

Cagers Beat Gettysburg, 76-62

Lions Win 32d in Row At Rec Hall

By DICK McDOWELL

Completely dominating the floor play, the basketball Lions trounced Gettysburg, 76-62, at Rec Hall last night to win their 11th game of the season.

The taller Nittanians, who won their first game in their last four outings, out-rebounded the scrappy Bullet quintet and connected on 30 field goal attempts to win their 32nd straight game at Rec Hall.

Had Elmer Gross chosen so, his floorman could have doubled the victory margin. However, the Lion coach used his reserves freely throughout the game and was satisfied to keep the margin at 14 points.

Captain-forward Jack Sherry and center Jesse Arnelle topped the Lion scoring with 17 points apiece. Both totaled seven field goals and three points from the foul line. Bob Rohland, a surprise starter at forward, tossed in 11 for the Nittanians.

Weidenhammer Outstanding

The best performance of the night, however, was turned in by guard Ron Weidenhammer who was benched for the first quarter of the game. The speedy guard kept the Lion offense alive with his fine floorwork and hawk-like defensive play.

The Nittanians had trouble with Gettysburg's pressing man-for-man defense early in the game, but soon began to find openings under the basket. Sherry hit with regularity with his fading jump shot and Arnelle kept the nets hot from under the hoop.

The scoring started slowly in the first period. Sherry's jump shot from in the key-hole got the Lions off to an early lead and from there in they slowly widened the gap, leading at one point by 27 points.

Sherry, Rohland Hit

Sherry and Rohland handled the bulk of the scoring in the opening period as the Nittanians moved into a 17-12 lead. Center Bill Snyder and play-making guard Joe Lang kept the Bullets right behind the Lions.

Led by Arnelle, State's momentum began to increase in the second quarter. The big pivot man poured in nine points in that period, and with some help from Earl Fields, the Lions widened the gap to 38-23 at half time.

State continued to pour it on in the third stanza, this time behind Sherry's deadly jump shots. Leading, 45-26, Sherry and Fields took turns at the basket and the Nittanians moved out in front, 62-

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Jack Sherry Scores 17



Ron Weidenhammer Sparkling Floorman

Freshmen Cagers Nip Altoona, 61-58

Penn State's freshman cagers spurred in the final period after losing the lead, to whip Altoona Center, 61-58, at Rec Hall last night in a preliminary to the varsity game.

The Lions led most of the way throughout, only to see the Center squad fight back to tie the count at 49-49 in the final period.

But a jump shot by Hugh Cooper, who was high man for State with 18, followed by Sam McKibben's tap-in gave the victors a lead which they did not relinquish.

McKibben followed Cooper in the scoring parade with 16 tallies, while Charley Sitch had ten. Bill Taylor led the visitors with 20 tallies, most of them on long set shots.

The teams traded goals in the first quarter, but the Lions, aided by a pair of hook shots by Sitch, had a 16-15 edge after the first ten minutes.

The Nittanians opened the margin to 25-18, before Altoona's Mike Lattner led a spurt which closed the gap to 25-24. But State followed the script by again spurling for a 31-24 lead at the half-time intermission.

Altoona got a tough break as the second half opened as Jack Kitting, their biggest man, picked removed. State took this opportunity to move out to 38-29, and held a 45-38 edge at the quarter.

The action picked up in the last stanza as Lattner's jump closed the gap to 45-42. Seconds later, the Lions found their margin only 47-46, but Cooper tallied from underneath to up the spread. Altoona's last gasp was a foul goal and long set shot by Taylor. This knotted the count at 49 apiece, from whence the Lions took control.

College Drops Football

LORETTO, Pa., Feb. 24 (AP)—St. Francis College dropped football today but hit the big time in basketball with its first invitation to the NIT tournament in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Freshmen Wrestle Panthers Saturday

Penn State's freshman wrestlers will take to the mats Saturday afternoon when they play host to the Pitt frosh. The opening match is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

This will be the second and final meet of the season for the Lions. The Lion frosh traveled to Lock Haven last week and came back with a 23-11 win.

The Lions boast several outstanding men in the lower weights, namely, George Smith, John Pepe, Dave Adams and Dan Gray. They registered pins against Lock Haven.

Mittmen Seek Win Saturday

Still groping for its first victory, Penn State's boxing squad will travel to Charlottesville, Va., Saturday for its fifth match of the campaign.

But the Cavaliers may not be as mild as the Nittanians would like them. Coach Al York's ringmen will have an edge on the Lions in the respect of valuable dual meet experience.

Coach Eddie Sulkowski has been carrying his victory hopes in the past four meets with four sophomores, three juniors, and one senior. At the start of the season, only two of these eight men had seen collegiate ring competition.

Captain Adam Kois, who has carded a 2-1-1, was the only boxer that had seen even recent dual meet opposition.

Harry Papacharalambous had not been in the ring since 1951 when he left school and entered military service.

Opposing ringmen in the past four matches which have netted the Lions three losses and one tie, have had two or three years of varsity competition under their belts.

Last year, the Virginians edged the Lions 4½-3½. And this year, the bulk of that same team is expected to be facing the Lions again.

Facing the relative newcomers from Penn State, Virginia will probably have the edge. But the Lions will be looking forward to this one to card their first win.

While Eastern champ, Adam Kois has been holding the 178-pound slot for the past four meets, three sophomores have been consistently improving. Don DeMay, Larry Stokes, and Frank Breidor may form a bulwark for the Lions Saturday in a desperation try for a win.

Wettstone, Wick Twins To Appear on TV Show

Coach Gene Wettstone and his co-captains, Frank and Albert Wick, will be the guests of George Walsh and his televised sports program over WFIL-TV, Philadelphia, at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The Penn State gymnasts will be in Philadelphia for Saturday's dual meet against Temple.

Wrestling coach Charlie Speidel also will appear on Walsh's program at the same time Tuesday night, while in Philadelphia for Wednesday's mat duel with Penn.

Rocky Marciano To Defend Title Against Charles

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano will make his third title defense at Yankee Stadium, Thursday, June 17, when he takes on Ezzard Charles, the former titleholder, in a 15-round bout.

The match has been in the hopper for some time and negotiations finally were completed today by promoter Jim Norris; Al Weill, manager of Marciano; and Tom Tannas, co-manager of Charles.

Marciano, who will be putting his crown on the block nine months after his successful defense against Roland LaStarza will receive 40 per cent while Charles will collect 20 per cent.

In case of rain, Norris said the fight would be postponed to Monday, June 21.

Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, said no decision has been made on whether the fight will be televised into the homes or beamed into theaters. The chances are that theater-TV will get the plum and home viewers will be shut out.

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