

Arnelle, Fields Pace Victory

Lions Will Meet Iowa Friday at Evanston, Ill.

By DICK McDOWELL

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 8—Penn State fought off a second half Memphis State uprising here tonight to win its opening test in the National Collegiate basketball championships 59-55, before a sparse crowd of 5000 at spacious Memorial Coliseum.

The Lions won the second half of the regional playoff doubleheader while favored Marquette whipped Miami of Ohio in an overtime thriller in the first game, 95-89.

The Lions, a toss-up choice with the small Tennessee entry moved into an apparently safe first half lead, but almost

lost the game in a hectic finish. Leading 33-19 at the intermission, coach John Egli's quintet faltered before a rough house man-for-man Tiger defense in the second half, but held on in the final minutes when time ran out on the Tigers.

Jesse Arnelle celebrated his 100th game as a Penn State basketball player with 20 points and forward Earl Fields, who played a brilliant floor game tonight, added 17 more to the Lion cause.

Penn State put together a varied offense and a tight zone defense in the first half and had control of the game when the half ended.

But Dr. Eugene Lambert's team caught the Nittany with a pressing defense in the second half and then found a passage to the basket. They pressed hard and threatened to overtake the Lions several times before the contest ended.

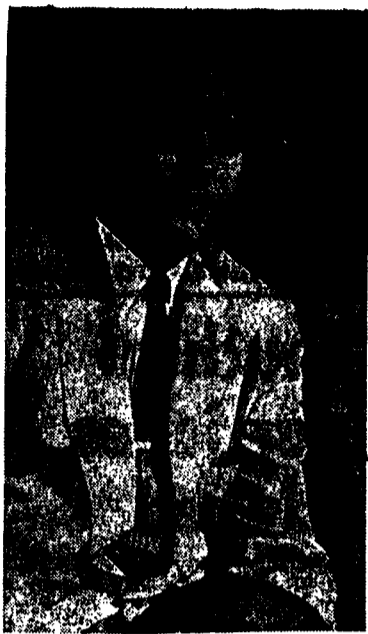
Penn State started very slow and trailed 7-3 with five minutes gone in the first half. Millard Davis gave the Tigers a quick 2-0 lead seconds after the opening tap off and Hover Scott's field goal and foul point put Memphis ahead 5-1 following Arnelle's charity point. Ken Caldwell brought the score to 7-3. Then Arnelle and Jim Blocker began to gain control of the backboards, Fields, Dave Edwards and Ron Weidenhammer took command on the floor, and the Lions began to find themselves.

Arnelle scored from the foul line, Fields swished a jump shot, and Blocker added another one handed to give the Lions the lead 8-7 with 13:38 remaining in the half.

Arnelle began to unload from in the pivot and underneath and the Lions defense tightened. Penn State shot ahead and midway throughout the half, led 17-11. The Lions continued to pour it on and with Fields and Weidenhammer doing most of the damage.

Fields opened the scoring in the second half and then Memphis State connected for eight points. Fields scored on a free throw, Arnelle added another, and Arnold and Scott put together three more points for the Tigers, bringing the score to 39-31.

Penn State was never able to



John Egli Guides Lions to Win

State Inquiry On Boxing Is Put Off

HARRISBURG, March 8 (AP)—The Senate Law and Order Committee today put off for "further study" action on a proposal for a legislative investigation of boxing in Pennsylvania.

Such an action many times in the past has meant the end of it under Assembly procedure.

Chairman G. Robert Watkins (R-Delaware) said the committee will "make a further and thorough study of the proposal before any action is taken."

The committee discussed the matter during a meeting. Several committee members voiced disapproval with the proposal in an informal discussion.

At the same time the committee unanimously approved another measure to urge state-aided colleges and universities to withdraw from agreements restricting telecasts of their athletic contests.

The resolution, adopted a short time later by the Senate, was changed to read that the schools should be "urged" rather than required to withdraw from the agreements.

The boxing resolution would set up a nine-member group to be known as the Boxing Investigation Committee. Members would look into what sponsors of the resolution term "evidence of fraud and fixed fights" in Pennsylvania.

shake the Tigers after that and held a 59-47 lead with three minutes remaining. Suddenly the scrappy Tigers caught fire, while Penn State threw several scoring chances away.

Memphis collected a rapid eight points and were closing the gap when the final bell sounded.

MEMPHIS STATE				PENN STATE			
FG	F	TH	PTS	FG	F	TH	PTS
Scott	2	2-1	5	Blocker	3	3-2	8
Davis	4	3-4	12	Edwards	2	0-0	4
Jones	0	0-0	0	Hoffman	1	0-0	2
McClain	2	0-0	4	Arnelle	6	12-8	20
Ballard	0	0-0	0	Weid'h'r	4	0-0	8
Winn	1	0-0	2	Fields	5	8-7	17
Arnold	5	6-2	12	Rohland	0	0-0	0
Fortner	1	1-0	2	Ramsey	0	0-0	0
Caldwell	8	2-2	18				
Totals	28	19-9	55	Totals	21	23-17	59

Halftime Score: Penn State 33, Memphis State 19.

'Strongest Man' Challenges Reds

TORONTO, March 8 (AP)—A Canadian wrestler who claims to be the world's strongest man proposes to prove it in a challenge match against Russian weightlifting specialists.

Doug Hepburn, formerly of Vancouver, today issued a challenge to the "nine strongest men in Russia." Each of the nine would be a specialist in one of the main weight lifting classes.

Hepburn, who holds the world and British Empire weightlifting titles, said he feels it's time "the Russians stopped getting away with claims that they are the world's strongest men."

Indoor Track Team Set Eight Records

There have been some changes made—especially by the Nittany Lion indoor track squad. Although the thinclads saw only limited action in most of the meets this season, they accounted for eight changes in the record books.

Art Pollard, Rosey Grier, Rod Perry, and the mile relay quartet were in charge of the "revising."

Michigan State played host to the Lions and teams from Ohio State and Missouri in a quadrangular meet Feb. 12 at East Lansing, Mich., and though the Blue and White trackmen finished second, they smashed seven records. Pollard

was the main "offender," rewriting one Penn State and two field house standards and lending a hand in the record-breaking mile relay.

"The Coatsville Comet" topped the Michigan State field house mark in the 60-yard dash when he covered the distance in 6.3 sec. and also ran one of the fastest 300-yard races ever run on the banked boards. Pollard trailed teammate John Morin for about the first 200 yards of the race and then spurred into the lead, finishing in 30.6 sec.

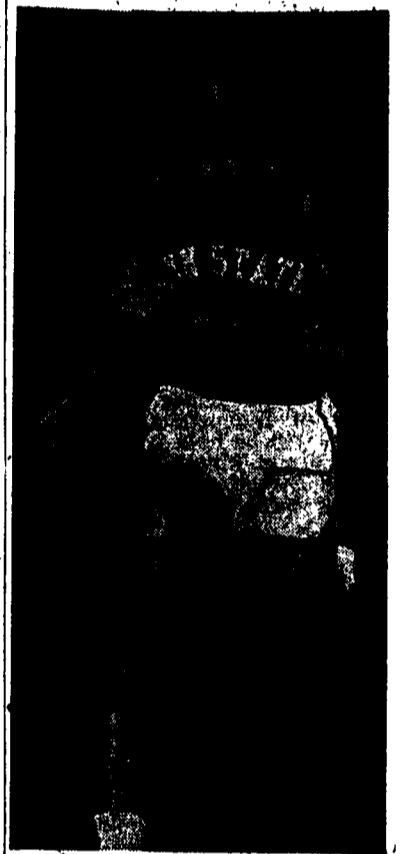
Better's Baker's Time

This time eclipsed the field house mark set two years earlier by Thane Baker, Olympic star from Kansas State, by two-tenths of a second and also bettered the Penn State mark.

Grier twice set new Nittany standards in the shot put, climaxing the campaign with a 53' 4 1/2" heave on his final effort to cop the intercollegiate championship. In the quadrangular meet Grier erased the Penn State mark set indoors last season by Charlie Blockson with a throw of 51' 10 1/2".

Perry Trips Dillard

Perry set a new field house mark at East Lansing when he ran the 70-yard high hurdles in 8.6 sec. However, his finest effort came in the opening meet of the season—Jan. 21 at the Philadelphia Inquirer Games—when he upset Harrison Dillard, the world's No. 1 timber topper. Perry (Continued on page seven)



Art Pollard Leads Record-Breakers



Ron Weidenhammer Adds Valuable Points

Red Sox' Olson Injured in Game

The Associated Press

The injury jinx which struck the Boston Red Sox early last year, costing them the services of Ted Williams for the first month of the season, hit again Tuesday.

This time the victim was left-fielder Karl Olson, who suffered a mild cerebral concussion after smashing into a wall in an intrasquad game at Sarasota, Fla.

Olson, who filled in some for Williams while the latter was out, banged into the leftfield wall as he ran after a long fly ball hit by Ted Lepcio. He suffered cuts on his left ear and hand and was taken to a hospital. Injuries were not regarded as serious.

Williams broke his left shoulder on the first day of practice last year and didn't return to regular action until May 16.

Two League Titles Won In IM Basketball Action

Two more intramural basketball teams clinched playoff berths during Monday night's action. The Mustangs are the independent League F representatives. Theta Xi copped the fraternity League E crown.

The Mustangs won the hard way. Both the winners and the Watts Wonders entered the game with 6-0 records, and the league championship was at stake. Fortunately for the Mustangs, the Wonders didn't hit their stride until the second half, when they outscored the winners, 13-9. But the Mustangs' commanding seven point lead at the half proved to be an insurmountable margin for the Wonders to overcome.

Theta Xi earned its easiest conquest of the year, 48-18, over Delta Theta Sigma, in capturing the League E title. It was only the second of eight victories that Theta Xi won by more than three points in its spirited climb to the top. Five Theta Xi's tallied

six or more points, with Mike Meckley's 14 leading the group.

Tau Phi Delta ended its season with a .500 percentage by edging Phi Kappa, 20-19. Bob Bommer led the winner's attack with 10 markers, while Ronald Velosky hooped nine for Phi Kappa.

The McElwain Men's 19-10 half-time bulge proved a sufficient edge to stand off the Skyrockets' belated second half rally. Three of the winners tallied eight points in the 33-28 upset victory.

As a result of a forfeit by the Gophers, the Setters are now just one-half game off the 7-0 pace set by Hamilton Six in the independents League G race. The first place Hamilton Six team has one more game to play. A win means the title; a loss would necessitate a league playoff.

In other games, Phi Kappa Tau smashed Phi Mu Delta, 22-11; the Atherton Men defeated the Mibs, 12-9; and the Giffes received a forfeit decision from the Hyflers.

Nittanies May Rule Eastern Gym Meet

As has been the story for the past three years, this weekend's Eastern gymnastics tourney will be well saturated with a host of Penn State acrobats who have demanded season-long respect in every Eastern gym circle.

The gym festival, this year to be held on the home grounds of the Midshipmen of the U. S. Naval Academy, is the post-season chance for each of the East's gymnastic best to show its wares in a gathering that provides nothing but competition plus.

Everything is scored on an individual basis, with no team scoring involved.

Although the Lion entries can not be expected to provide the show that was performed by last year's Nittany NCAA champs, Gene Wettstone's performers will probably once again be looked upon as the ones to stop.

For the third straight year, they ran roughshod over their five EIGA opponents, showing little mercy in compiling an unblemished 5-0 record. The Lions also went outside of Eastern competition to score a win over a Southwestern Conference foe, West Virginia; and the Big Ten's NCAA runnerup, Illinois, gave the Lions their lone loss this year—that one by a slim four point spread.

So, teamwise, the Penn State entry once again has to be considered the pre-tourney favorite, but individually, it's a different story.

Almost invariably, the Nittanies EIGA foes each possess at least one standout who could provide a Lion performer a good fight in an individual event.

Last year Wettstone sent 13 Nittanies to the Easterns at Temple University, and six of the 11 events were won by Lions. Jean Cronstedt, nationally-

famed Lion performer, took three individual honors, in addition to winning the Olympic all-around event last year.

This year's tourney will get underway Friday night with the all-around performers, who must compete in six events, going for the much sought-after title.

Saturday afternoon and early evening action will be the main attraction however, with a wide field of the East's top performers going all out to keep the Nittanies from once again dominating the Eastern classic.

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