

# Matmen Gain 6th Straight, 23-3 Orange Tops Cagers, 75-66

## Illini Win At 157; Poust Gains Fall

By FRAN FANUCCI

Penn State's undefeated wrestling team extended its winning streak to six straight last night when it rolled over the University of Illinois, 23-3, at Champaign, Ill.

The matmen of Charley Speidel won every match but one in sweeping to its second win over a Big Ten opponent this year. The first was over Ohio State two weeks ago.

Dave Adams, wrestling Big Ten champion Larry TenPas at 157 pounds, was the only Lion to drop a decision. TenPas scored a 6-3 verdict with a takedown, reverse-precipitation, and time advantage. Adams had an escape and a takedown and at one point in the match was on the verge of pinning his opponent.

Five Nittany Lions—Sid Nodland, Johnny Johnston, John Pepe, Joe Krufka, and Bill Oberly—each extended his winning streak to six meets.

Earl Poust, shifted into the 147 slot for Adams who was moved to 157, was the only wrestler to register a pin. The young matman, leading 3-2 late in the first period, used a half nelson and a body lock to pin Bill Gabbard at 2:20 of the match.

Gabbard had scored a takedown in the first minute of action but Poust escaped, and a few seconds later turned the tables on his opponent with a takedown.

Nodland breezed through his match with Dave Moore in the 123 class winning 7-1. Nodland used two takedowns, a reversal, and time advantage to score his points while Moore managed an escape getting his only point.

Johnston had clear sailing in his match with Norb Sargent scoring an easy 8-2 victory over the twice-beaten Illini. Moving skillfully and using smart mat savvy, Johnston rebounded with an escape after being taken down, and then wrapped up the match with a takedown and two predicaments. He also added a reversal and one point time advantage to his total.

Johnston had Sargent close to a fall twice during the match but failed to complete it at the last moment.

In the 137-pound division, Pepe handed Bill Muther his second defeat of the season winning, 8-4. The bull-like Lion had three takedowns but had trouble keeping his opponent on the mat. Muther had four escapes but was unable to accomplish anything else against Pepe.

Newcomer Ernie Young made his debut a successful one, squeezing out a 6-5 decision over Butch Robinson, who was moved from 177 to 167 to meet the inexperienced Young.

Young had a takedown, a reversal, and an escape plus one point time advantage edging Robinson who was close behind with an escape, takedown, and a reverse.

Krufka, who has had only two points scored on him this year, scored an easy 8-0 win over Harry Brownstein. Krufka was in complete command of the match from start to finish. Three times he had his opponent back-to-the-mat but failed each time to pin him.

Oberly continued his lopsided scoring ways walloping Steve Szabo, 10-4. Oberly had a takedown, two reverses, and time advantage, and then shoved three more points on his total with a nearfall, in which Szabo barely escaped being pinned. Szabo had two reverses to his credit.

### Lion Baseball Underway

College baseball is already underway. Joe Bedenk, veteran Penn State coach, has issued his first call for catcher and pitcher candidates.



Bill Oberly Extends Streak

## Betas Hold IM Bowling Lead

Beta Theta Pi remained unbeaten in the second half of the Fraternity League D bowling race by rolling a 4-0 shutout over Alpha Tau Omega last night on the Recreation Hall alleys.

Second-place Kappa Delta Rho also scored a shutout—at the expense of Tau Kappa Epsilon—to stay hot on the trail of the league leaders. Beta's record now stands at 8-0; while the KDR's have won seven and lost one.

In other League D games Sigma Alpha Mu whitewashed Triangle 4-0. Theta Kappa Phi won over Phi Sigma Kappa 3-1, and Delta Chi tied with Sigma Phi Alpha 2-2.

In League C, Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Chi Sigma remained in a deadlock for top place by recording 3-1 victories. The Pi Kaps beat Beta Sigma Rho and Alpha Chi Sigma won over Sigma Chi.

Theta Chi and Phi Kappa Sigma both rolled shutout wins, thus putting themselves in striking position of first place. Theta Chi beat Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Kappa Sigma won over Delta Upsilon.

In the final league game Alpha Sigma Phi rolled to a 3-1 victory over Kappa Sigma.

### Freshman Lacrosse

All candidates for the freshman lacrosse team are asked to report to the water tower between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, by freshman lacrosse Coach John McHugh. Experience is not necessary. McHugh said.

## Nashua Rated 1-2 Favorite In Rich Race

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 17 (AP)—Nashua, the millionaire race horse, makes his debut as a 4-year-old in tomorrow's \$129,800 Widener Handicap at Hialeah and is a 1 to 2 favorite to whip eight others in the mile and a quarter feature.

Nashua will carry top weight of 127 pounds, most of it his regular rider, Eddie Arcaro, and will be giving away from 5 to 22 pounds to his rivals—a band of seasoned campaigners.

Social Outcast, 7-2 Chief opposition to Nashua is expected from the powerful entry of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Social Outcast and Find, rated 7 to 2 in the early line. Social Outcast will carry 121 pounds, including jockey Eric Guerin, while Find goes under 114 pounds, with Ted Atkinson up.

Some observers believe Find will go after Nashua from the start and try to wear down the favorite for one of Social Outcast's stretch runs.

Stable's Sailor 3d Third choice probably will be Brookmeade Stable's Sailor, under 119 pounds with Willie Hartack, last year's champion jockey in the irons.

El Chama, the Venezuelan champion, is assigned equal weight with Social Outcast of 121 pounds. Trainer Jack Labelle said Nashua can do anything better than his horse and he is aiming for second money of \$20,000.

Weight lifting is a favorite sideline of Penn State's soccer captain-elect, Steve Flamporis, of Reading, Pa.

## Snyder's 34 Leads Syracuse To 2d Season Win Over Lions

By ROG BEIDLER

The Syracuse Orangemen staged a late last half rally to defeat the Penn State cagers last night 75-66, thus handing the Lions their twelfth setback, the second at the hands of the New Yorkers this year.

Jim Snyder led the Orangemen as he fired through a total of 34 points to up-end the Lions who battled the Orange on even terms until the final six minutes of the contest.

## Vessels Leaves Canada; Signs With Baltimore

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—The improved relations between the National Football League and the Canadian pros were ruffled today when the Baltimore Colts announced they had signed Billy Vessels, a former Oklahoma star who has been playing in Canada.

M. I. Lieberman, president of the Edmonton Eskimo team with which Vessels played, announced the move could end the "peaceful co-existence pact with the National Football League."

Lieberman acknowledged that the former All America-halfback was a free agent since his contract with Edmonton had expired, but he said he had an agreement with NFL clubs to honor their rights to returnees.

Vessels, who joined Edmonton after winning All-America half-back honors at Oklahoma in 1952, played one season for the Canadians before entering the U.S. Army as a lieutenant. He gets out of service in June.

### Fullmer Beats Turner

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Gene (Cyclone) Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, kept the pressure on sharply conditioned Gil Turner tonight to win a split decision in a rousing 10-round match at Madison Square Garden. Fullmer weighed 157½. Turner 151½.

### Olympic Gymnastics

Penn State again will play host to America's top men and women gymnasts for the National AAU championships and Olympic try-outs, April 27-28.

# Unbeaten Gymnasts Visit Army Today

By VINCE CAROCCI

The undefeated Nittany Lion gymnastic team puts its unbeaten record on the line this afternoon when it meets Army's undefeated gymnasts at West Point.

The Lion traveling squad left University Park for the Military Academy at 8 yesterday morning and is expected to return tomorrow.

Coach Gene Wettstone said that he expects the Army team to offer the strongest opposition the Lions have met thus far this year.

A loss to the Cadets would dim the Nittanians' hopes of retaining the Eastern gymnastic title won last year.

Army Tumbling Weak According to reports which Wettstone has received, the Cadets possess a fairly well-balanced team in all events with the exception of tumbling.

The Black Knights from the Hudson have defeated the only two Penn State opponents on its schedule—Temple and Syracuse—by heavy margins.

In the dual meets against Temple, the Cadets completed nine of 18 attempted routines, while the Lions completed only seven of 18.

Owls Completed 3 Routines The Owls completed only three of 18 routines in each meet, accounting for the lopsided scores. "A team must be able to complete at least 11 of its routines in order to win a dual meet," Wettstone said, "especially when

you're playing Army." "We were fortunate that Temple only completed three," the Lion Coach added.

Wettstone said that he expected his team to be at full strength for the Army encounter with only one or two possible changes in his starting lineup.

Mario Todaro, an ex-serviceman looking for his first start of the season, may replace John Collier on the horizontal bar. Todaro may also replace Captain Tony Cline in the swinging rings event.

Vega in 3 Events The remainder of the Nittany lineup will be intact with sophomore Armando Vega entering the side horse, the swinging rings, and the parallel bars.

The former high school sensation copped two firsts—the parallel bars and the rings—and a third—the side horse in his first varsity meet against Syracuse last Saturday.

Cline on Sidehorse Cline will join Vega in the side-horse competition besides heading the Lion entries on the horizontal bar.

Undefeated Bill Paxton will top the Lion entries in the tumbling event. Dick Stevens and Dion Wiessend will probably round out the Nittany tumbling entries.

Wettstone was particularly impressed with the performance Paxton turned in against Syracuse when he defeated the Orange's undefeated sophomore sensation, Dick Hall. Sophomore Jack Biesterfeldt,

performing in his first year of varsity competition, will team up with Cline and Vega as the Lion entries on the side horse.

Wiessend on Rebound Wiessend, who suffered somewhat of an off-night against Syracuse when he placed fifth in both the horizontal bar and tumbling events, will be the third Lion entry on the high bar.

Phil Mullen—who scaled the rope in 3.6 seconds against the Orange—Bob Boudreau, and Leroy Fritch will be the Nittany entries in the rope climb.

Sophomore Bob Foht and Wiessend will probably join Vega in the parallel bar competition. Ed Sidwell rounds out the Nittany lineup in the swinging rings event. Sidwell finished second to Vega on the rings last week.

After the Army encounter, the Lions return home to face Navy Saturday night at Recreation Hall.

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The Nittanians will move up to Hamilton today where they will meet the Colgate Red Raiders in the last lap of the weekend trip.

The Lions led in the game, with six minutes remaining when Jim Brown started the fireworks for Syracuse as he dropped in three fielders to lead the Orangemen to a 62-56 margin with four minutes left. Thirty seconds later he left the game on personal fouls but too late to do the Nittanians any good.

### Orange Leads 32-31

The second half got under way with the Orangemen leading 32-31, after a close first half in which neither team could pull to more than a three point lead. After Earl Fields pushed the Lions in the lead with a long one-handed set shot, Syracuse came right back to tally eight consecutive markers to go out in front 40-33.

The teams traded baskets for nearly the next 10 minutes when Fields and Rudy Marisa moved the Lions to the lead position again. Marisa hit on three jump shots while Fields amazed the partisan Syracuse crowd by dropping in eight free throws in a row to move the Blue and White to a 54-53 command. Fields later added his ninth consecutive charity toss before he misfired.

### Final Syracuse Rally

At this point, Syracuse, led by gridiron standout Jim Brown, started its final drive which moved it to a shaky 62-56 lead with four minutes remaining. But the Lions were unable to muster an offensive attack to overcome the Orange's spread, and could only match baskets with the winners until the game ended.

Penn State jumped off to a two-point lead as the encounter got under way when Fields hit on his first of six one-handed sets. The Lion co-captain shot an outstanding 70 per cent for the night, as he hit on six sets in nine attempts. He also fired in 10 of 13 foul attempts to register a total of 22 (Continued on page seven)

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