out in front of the Nittanier throughout the contest.

Besides mastering the rebounding, the Panthers walked away with individual scoring honors. Joe Fenwick led the victors with 19 points and teammate Dick Deitrick tallied 17. Jesse Arnelle was tops for the Lions with 16 and captain Jack Sherry added 13.

### Lead 13-10 at Quarter

The Panthers used their swift fast break effectively and held a 13-10 lead at the end of the first period. Then in the second frame they boosted the margin to 12 points, 33-21. Their momentum continued to increase through the third period and at the buzzer they held a 51-35 lead.

The Lions got moving in the final period, outscoring the Panthers, 27-23, and at one time narrowed the margin to six points. However, they couldn't quite catch the fired-up Jungle Cats, who won their sixth game of the season.

The Lions could hit on only 20 per cent of their field goal attempts in the first half and 26 per cent for the game. Pitt connected on 35 per cent of their shots from the floor.

### Summary

PENN STATE		PITT	
Fg	F Ttl	Fg	F Ttl
Weidhamer	2 1-3	Burch	3 7-10
Haag	4 1-1	Fenwick	8 3-7
Arnelle	5 6-9	Zimmovan	3 3-5
Sherry	5 3-4	Artman	1 3-5
Blocher	0 2-2	Paulick	3 5-9
Brewer	3 2-2	Deitrick	8 1-3
Marisa	4 0-0		
Edwards	0 1-2		
Totals	23 16-23	Totals	26 22-39

Score by Periods—  
 PENN STATE 10 11 14 27-62  
 PITT 13 20 18 23-74  
 Officials—Zarilla, Fair.



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## Gym Team Whips Navy

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ing a first and second. Hugh Cline made his first appearance for the Staters and took a fourth place. Phil Cronk placed third for the Middies.

Haag and John Baffa were the only Lions to place in the rope climb. Baffa took a third, while the visitors' Munger and Bill Glover tied for second.

Cronstedt registered the highest point total of the evening as he accounted for 274 of a possible 300 points and a first place on the parallel bars, the second of the two events the Lions swept. Captain Al Wick was right on his heels with a 272 effort, while Schwenzfeier took third with a respectable 257. Navy captain, Bob O'Malia, took fourth place.

Schwenzfeier captured first place in the final event, the rings. Ed Shuman, who placed third against the Lions last year, took a second. Baffa and Procopio followed with third and fourth.

This was the last home game for the Lions. Eight Blue and White performers, the Wicks, Lawrence, Procopio, Baffa, Hommas, and Dick Spiese appeared before a home audience for the last time.

The Lions' next opponent is Army Saturday at West Point.

### The Summary

**TUMBLING:** Munger (N), 264; Paxton (PS), 243; Hommas (PS), 233; McElroy (N), 231; Cronstedt (PS), 220.  
**SIDE HORSE:** F. Wick (PS), 266; Lawrence (PS), 260; Helm (PS), 238; Soltys (N), 220; Brewer (N), 198.  
**HORIZONTAL BAR:** Cronstedt (PS), 256; Procopio (PS), 247; Cronk (N), 242; Cline (PS), 229; Nettles (N), 223.  
**ROPE CLIMB:** Haag (PS), 3.7; Munger (N), and Glover (N), 4.0; Baffa (PS), 4.1; Stetler (PS), 4.3.  
**PARALLEL BARS:** Cronstedt (PS), 274; A. Wick (PS), 272; Schwenzfeier (PS), 257; O'Malia (N), 249; Bourke (N), 232.  
**FLYING RINGS:** Schwenzfeier (PS), 261; Shuman (N), 236; Baffa (PS), 234; Procopio (PS), 228; Hoerner (N), 214.

## Nittany Mile Relay Team Wins Again As Werner Pulls a 'Casey Stengel'

Nittany track Coach Chick Werner pulled a "Casey Stengel" Saturday at the New York AC meet—he revised the lineup of his ace mile relay squad and came up with a victory for the third time in five meets.

With Ollie Sax running in the 500-yard race, Werner inserted Dave Leatham in the quartet and placed former leadoff man Art Pollard in the anchor slot. Skip Slocum ran the first lap with a clocking of 0:51.5 and Leatham ran his quarter in 0:50.5. Roy Brunjes came up with the fastest time, running an 0:49.5 lap and then Pollard clinched the affair with an 0:51.0 clocking.

The time for the Nittany foursome was 3:22.5. Colgate, Pitt and Brown were defeated by the Lions in their heat.

Morgan State's relay team was not entered in the meet and Manhattan's quartet was defeated by Fordham in another heat.

Although he was eliminated in the semi-finals of the 60-yard dash, Pollard performed well, Werner said yesterday. The Nittany mentor pointed out that the sophomore flash was running against what is now recognized as the fastest field of sprinters ever assembled. Johnny Haines and Lindy Remigino finished one-two in the finals of this event. It was the same duo which eliminated Pollard in the semi-finals.

Sax finished fifth in the 500-yard race. Villanova's Joe Gaffney took the laurels in this race

and Reggie Pearman was second.

Horace Ashenfelter, former Nittany track great, who has been getting closer to the world's two-mile indoor standard each week, finally achieved his goal with a new mark of 8:50.5.

### Baseball Managers

Sophomore candidates for assistant baseball managers may sign up today and tomorrow in the Athletic office in 107 Old Main, manager Horace Mitchell has announced.

## Jayvees Edge Orange, 4 1/2-3 1/2

Coach Frank Patrick's JV boxing team tallied four wins and a draw Saturday to turn back a strong Syracuse squad, 4 1/2-3 1/2, in Recreation Hall.

125 lbs. — Denasha (S) decisioned Hartley (PS), 30-29.

132 lbs. — Scilaba (PS) defeated Marks (S), 1:23 third round

139 lbs. — McMath (PS) defeated Collivar (S), 1:20 first round

147 lbs. Shaw (PS) decisioned Wheat (S), 30-25

156 lbs. Taggart (PS) decisioned Rigolosi (S), 30-28

165 lbs. — Shultz (PS) and Green (S) drew, 28-28

178 lbs. — Iancello (S) decisioned Lorrick (PS), 30-29

Hvwt. — Georgiada (S) defeated Tkachs (PS), 1:15 first round

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