

# Matmen Win 2d; Cagers Lose

## Lions Take 5 Weights; Frosh Beaten, 20-6

By ROY WILLIAMS

Two sophomore wrestlers opened against Lehigh Saturday, facing their first varsity competition, and despite their losses to two of Lehigh's best men, Penn State won, 17-13. The win was the Lions' seventh straight over Lehigh.

Although it appeared that Lehigh pushed the Lions to the final wire before dropping the contest, mat coach Charlie Speidel said yesterday that "once John Pepe won the 137-pound bout, I never felt we were in danger of losing." Last year Penn State clinched a 15-13 win when Bill Oberly copped the heavyweight decision.

Penn State jumped off to a 11-0 lead in the first three matches; Lehigh then countered with two pins and a decision to lead, 13-11. Then Co-captains Bill Oberly and Joe Krufka, 177-pounder, scored decisions for a 17-11 score.

Performing before a capacity crowd of 3200 Lehigh fans, junior Sid Nodland copped his second straight win with a 4-1 decision over Bob Myers, Lehigh soph. Myers scored his only point in the first period on an escape.

Johnny Johnston also won his second match when he turned in a surprising pin on Lehigh's mat veteran, Tom Deppe at 130 pounds. Johnston led 4-2 when he got a one-half nelson and head chancery on Deppe at 6:50 for the five-pointer.

With an 8-0 team lead, Pepe was penalized two points in the second period for an illegal hold. In the third period he countered with five points plus riding time to hand Dave Bates his first loss of the season at 137.

Lehigh struck a solid blow to the Lions' mid section when it capitalized on Penn State's primary weakness—the middle-weights.

Captain Ed Eichelberger walked on the mats in the 147 pounder battle, and met sophomore Earl Poust. "Poust got in there and mixed it up, countered, and was clere," Speidel said of his inexperienced soph, "but Ike just had too many guns." Eichelberger is National and Eastern 147-pound 1955 champ. Eichelberger led 6-2 when he scored the first-period pin with an arm bar and chancery.

Lehigh narrowed the gap to three points when Joe Gratto narrowly picked off Dave Adams in the 157-pound bracket. Adams and Gratto were stalemated 2-2 in the first period, and 5-5 entering the final stanza. Adams reversed Gratto at the start of the final period, but Gratto reversed him, gained a near fall, and had riding time to win, 10-7; Adams was leading 7-5 until the final 15 seconds.

Lehigh forged ahead when veteran Dick Whited met ex-Lion footballer Ray Pottios at 167-pounds. Whited took a quick 4-0 lead, and then got the pin at 4:22 with a bar arm and chancery.

Lehigh, with its best wrestlers already relaxing on the bench, sent Joe Walton at 177 and heavyweight Dave Gallaher to protect its slim 13-11 lead after six matches were completed. They failed.

Krufka put the Lions back into the lead, 14-13, when he decided Walton. The match practically turned into a merry-go-round as Krufka was forced to chase Walton to the edge of the mat at least six times, only to have Walton roll off the mat, and out of Krufka's pinning attempts. Krufka commanded the entire match and won, 5-0.

Oberly met Gallaher, and won 6-4, as he had some of the same trouble that Krufka faced as he attempted to work for the pin. Oberly got the first-period takedown, then Gallaher reversed him. In the second period Oberly came up from the bottom for two, and



—Lehigh Brown and White photo by Gaylord Whitaker  
**DAVE ADAMS** moves in on **Chuck Gratto** in their 157-pound bout at Lehigh Saturday. Adams lost his first match of the season when Gratto decisioned him.

## Frosh Cagers Win 1st; Top Altoona Center 85-62

Coach Don Swegan's freshman basketball squad posted its first win of the season Saturday night with a 85-62 victory over Altoona Center on the loser's court.

The Lion yearlings, who also hold two exhibition wins over the junior varsity, meet Bucknell Wednesday night in their second test of the 1955-56 campaign.

Nine of the 10-man frosh traveling squad dented the scoring column against Altoona with five of the men hitting in double figures. Tom Hancock led the parade with 22 points followed by Carmen Palmiero, 18, Bob Edwards, 16, Greg Schwendeman, 16, and Joe Fenkel, 10.

However, Altoona's Bob Ingram topped all scorers with a 27-point barrage. Teammate Smith also hit the double figures with 12 counts.

Altoona jumped off to a 7-2 lead at the start of the fray but the frosh soon tied it up. The lead exchanged hands sporadically throughout the first 15 minutes of the game, but with five minutes remaining in the half, the frosh spurred ahead, taking a 45-32 lead.

It was 57-50 in the early moments of the second period, but that was the closest the Mountaineers ever came, as Swegan's forces padded their lead.

Swegan was not too impressed about the freshman triumph. "Our shooting was way off—especially our layups," the frosh mentor said, "and our defense could do with a good bit of improvement."

Bruce Gilmore dropped a narrow 3-2 match to Dave Lennox, 117 pounder.

John Evans, 147-pounder, lost by another one-point margin to Richard Santora, 8-7. Evans and Santora battled to a 4-4 first period score; in the second period Santora took a 7-6 lead, but in the last period Evans escaped to knot it at 7-7. Santora got the nod on riding time. Joe Cramp, 123; Don Peters, 130; Bill Labone, 157; and heavyweight Clem Newbold also lost.

## Panthers Topple Lions, 78-60; Marisa Scores 15 for Nittanies

By RON GATEHOUSE

Dropping its third consecutive game and second straight on the road, the Penn State basketball team once again got cold in the final minutes Saturday night in the Pitt Field House and lost a 78-60 verdict to the Panthers. The loss was the Lions' seventh against five wins.

Rudy Marisa, who had his best night of the season Friday when the Lions dropped an 81-79 decision to West Virginia, again led the Nittanies in the scoring column with 15 points. He had 27 against the Mountaineers, and in three games he has scored 57. He now trails only Co-captain Bobby Hoffman for individual Penn State scoring honors. Hoffman is averaging 16.3 per game and Marisa is connecting at a 11.3 pace. He also led the Lions in the rebound department against the Panthers. Shooting mostly from side court, he managed to keep the Lions in the game until Pittsburgh began to pull away in the final 10 minutes.

**Leisher Looking Good**  
Bob Leisher, who is steadily proving that Coach John Egli's decision to move him up among the first six on the Nittany roster was a correct one, was second for Penn State with 11. He was followed by Hoffman's 10 and Co-captain Earl Field's 8.

Center Bob Ramsey also had 8 for the Lions, and Steve Baidy, Norm Hall, Joe Hartnett, and Ron Rainey rounded out the Lions' scoring for the evening.

**Lazor Leads Scorers**  
Pitt's 6-4 pivotman, Bob Lazor, was the night's individual high scorer with 28 points. The majority of his points came as a result of clever maneuvering for short shots and tip-ins under the Panther offensive boards.

Pete Reiser connected on only four field goals, but made 10 of 12 fowl attempts to take the games second scoring honors with 18 points.

As a team, Penn State was below its usual par in shooting percentage—connecting on 27 percent—while Pitt, getting considerably more shots from the floor, made an average 33 per cent.

**Pitt Leads in Field Goals**  
For the first time in several games the Lions were outscored from the floor, making 17 field goals—10 less than the winners. However, the Nittanies were successful on two more attempts from the free throw. They made 26 of 40 and Pitt hit on 24 of 33. The Lions trailed by nine points

at intermission—37-28, and after half of the second period had elapsed they were behind by 10. At that point, Penn State couldn't seem to find the handle and as a result lost several scoring attempts on sloppy passes and couldn't find the basket.

Meanwhile, the Panthers were taking advantage of the Nittany mistakes and put the game out of reach.

Ramsay, who scoring-wise has been disappointing in the Lions' last few outings, got Penn State off to a good start with three quick two-pointers in the opening minutes. He made one additional field goal before fouling out in the second half. In 12 Penn State games to date he has committed 52 personal fouls—the closest man is Marisa who has 38.

**Hoffman Leads With 195**  
Marisa's recent scoring spurge leaves him with a 12-game total of 135 points; Hoffman has 195. Also above the century mark are Fields, 121; Ramsay, 109; and sophomore Steve Baidy, 102. Baidy, who has been high scorer for the Nittanies in three games, has also been in a recent scoring slump. Hoffman has led the Lions in five games, and Marisa has been high on three occasions. The latter two shared the honors in one game.

The Lions travel to Bucknell tomorrow for their third straight away game.

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|------------|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|
| Field      | Fg | F  | Tl | Fg        | F  | Tl | P  |
| Fields     | 1  | 6  | 8  | Riser     | 4  | 10 | 18 |
| Hoffman    | 1  | 8  | 10 | Pegues    | 4  | 9  | 8  |
| Ramsay     | 4  | 6  | 1  | Lazor     | 12 | 2  | 26 |
| Marisa     | 4  | 7  | 15 | Fenwick   | 2  | 2  | 6  |
| Baidy      | 0  | 1  | 5  | Hursh     | 0  | 4  | 7  |
| Hall       | 2  | 0  | 4  | Laneva    | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| Leisher    | 4  | 3  | 5  | Lester    | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| Hartnett   | 0  | 1  | 2  | Kleiman   | 2  | 0  | 1  |
| Rainey     | 1  | 0  | 2  | Zimovyan  | 1  | 4  | 5  |
| Ritter     | 0  | 0  | 6  | Markovich | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Totals     | 17 | 26 | 40 | Totals    | 27 | 24 | 33 |
| PENN STATE |    |    |    | PITT      |    |    |    |
| 28-78      |    |    |    | 37-60     |    |    |    |

**Woodrow '56 Captain**  
Don Woodrow, of Pittsburgh, is the newly-elected captain of Penn State's 1956 cross-country team. The Perry High graduate succeeds Doug Moorhead, of North East.

## Today is Deadline For Six-Day Ski Trip Registration

Gordon McCartney, president of the Penn State Outing Club, announced that 7:30 tomorrow night is the deadline for signing up for the Winter Sports Division's ski trip to Allegheny State Park to be held from Jan 26 through Jan. 31.

Those interested should sign up at the main desk in the Hetzel Union Building. A \$5 deposit must be paid upon registering.

Tonight in the HUB Auditorium the Club will present a film entitled "Winter in New York." There will be a discussion of the coming ski trip following the movie.

then allowed Gallaher to escape. Oberly picked up a point for time.

The frosh took a 20-6 trouncing by the same Lehigh lineup—with one exception—that lost to Cornell's frosh, 14-12.

Penn State won the 137-pound bout when Dean Seltzer decisioned Andy Corcoran, 3-0; and the 167-pound tussle when George Gray shutout Bill Gustifson, 5-0.

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