

# State's Rebound



—Ron Walker photo

**TWO LION CAGERS, Bob Leisher (12), and Rudy Marisa (behind Leisher), vie for rebound in first half of last night's basketball contest at Rec Hall. Other Penn Staters are Ron Rainey (3), Bobby Hoffman (4), and Bob Ramsey (14). The Lions downed Lehigh 88-64 to even their season's record at 8-8.**

# Cagers Score 88-64 Victory Over Lehigh For 3rd in a Row

By ROG BEIDLER

The Nittany Lion cagers combined two 44-point halves to defeat the Lehigh Engineers, 88-64, in Recreation Hall last night and once again brought their season record to the .500 mark and extended their winning streak to three in a row.

The Lions were paced by forward Rudy Marisa's 15 point effort in the first half and Norm Hall's 10 point second half. Another bright spot in the evening was sophomore Ron Rainey's performance in his first starting role as he collected 12 points, all in the opening half.

Rainey replaced co-captain Earl Fields who will be lost to the team for the remainder of the season because of scholastic ineligibility.

**Shoddy Play in Second Half**  
The game was marked by shoddy play as both teams substituted frequently. This was true especially in the second half which was marked by a rash of personals. Both teams shot a total of 55 personals in the final half, Lehigh attempting the most with 33 and Penn State with 22.

Lehigh quickly jumped off to a three point lead as Gene Seigel, substitute center for the also ineligible Tom Rayfield, tossed in a layup which was followed by Tom Healy's foul throw. State then rolled back with 10 straight points as Rainey connected for two foul shots and a rebound, as did Marisa, while Bob Ramsey dumped in a hook.

Seigel hit on another foul while Marisa and Hoffman pushed it up to 15-4. State continued to lengthen its lead until at the nine minute mark the score stood at 29-9. Sparking the drive was Marisa's eight consecutive points for the Blue and White. Hoffman tossed in two fielders while Ramsey and Rainey each contributed two.

Rainey then hit for three two-

pointers which, along with Ramsey's free throw matched Lehigh's effort to set the score at 38-18. Hall then tossed in two field goals and Jim Jordy's jump ended the first half scoring for the Lions. Halftime score stood at 44-26.

Marisa opened the second half with as torrid a pace as he displayed in the initial frame. After guard Bob Leisher's driving layup, Marisa connected for a jump shot and two free throws which ended his scoring for the evening. His first half performance was a respectable 45 per cent, five goals in 11 tries.

**Subs Take Over**  
In the second half, the second and third teams took over as Coach John Egli cleared his bench. The whistles sounded frequently as over-anxiousness attracted the attention of the officials. Seigel led the losers in this department as he toed the line six times, making five successful. He also collected two fielders.

Tom Healy also hit on five of six free throws and bettered Seigel's field effort with three jump shots.

Although he missed his only free throw in the second half, Norm Hall led the Nittanians with five field goals—three rebounds

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# Lion Gymnasts Prep For Orange Saturday

By VINCE CAROCCI

Varsity gymnastic coach Gene Wettstone is putting his Lion squad—fresh from two smashing victories over West Virginia and Temple—through preliminary preparations for its Saturday night encounter with Syracuse at Recreation Hall.

The Lion gymnasts, attempting to retain their title as the top gymnastic squad in the eastern section of the country, opened their 1956 card with an easy 64-31 victory over the Mountaineers of West Virginia, Saturday, Jan. 28.

# Frosh Five Top Altoona, Bow to Navy

By LOUIE PRATO

Penn State's freshman cage five, aggravated by the beating administered to them by Navy's Plebes last week, took their spite out on Altoona Center Saturday night, thumping the Blair County men, 66-32.

The win, coupled with the Navy loss and a victory over Bucknell in late January, brought the Frosh's record to a 3-1 mark.

Only one more game remains on the five-game schedule of Coach Don Swegan's quintet. That's a return engagement with Bucknell Feb. 15 on the Recreation Hall hardwood.

It was a good shooting percentage and fine defensive play which accounted for the Lions' win over Altoona. The Lion Cubs made 44% of their shots, and continually high-pressured the losers with stylish defensive tactics.

According to Swegan, "It was the best game of the year for the Frosh. Our defense looked very good and our shooting was up to par. If only we could have been 'on' the night we faced Navy."

The "on" that Swegan refers to is the dismal shooting percentage recorded by the Little Lions in the Navy fracas. The frosh managed to hit on only 18% of their field goal attempts, while the Mid-dies were ripping the cords for a 46% average.

Carmen Palmiero was the big man behind the Altoona win. The 6-5½ forward from Brooklawn, N.J., who according to his coach

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Despite the loss of his all-round star Karl Schwenzfier, the likable mentor developed a formidable squad, the nucleus of which was built around the dexterity of Captain Tony Cline, Dion Weissend and Armando Vega.

### Weissend Sparks Lions

Weissend spearheaded the Lion attack in its victory over the Mountaineers, winning the horizontal bar event, finishing second in the tumbling competition, and capturing the third spot in the listings in the parallel bars—good for a total of 13 points.

Cline scored eight of the Nittanians' points by garnering a third in the horizontal bars and rings and a fourth in the side horse.

Sophomore Phil Mullen was very impressive as he won the rope climb in :3.9 which according to Wettstone, "was a very good time for this early in the season."

### Foht Impressive

Another sophomore, Bob Foht, also came in for praises from Wettstone by winning the parallel bars competition with a score of 271 out of a possible 300 points.

West Virginia's Ted Gluck was the meet's high scorer with 21 points on the basis of a first in the side horse event, a second in the horizontal bar, the rings and parallel bars, and a third in the rope climb.

Bill Paxton and Ed Sidwell capped the other two Lion firsts, winning the tumbling and the rings events respectively.

The Lions followed the West Virginia victory up with another resounding win, defeating the Temple gymnastic team last Saturday, 62-34 to advance another

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Bob Leisher  
Team player

# Leisher Emerges As Cage Hopeful For '56 Lions

Bob Leisher, 25-year-old family man, is slowly emerging as a steadying influence on Penn State's 1956 basketball scene.

The Chambersburg youth began his college career on the bench but in recent weeks has developed into a starter for Coach John Egli.

Leisher is a transfer from the University of Hawaii where he enrolled at the completion of his Pacific service.

He looks back on a year of basketball in the Islands with a Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean as teammates.

Quiet and unassuming, Leisher made an impression on his teachers even before his emergence as a basketball influence.

A junior in recreational education, he's an honor student with a two-year average of 3.48 on the four-point basis.

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