

# Cagers Defeat Prexies; Wrestlers Win 3rd, 22-8

## 90-71 Win Paced by Arnelle's 30

Basketball coach John Egli is casting a cautious glance toward New York State this week as his roaring Nittany Lions move into the crucial stage of their 25-game schedule with hopes of dumping Syracuse and Colgate in follow-up victories to their 91-70 thumping of Washington and Jefferson Saturday night.

The Lions topped the Presidents at Washington, Pa., gaining their 15th win of the campaign and sixth victory in succession. They meet the two New York schools Friday and Saturday.

### Was Important Win

Although the Presidents, traditional hardwood rivals, were probably not the best team the Lions have beaten this year, the triumph was one of the sweetest of the campaign for Egli's quintet. It represented the Nittanians' first really decisive victory on the road, although it was their fourth straight win on a foreign court. (They had won three in overtime play.)

And with the National Collegiate Athletic Association eyeing the rampaging Lions, the victory probably went a long way. The Presidents represented a very respectable small basketball school and they found themselves completely outclassed by the overpowering Lions.

### Lead by 24 Points

With Jesse Arnelle leading the scoring, the Lions unloaded a first half salvo that gave them a 24-point lead at the intermission. The Big Lion center moved ever nearer to the magic 2000 point mark, lacking that total now by only 31 points.

The Lions jumped off to an early lead when, after coach Stan Daley's team covered Arnelle heavily in the pivot, Ron Weidenhammer, Bob Hoffman, and Earl Fields hit on five consecutive set shots from outside the Prexy zone screen. Then when the President defenders moved out to stop Egli's set shot artists, Arnelle took over and swished seven consecutive field goals.

The Lions connected on 80 per cent of their shots in the first half and coasted home after leading 54-26 at the intermission.

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## Arnelle's Scoreboard

Here's the way Jesse Arnelle's four-year scoring records line up as the big center approaches the magic 2000 total:

1951-52	—492
1952-53	—409
1953-54	—506
1954-55	—562 (Five games remaining)

His average for the 1951 season was a record-breaking 18.9. He scored at a 17 point per game pace in 1952, and last season averaged 21.8. He's currently cutting the nets at an even 28 point pace.

## Gym Teams Score Wins Over Navy

Penn State gymnasts entered EIGA competition on a sweet note Saturday at Annapolis, scoring two decisive victories. The Lion varsity chalked up its second win of the still young season via a 53-43 victory over the Middies and the Nittany frosh registered a sound 56-40 verdict at the expense of the Annapolis Plebes.

The varsity performers entered the meet with what Lion coach Gene Wettstone tabbed as, "hardly a chance to win."

But the Nittanians reached into the proverbial bag and pulled out a surprise trick, taking first place in all six events.

Once again Wettstone called on his versatile captain, Karl Schwenzfeier, to handle most of the Lion assault, and he responded with three victories.

The Lion gym artist remained undefeated on two events, parallel bars and flying rings, and turned in a surprise first place performance on the side horse.

Bill Paxton on the mats, Dion Weissend on the horizontal bar, and Skeets Haag on the rope rounded the remaining list of Penn State winners.

Highly-rated Sailor captain, Burt Munger, set the pre-meet predictions haywire by falling behind Paxton in the tumbling event. Schwenzfeier's winning routine and Skip Heim's second on the horse came as an upset one-two decision over the Middies' Arnold brothers. The duo was the Saturday afternoon choice to walk away with top honors in its specialty.

With Weissend first and Tony Cline third on the H-bar, and Don Rehm's fourth on the twin bars, the Lions held a commanding 39-

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## Lions Host Army, Lehigh In Final Home Meets

Home fans will get two opportunities to see a full complement of Nittany wrestlers in action during the next two weekends when Army and Lehigh visit the Lions who polled their third and most recent win at Syracuse Saturday, 22-8.

The Lions won six of eight bouts with four of the wins coming by decisions. Only sophomores Dave Adams and Joe Krufka managed to push five-pointers into the Lions total score.

Syracuse won only two bouts. Its first was a five-pointer earned by Eastern and National 157-pound champ Ed Rooney who pinned senior Len McNeal after the Lions held a commanding 14-point lead.

After McNeal, wrestling his first varsity meet, lost, his teammate Joe Humphreys, seeing his first action on the mats since the 1953-54 season, dropped a rugged 5-3 decision to Bob Smith. The Orange 167-pounder emerged with his fifth straight victory as a result of time advantage in the final period after both men traded points earlier in the match.

### Wins in Usual Weights

The Lions' victories and points came in the usual weights. Sid Nodland (123) and seniors Bob Homan, 130-pound captain, and Larry Fornicola (137) each won decisions to give the Lions a 9-0 lead.

Nodland handed Don Clark his second straight defeat 9-5 and Fornicola shutout Tommy King, 3-0. It was Fornicola's third straight win compared to King's third loss in five tries.

Homan turned in the most outstanding point decision of the meet with a conquering 13-4 score over winless Win Rushell. Homan scored double near-falls in tabulating his lop-sided victory score.

### Final 3 Wins

The Lions' final three wins netted them 13 points. Adams, 147-pounder, and one of three sophomores on the Nittany squad, won his fourth straight by pinning Ron Marinelli at 2:55 with a figure four hold in the first period after the Lion grappler led 3-0.

After the Lions lost the 157- and 167-pound bouts and their attempt for a whitewash, Krufka shoved his team into a 19-8 lead with a pin at 2:30 over Pedro Gonzalez.

In the heavyweight division once-beaten Bill Oberly had to muster his reserves to cut his opponent's streak at three wins and

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### Varsity Baseball

All candidates for outfield and infield positions on the varsity baseball team are to report to 241 Rec Hall 4 p.m. Thursday. Coach Joe Bedenk has announced.

## Mat Tourney Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the 51st annual Eastern intercollegiate wrestling tournament, to be held at the University March 11-12, went on sale yesterday at the ticket windows in Rec Hall.

The tournament will be one of the highlights of the centennial sports program at the University.

The sessions will be held daily, starting at 2 p.m. Friday. All afternoon sessions will be held at 2 p.m., while the evening sessions will open at 8 p.m. Unreserved seats for the first two sessions will be priced at \$1 each, for the semi-finals, \$1.50, and for the finals, \$2.

Reserved seats will be \$1.25 for each of the first two sessions, \$2 for the semi-finals, and \$2.50 for the finals.

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