

# Improved Lions Upset Bucknell for 9th Win

By ROG BEIDLER

Bucknell's man-for-man defense held no mystery for the Nittany Lion cagers last night as they ran their way to a 79-67 victory over the Bisons, thus snapping a three game losing streak.

Coach John Egli, fielding a revamped lineup which was shorter than his previous arrays but made up for their lack of height in speed, geared his own zone defense to stop Bucknell's pivot man John Beatty. Beatty, who scored 21 points at Bucknell, was held to 17 last night, 11 of them on foul shots.

In the overall picture, the Lions looked like a much improved team compared to the one which dropped its last three outings. Coach Egli's offensive strategy deserves some of the credit for this.

On offense, the Lions left the pivot wide open, using sophomore starter Jim Jordy as the "feed man" in the corner. The Lion guards continually cut through the middle for close in shots and in general displayed a stepped-up offense.

The teams opened the first half on even terms as they traded baskets and the lead exchanged hands several times. At the 10:50 mark, the score was knotted 20-20. At this point the Nittanians jumped off to a five point lead and never relinquished it the remainder of the game.

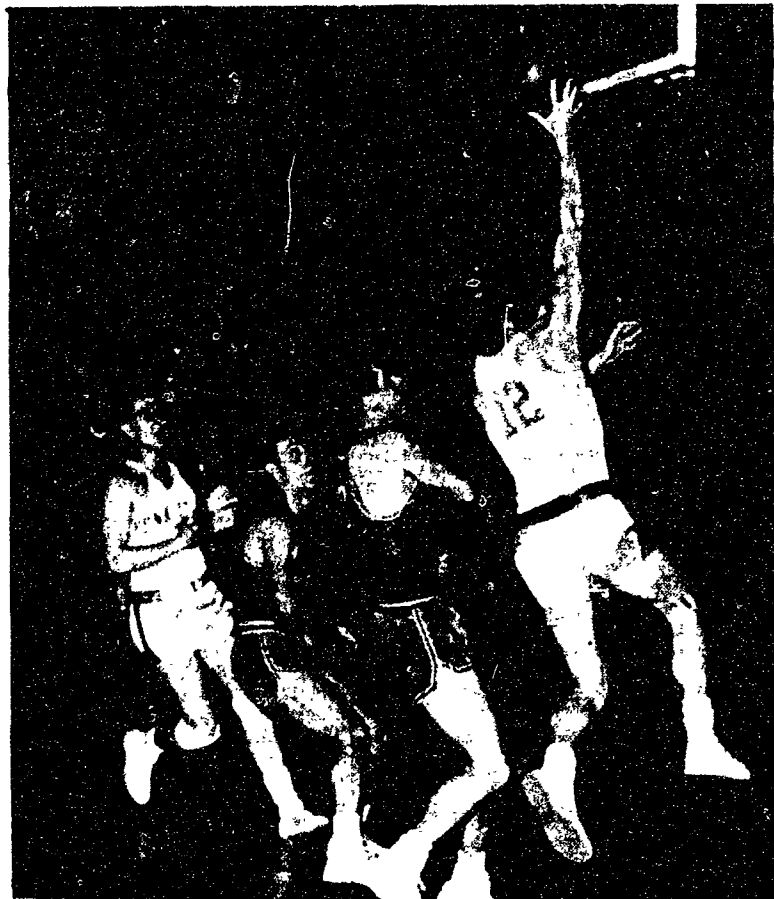
Guard Bob Leisher broke the tie with a layup and a foul and Rudy Marisa added two more with his rebound. Until 15 minutes had elapsed the teams again were matching goals with co-captain Earl Fields setting the pace with two free throws and a fielder.

Leisher then scored on another layup to make the score 31-24 and Marisa increased the margin with a jump shot. Fields then added another foul shot but the Bisons rallied to cut the lead to six points as Joe Bacelli dropped in a long set and John Strizzi contributed two charity throws.

Jordy ended the scoring for the half as he connected on a jump to make the score 36-28. Marisa, Fields and Leisher were the big guns for the Nittanians in the opening period as they collected 14, eight, and eight in that order. Beatty, Bacelli, and Norm Vorhees were high for the Bisons as they each hit for six.

As the second half got under way, Fields widened the gap with a one handed set but Beatty and Marty Tannenbaum cut it to six with fielders. At the seven minute mark Bacelli drew the Bisons within two as he connected on two long sets, but the Lions recovered their scoring eye as Marisa and

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—John Logan photo

BOB LEISHER lays in two points as the Nittany Lions downed the Bisons from Bucknell by a 79-67 count last night at Recreation Hall gaining revenge for an earlier season loss. Leisher contributed 12 points to the Lion cause.

# Palmiero Scores 37 But Freshmen Lose

By LOUIE PRATO

Freshman cage star Carmen Palmiero's 37-point record-shattering performance last night on the Recreation Hall hardwood wasn't enough to stop Bucknell's Little Bisons from pinning a 76-67 setback on the Lion Cubs—the first time in a decade that the Little Bisons have claimed a victory on the local court.

Palmiero, a former All-State forward from Brooklawn, N.J., ripped the cords with 16 field goals and five charity tosses in producing his final 37-point output. Twenty-five of his markers were tallied in the first half.

According to Varsity Coach John Egli, who before last season had been the frosh mentor, Palmiero's outburst has been the most points tallied in a frosh game since 1939—the year Egli made his debut at the Nittany Vale.

In those low-scoring days of basketball, a team alone was lucky to tally 37 points. Thus Palmiero's scoring binge must be considered as the unofficial record.

Palmiero's efforts last night were not limited only to scoring. The 6-6 forward continually pestered Coach Bill Lane's quintet with expert ball-stealing tactics and excellent rebounding maneuvers.

However, Palmiero's teammates weren't as successful as he was. The frosh cagers didn't have the organization or scoring punch that was needed to match the fine play of Bucknell.

Coach Don Swegan's men hit

on only 25 per cent of their shots, not coming anywhere near the whopping 46 per cent average of their opponents. Palmiero was the only Lion Cub to score in the double figures while four of the first five Bisons tallied 10 points or more.

Clearfield's Ellis Harley—who had a gallery of home town followers in the crowd—led the Bisons' scorers with 20 points, six on fouls Jack Flanagan, 18, George Mandkas, 11, and Harry Danzig, 10, were the next in line. Flanagan's baskets did the most damage to the Little Lions—coming through in the clutch to dampen the spirit of the local aggregation.

The Lion Cubs led by four points in the early moments of the game, but fell behind at half-time, 39-36. It was the first four minutes following intermission that hurt the frosh dribblers. Bucknell tallied 10 points during this stage while limiting the frosh to one field goal and a free throw.

Swegan's men drew to within six points late in the fracas but it was here that Flanagan went into his game saving act.

It was the final game of the year for the frosh cagers and left their season record at 3-2.

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