

Syracuse Downs Lions, 71-64

Orange Trails at Half, 36-31; Hoffman High With 20 Points

By RON GATEHOUSE

Playing for all they were worth and proving more than ever that hustle and spirit can often overshadow ability, the never-say-die Lion cagers came within eight points of beating Syracuse last night at Recreation Hall before a spirited crowd estimated at 3000. The 71-69 loss was Penn State's fifth of the season.

Co-captain Bobby Hoffman, smallest member of the Lion squad but owner of the most accurate shooting eye, shined once again on defense and led Penn State in the scoring

column for the fifth time this season—this time with 20 points.

Vinnie Cohen, still in the minds of Lion cage fans for the sparkling performance last year when the Lions topped the Orange, 107-85, shared the game's scoring honors with Hoffman by scoring 20 of the Orange's winning total.

Although Penn State led at the intermission, 36-31, and at that point it appeared as though a major Eastern upset could well be in the making. Even before the opening tip-off, things began to go wrong for the Lions.

Probably as much as injury to their victory hopes as Syracuse's 40-point second half splurge was the fact that Bob Leisure, an up-and-coming junior who Egli had selected to start in place of regular and Co-captain Earl Fields, entered the Infirmary this afternoon with a 102 degree temperature.

A quick scan at the bench left only Fields to take Leisure's place. He started and played all but two minutes, but his five points and nine rebounds weren't enough to supplement Hoffman's effort, and earn the Lions a win. Fields played with four stitches in his right hand.

Rudy Marisa grabbed 11 caroms, and led the Lions under the boards. He also connected on two field goals and nine of 11 foul shots for 15 points—second high for Penn State.

As a team the Lions outrebounded the winners, 39-27, and percentage-wise looked better from the floor. They made 22 of 64 attempts for a 34 per cent shooting average, while the Orange hit on 33 per cent, making good on 24 of 73 attempts.

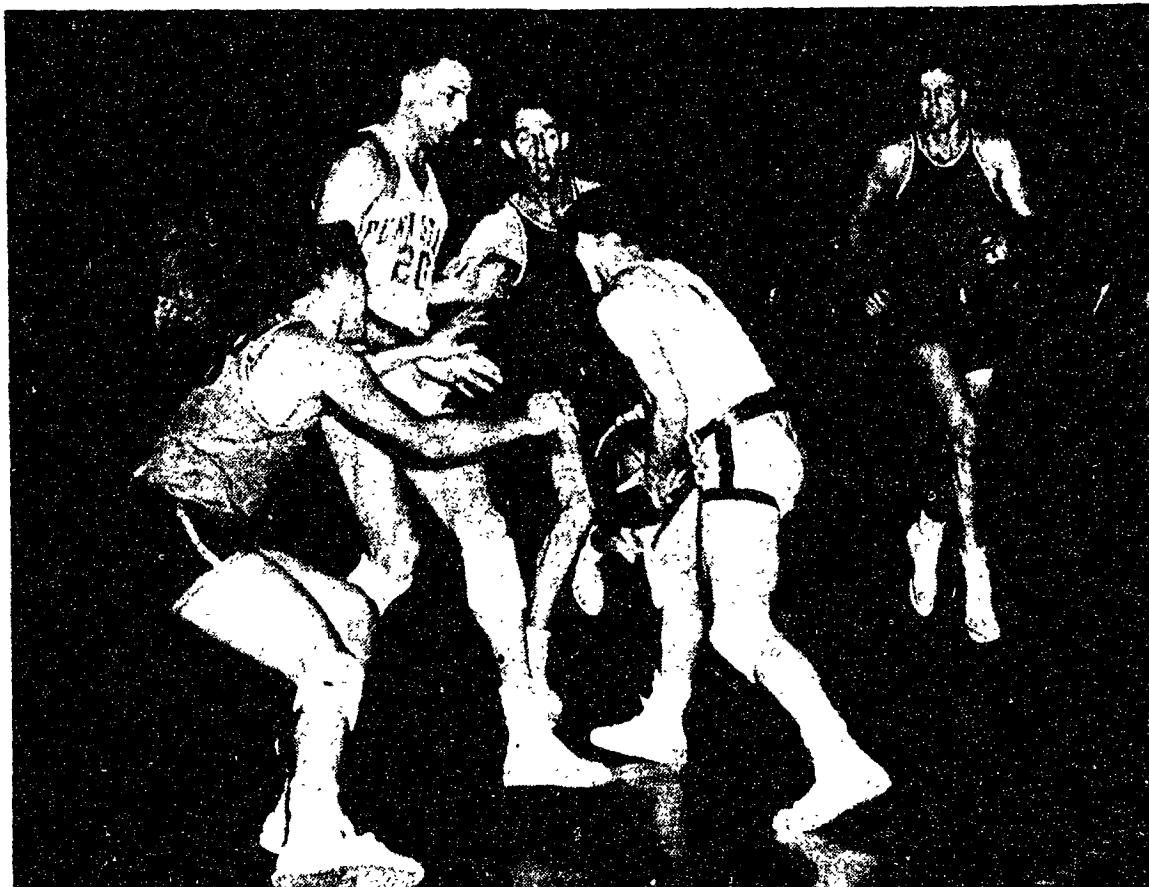
Syracuse was 23 of 31 at the foul line and the Lions connected successfully on 20 of 29 free throws.

Following the game, Lion Coach John Egli commented: "They (Penn State) played their best game of the year, including College and Toledo, but man for man we just weren't good enough. I couldn't expect them to do any better against a team like Syracuse."

The loss evened the Lions' record at 5-5. Syracuse is now 7-3. To date it has topped such Eastern powers as Niagara, Fordham, Cornell, and Navy. All but the Navy win came by 13 or more points.

Eight of Hoffman's 20 points came in 7:43 of the first half and he contributed 14 of his total in the opening period. At no time in the first stanza were the Lions headed, and Syracuse didn't take the lead until 9:50 of the second half had elapsed.

At that point the scoreboard read 50-48 with the Orange in front, and the Lions—tiring badly from their fine first-half defensive play when they stopped several



—Dave Bavar photo

BOBBY HOFFMAN, Penn State co-captain and high scorer for the Nittanies in their 71-64 loss to Syracuse at Rec Hall last night, attempts to shake loose two Orange cagers. Larry Loudis, left, and Jim Snyder, center. Rudy Marisa (20), Nittany forward, is in the middle of the fray, and Syracuse's Gary Clark (45) is at the right. Hoffman scored 20 points for Penn State.

1st of 5 Away Meets --

Wrestlers Will Visit Lehigh Saturday

Penn State's wrestling team—scheduled for eight matches this year—will make its first appearance away from home Saturday when it visits Lehigh. Saturday's trip will be one of five the Lions will make during the '56 campaign. They also meet Navy, Ohio State, Illinois, and Maryland on foreign mats.

The Engineers and Penn State have long been wrestling rivals, and although Lehigh

'Sam' Green, Former Gridder, Drafted by Colts

BALTIMORE, Jan. 11 (AP)—The Baltimore Colts of the National Football League announced signing today Paul "Sam" Green, a free agent formerly of Penn State and now with the Army in Germany.

Green was a 220-pound guard and linebacker at Penn State before being drafted. He is from Pottstown.

The Colts already have drafted his former teammate, half-back Lenny Moore.

3000 Meter Skating Mark

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Moscow radio reported that Yuri Ivashkin bettered the world skating record for 3000 meters in an Alma Ata warmup for the coming Winter Olympics. His time was 4 minutes, 37.8 seconds.

of the Oranges' sharp passes—

couldn't catch up.

PENN STATE			SYRACUSE		
Fg	F. Tl.		Fg	F. Tl.	
Fields	2 1-5	5	Cohen	7 6-9	20
Hoffman	7 6-6	20	Loudis	0 1-3	1
Ramus	4 3-5	11	Clark	6 6-6	18
Marisa	3 9-10	15	Gillespie	5 0-1	10
Baidy	4 0-0	8	Snyder	3 6-6	12
Hartnett	0 0-0	0	Brown	3 2-3	8
Hall	2 1-3	5	Cegala	0 0-1	0
			Albanese	0 2-2	2
Totals	22 20-29	64	Totals	24 23-31	71
Syracuse				31	40-71
Penn State				36	28-64

has come up with better teams in the last decade, the Lions still hold a decided edge in the overall records covering 39 meets. Since their first meeting in 1911, Penn State and Lehigh have battled to a 27-10-2 mark with the Blue and White commanding the 17-game spread.

With three meets already completed this year, Lehigh is undefeated with wins over Cornell, 26-7, Penn, and most recently, Franklin and Marshall, 19-9.

Lehigh has material returning from the team that was upset by the Lions last year, 15-13, in a Recreation Hall thriller.

Lineup changes, however, for the Lehigh-Penn State duel are expected to be made by both Coach Charlie Speidel and Lehigh's mentor, Gerald Leeman.

Leeman's five returning lettermen are Ed Eichelberger, Eastern and National 147-pound champion; Tom Deppe (123); Dave Bates (137); Dick Whited (167), and Dave Gallher, heavyweight.

A lineup change at 147 pounds against Franklin and Marshall affected nearly the entire Lehigh lineup. Dave Bates, 147-pound veteran, injured his leg during the pre-season Wilkes-Barre tournament, and was forced to sit out the F and M meet.

If Bates is not ready to work against the Lions, Leeman may have to revert to similar tactics

against Speidel on Saturday. If so he'll have two sophomores working. One will be Bob Myers at 123 pounds who made his debut against F and M, with veteran Deppe moving to 130. Deppe lost to Lion 123-pounder Sid Nodland last year by a pin.

If Deppe moves up one weight, then Leeman could use Franklin Eck at 137, sophomore Joe Gratto at 147, and Eichelberger at 157. Gratto, an undefeated sophomore, is the brother of Cornell's veteran matman, Chuck Gratto.

The middleweights, however, are expected to be the weights where both coaches will do the most drastic pre-match juggling in order to gain needed strength.

The balance of Lehigh's lineup will be White at 167, Dave Walton at 177, and Dave Gallher at heavyweight.

As far as his own lineup is concerned, Speidel said that he wasn't sure who would start where, but that Nodland (123), John Pepe (137), Johnny Johnston (130), Dave Adams (147), Joe Krufka (177), and Bill Oberly, heavyweight, will definitely see action.

This leaves Speidel with two positions open. Hal Byers and Joe Humphreys completed the Lions team against Cornell last Saturday when Penn State opened with a 20-6 win.

Miami Hits NCAA

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 11 (AP)—Dr. James M. Godard, executive vice-president of the University of Miami, said today the NCAA, which has decided to keep Miami in the doghouse for another year, ought to be "consistent" in dealing out punishment to colleges.

The NCAA placed Miami on probation for one year starting in October, 1954, on grounds that it paid transportation costs to the campus of prospective athletes and gave excessive grants in aid.

When the year expired, the probation was continued, an action that kept the fine Miami football team of 1954 from getting a certain major bowl bid. Yesterday, in Los Angeles, the NCAA council extended the probation for another year.

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Dr. Godard declined to elaborate on his remark about consistency, but other Miami officials have complained that the NCAA has let other schools accused of recruiting violations off with mild reprimands while dealing out excessive and unfair punishment to Miami.

Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, said in Los Angeles that rules had been violated by the Eaton Foundation, a loan fund for Miami students. He said the fund was not administered by the school as NCAA rules require.

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