

Nittany Cagers Defeat Cadets For 10th Win

By ROG BEIDLER

The Penn State basketball squad broke its two big jinxes yesterday afternoon as it won its 10th birthday of the season by defeating Army 70-66.

The Lions eliminated their second half nemesis as they staved off a final period rally by the Cadets to win their first game on a foreign court in their last five attempts. The Lions have been unable to post a win away from Recreation Hall since they upset Navy at Annapolis Feb. 1.

Army was not without consolation in the contest, however, as the Cadet's sharp-shooting guard, Mark Binstein, broke the school's three-year scoring record with his 15-point performance. Binstein went into the contest with a total of 1164 markers. His present total of 1179 bettered the old Army mark by five points.

The Nittanians started the first half by jumping into a five-point lead. Rudy Marisa provided the margin as he hit on two jump shots and added a free throw. The Blue and White cushion was short-lived however, as the Black Knights of the Hudson fought their way into the lead, 12-11, at the seven minute mark.

Lions Lead at Half

The teams battled on even terms for the next 11 minutes. With two minutes remaining in the opening half the Cadets led 35-33. Marisa and Bob Hoffman combined to give the Lions a four-point halftime lead as Marisa hit on two fielders and Hoffman connected on a long set to make the score 39-35.

The game looked like it was going to be a duplication of the Lions' four previous away-from-home appearances as the West Pointers immediately knotted the game as the second half got under way. But the Nittanians' zone defense halted the Black Knight's late rally. The lead exchanged hands several times during the period and with only two minutes remaining, the Lion cagers owned a two-point lead, 60-58.

Lions Start Freeze

The Blue and White attempted to end the game at that point as Guard Bob Leisher was fouled by an overanxious Cadet and dropped in his first foul toss. He missed the second but the Lions grabbed the rebound and Earl Fields scored seconds later on easy lay-up to make the score read, 73-58.

The next minute-and-a-half was a see-saw battle with Army collecting four field goals and the Lions hitting on seven consecutive fouls.

Earl Fields, for the third



Earl Fields
Tops all scorers

straight game, was the Nittanians' top point man as the senior guard racked up 25 points. Fields has scored 67 markers in his last three games, hitting for 20 against Syracuse and 22 against Colgate last weekend.

Marisa was next in line for the Lions with 22 tallies and co-captain Hoffman connected for 14.

Binstein led the losers with 15, all-American football star Don Hollender had 14 and Bob McCoy collected a dozen markers.

The box score:

ARMY			PENN STATE			
FG	F	Ttl	FG	F	Ttl	
Harbold	3	1-2	7	Marisa	8	6-7
McCoy	6	0-1	12	Leisher	0	3-4
Hollender	6	3-4	14	Jurdy	0	2-2
Binstein	7	1-2	15	Fields	8	9-10
Fisher	1	2-2	4	Hoffman	7	0-1
DeJardin	2	2-2	6	Rainey	0	0-1
Mindik	1	0-0	2	Ramsey	0	4-4
Gibson	2	2-2	5			
Totals	28	10-15	66	Totals	23	22-29
				Penn State	39	31-70
				Army	35	31-66

Phi Tau, AGR Still Unbeaten In IM Bowling

Fraternity bowling Tuesday night saw Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Gamma Rho continue to fight for first place in League A competition. Each team remains undefeated in three matches to boast a 12-0 record.

Phi Tau has beaten Delta Sigma Phi, Alpha Phi Delta, and Phi Gamma Delta. Phi Gam was its last victim, losing 4-0. Phi Tau scored 2273 total pins to 2170 for losers. High game for the Phi Tau's was 796 to 722 for the Phi Gamma Delta keggers.

Alpha Gamma Rho shut out Sigma Phi Epsilon 4-0. The Alpha Gam's have also rolled over Alpha Phi Delta and Delta Tau Delta. In scoring its third straight victory AGR hit for a high game of 817 pins to 757 for the losers. AGR secured winning margin in total pins of 129 to win 2322-2172.

Other league action saw Alpha Zeta move into second place by defeating Alpha Epsilon Pi, 4-0. Alpha Zeta registered 2003 pins to their victims 1955. The victory gives the Alpha Zeta's a record of 8-4.

The only other team in the top standing bracket is Sigma Phi Epsilon showing a 6-6 mark after their loss to the league leaders.

Alpha Phi Delta put a mark in the win column in losing to Delta Tau Delta, 3-1. Delta Tau Delta racked up 2327 total pins to the losers 2172. Although losing the match, Alpha Phi Delta took one game to give them a record of (Continued on page seven)

Vega to Risk Skein Against Navy Star

Penn State's Armando Vega will put his undefeated skein on the line when he meets Navy's unbeaten Ken McNutt Saturday night in the parallel bars competition.

Both Vega and McNutt have outshone all opposition in the parallel bars this year and Nittany Lion Coach Gene Wettstone expects the meeting to be one of the closest and most thrilling events of the meet.

McNutt, also a sophomore, goes into the meet with a 6-0 record while Vega sports a 2-0 card. The Lion star missed the first two meets of the season because he was a second semester freshman.

According to reports from Navy, McNutt ran away with first place honors in each of his six meets. Vega, since joining the team for the Syracuse meet, has also performed brilliantly on the bars. He won against Army last week with 274 points—highest individual score of the meet.

Sophs, KAT, Seek WRA Cage Title

Atherton, NW&SW and Kappa Alpha Theta swept the semi-finals last night and gained the chance to battle for the coed intramural hoop championship tonight by upsetting their respective foes — Sigma Sigma Sigma and Thompson I—by scores of 59-38, 42-22 in the White Hall gym.

Atherton led all the way but a 33-point scoring spurge in the final canto, including 16 field goals, clinched the 58-38 victory over Tri Sig.

Ginny Lewis was the spark plug for the winners with 26 points, 16 of them coming in the last half. Barbara Drum also hit the double column with 23 markers.

Eileen Johnson was Tri Sig's big point-producer when she bagged 21 counters. Carole Hite and Lynn Stollmeyer netted 15 points for the losers.

KAT Topples Thompson I

Thompson I, despite the loss of two of its regulars through injuries in the first half, fought down to the final second in their "never-say-die" spirit, but Kappa Alpha Theta's scoring trio proved to be too much and beat them 42-22.

Penny Erb, who led the winning attack with 18 points, Mary Showers, who anchored 14 counters and Pat Brown, who dunked 10 markers, were the main reasons for the KAT victory.

Rachel Waters was the high scorer for the freshman sextet when she sunk 14 points. Little Erd Donovan, besides dunking six points, played her best game of the season for Thompson. Shirley Pittman added the remaining two tallies for the losers.

Atherton's 7-0 record, which was clinched by trouncing Thompson III in the playoffs 27-5. (Continued on page seven)

Wayne Wills and Ken Bortz, who also have consistently broken into the scoring column for the Middies, are expected to join McNutt in the parallel bars.

Foht, Weissend in P-Bars
Wettstone will probably call on the rapidly improving Bob Foht and junior Dion Weissend to round out the Lion entries in the event.

Wettstone is hopeful that Weissend will regain some of his early season spark for Saturday's encounter. Weissend performed in a brilliant fashion in the Lions' first two meets of the season but hit a slump against Syracuse which he has not been able to shake loose.

Strongest in Rings
Navy's strongest event is probably the flying rings where Eastern Intercollegiate champion Larry White tops the Middle entries.

White has been one of the highest scorers on the squad and he, along with teammates Fred Heorner and Mike Elinski, give Navy a stronger rings entry than Army who swept the first three places against the Lions last Saturday.

Wettstone will probably call on Vega, sophomore Ed Sidwell, and either Captain Tony Cline or Mario Todaro in hopes of overcoming the Navy advantage in the rings.

Rope Climb Important
The rope climb—where Navy entries have placed one, two, three in each meet thus far—may be another key event in deciding the final outcome of the meet.

The Lions have had their ups and downs in this event for the past two weeks. Phil Mullen, the top Nittany rope climbing entry, scaled the 20-foot rope in 3.6 seconds against Syracuse but dropped to 3.9 against Army.

Leroy Fritch and Bob Boureau—whom Wettstone describes as being long overdue for good performances—will probably be the two other Lion entries in the climb.

Navy's top rope climber, Herb Doby, has been winning firsts with times of 3.8 seconds while Tom Northam and Bud Bowers have been consistently performing around the 4.0 second mark.

Have Depth in H-Bar
Both squads have solid depth in the horizontal bar, but each lacks a consistent performer capable of garnering a sure first or second place.

Tom Butterfield has been the top man on the high bar for the Middies, winning four first places in six meets.

Chuck Kettles, and Otto Zipf, along with Ed Wooten are listed as other possible entries for Coach Chet Phillips charges.

Dukes Returns To N.Y. Knicks; Fined \$100

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP)—Walter Dukes, 7-foot center of the New York Knickerbockers, was re-instated today after a 24 hour suspension but must pay a \$100 fine for being late to practice.

Dukes, former All-America at Seton Hall, was indefinitely suspended by Coach Vince Boryla yesterday without pay. Boryla said Dukes had been late for several practice sessions.

The coach said Dukes must pay the \$100 fine, and added that Dukes would be fined an additional \$250 if he again shows up late or displays an indifferent attitude.

Pistons Out to Snap Fantastic Syracuse Jinx

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Feb. 22 (AP)—The Fort Wayne Pistons of the National Basketball Association get their last regular season chance tomorrow night to snap the most fantastic jinx in the league's history.

The Pistons play the champion Syracuse Nationals here on the court that has become the next thing to a nightmare for the Fort Wayne club.

The Nats have beaten the Pistons 24 times in Syracuse—every time the Pistons ever played them here.

Last spring, the Nats parlayed (Continued on page seven)

Phi Sig, Tribe Spark IM Cage Play

By LOUIE PRATO

Phi Kappa Sigma and the Tribe forced their way into the Intramural basketball spotlight Tuesday night, picking up crucial victories in their quest for a league championship and a spot in the 1956 elimination playoffs.

The tribe had the easiest time in gaining a forfeit win over the Baby Sans. With one game remaining, the unbeaten Tribe quintet (8-0) is a top favorite to win the Independent League J title.

Only Dorm 44 has a chance to catch the pace setters—and that is an outside long shot. The men from Nittany, with a 5-1 record to their credit, need a sweep in their final two games coupled with a Tribe setback to even deadlock the league leaders for the section title.

Phi Kappa Sig—trailing Phi Kappa Tau in the Fraternity League F title race by a full game—needed a scoring spurt in the final four minutes of play to defeat upset minded Beta Theta Pi, 32-20. Earlier the Beta's had battled on even terms with the Phi Sig's, trading baskets constantly until the winners came to life with their scoring surge.

Tirabassi, Schneider Set Pace
Once again it was Guy Tirabassi and Lou Schneider who paced the Phi Sig attack. Tirabassi was the leading scorer with 12 points with Schneider throwing in eight.

The win left the Phi Sig season record at 6-1. It still has an opportunity to tie league-leading Phi Tau who, with five wins and no defeats, must win at least two of its remaining encounters to claim the crown.

Two other Independent fives stayed in the running for League honors with triumphs. The College Co-op finished its loop B campaign in winning style by rampaging to a 35-9 win over the

One Tens. It was the sixth win against one loss for the victors whose only chance for their circuit championship rests in the hands of the Hoyas—presently in first place.

The Hoyas are undefeated with a 6-0 slate and have to cop their final fracas with the Ericites to assure them of a playoff spot.

Ernie Carter led the Co-op five, tallying 20 points. Clark Hawk also hit in the double figures for the winners with 12 points.

Two Ten's Top Crusaders
The Two Ten's had to fight off a 9-7 halftime deficit to stop the Crusaders, 14-11, and keep in the League A title race. The All-Stars lead the loop with a six-game victory skein and need a win in their final outing to repel the title aspirations of the Two Ten's.

Dorm 44 kept on the heels of the Tribe leaders in loop J with a 30-16 win over Dorm 40. Larry Megan led the Dorm 44 attack with nine markers. Bob Schimmel equaled Megan's output for the losing Dorm 40 quintet—now in the loop J basement.

Filthy Five, Dorm 31 Win
In two other League J attractions, the Filthy Five nipped the

Susies, 28-25, and Dorm 31 pinned a 40-33 loss on the Grooveology Five. Joe Greytok scored 11 for the Filthy Five whose victory pushed them over the .500 mark for the season with a 4-3 record. Bob Berberich topped the losers with seven.

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