

Lions Top Tartans

Score 80-51 Victory In First Game

By VINCE CAROCCI
Victory is sweet, especially in the first game of the year. The Nittany Lion basketball team, sparked by a tremendous team effort and the floor leadership of Captain Bob Leisher, swallowed its first victory pill of the season by walloping Carnegie Tech, 80-51, Saturday night at Recreation Hall.

With the first game safely in the books, the Lions will play Rutgers tomorrow night at Rec Hall. Game time is 8 p.m. With Coach John Egli doing the pre-game diagnosing and Leisher and his teammates handling the after-effects, the Lions ran Coach Mel Cratsley's cagers to the floor, after a rather slow start forced them to come from behind early in the game.

The Tartans jumped into an 18-13 lead midway through the first half, but the Nittany hoopsters started to move and grabbed a 19-18 lead with 8:20 remaining.

Two pointers by Leisher and center Bob Ramsay, and two foul conversions by the Lion captain, put the cagers into the lead—a lead which they never lost.

The Tartans, led by Captain Alan Frank's playmaking and Charlie Goetz's shooting and defensive play, tried desperately to stop the Lion surge. But it was to no avail as Ron Rainey, Steve Baidy, and the steady Leisher ran the score to a 38-25 Lion halftime lead.

Two baskets each by Rainey and Baidy, and Leisher's four tallies from the foul line, put the contest beyond Tartan reach.

The Tartans came back fast in the early minutes of the second stanza, cutting the Nittany lead to 43-33 with 5:30 gone. Sophomore Carm Palmerio and Leisher then combined their talents to push the cagers into an insurmountable lead, 56-40, with a little less than 10 minutes remaining. From then on, it was simply a question of how high the Lions could go.

If any player were to be selected as the outstanding performer on the floor, it would have to be Leisher without a doubt. The wiry team leader took charge of the Lion offense from the opening buzzer and was in command all the way. He also was the game's high scorer with 18 points, eight via the foul line.

After the game, Egli said the team will have to do a little more work on offense in order to be ready for Rutgers. The cagers, as might be expected in the first game, were a bit rusty getting their offensive patterns working at first, but settled down more and more as the game progressed.

"Games are the best way to spot these errors," Egli said. "When you play against five strangers, it's quite a bit different than in practice and that's where you find your mistakes."

Mistakes or no mistakes, the Lions will have to take the floor against Rutgers tomorrow night. The team has one more day to work the kinks out after a rusty, but impressive debut before the home fans.

Individual scoring read:

PENN STATE			CARNEGIE TECH				
FG	FT	TP	FG	FT	TP		
Rainey	4	4	12	Miller	0	0	0
Palmerio	3	4	10	Goetz	4	5	13
Ramsay	4	1	9	Frank	2	7	11
Leisher	5	8	18	Sobolewski	2	5	10
Baidy	3	7	13	Ficery	2	6	9
Jorily	0	0	0	Rupert	0	0	0
Hancock	3	1	7	Denamore	1	0	2
Edwards	0	2	2	Flynn	0	0	0
Perry	0	2	2	Dobrian	0	0	0
Schwend'r'n	0	0	0				
Bauer	0	0	0				
Patterson	0	0	0				
Lysek	0	0	0				
Kubiata	2	3	7				
Totals	24	32	80	Totals	11	29	51

Busy Cage Schedule
In one of the heaviest December schedules in years, Penn State's basketball team plays Rutgers, North Carolina State, West Virginia and Colgate before entering the eight-team Invitational Tournament at Richmond, Va., Dec. 27-29.



CARNEGIE TECH'S Allen Frank leaps high to pull down rebound during brisk action in Saturday night's basketball lidlifter at Rec Hall. The Lions' Carmen Palmiero (5) is at the right.

Glance at--

(Continued from page six) rapidly, Penn State could be trouble.

Your writer was glad to see the fans support the team as they did. They backed the cagers all the way. Support like this is always a big help to a team. Keep it up—it will be well received.

Speaking of the fans, they certainly did a good job in rattling the Tartan's Mike Flynn. Everybody would yell "SHOOT" everytime Flynn touched the ball. It obviously effected his play. However, he is only a freshman and was playing his first collegiate game. What a way to break in!

Valentine, Plum On AP All-East

Captain Sam Valentine and quarterback Milt Plum won first team berths on the Associated Press' 1956 All-East first team in a poll of sportswriters and sportscasters.

Center Dan Radakovich was named to the AP's second team. Navy's Wilson Whitmire won the first team spot.

Five Lion opponents made the first team—Syracuse's Jimmy Brown, Army's Bob Kyasky, Pitt's Joe Walton and Bob Pollock, and Boston University's Lou Lovely.

DeWitt Gets New Job As Baseball Coordinator

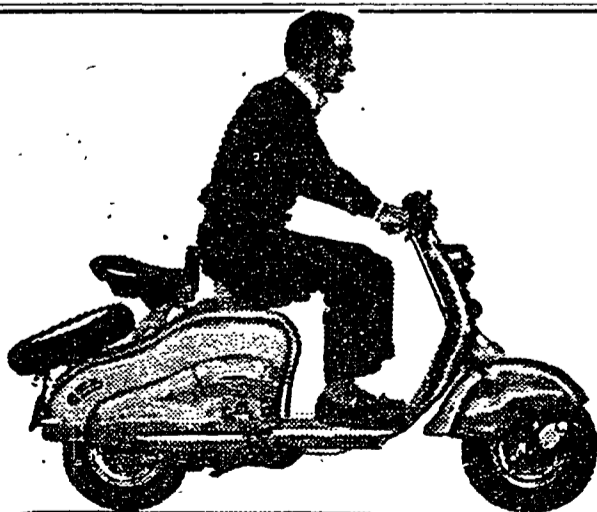
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