

Cagers 2nd in Tourney Play

Lions Lose To Lafayette In Final Tilt

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A second-place finish in the Christmas Invitational Tournament at Richmond, Va. and the tragic death of sophomore forward Carm Palmiero in an auto accident marked the Christmas holidays for the Penn State cage quintet.

The Lions, playing three of their best games of the year, almost grabbed all the chips at Richmond, beating Richmond and Pennsylvania before losing to a powerful Lafayette club in the tourney final.

Palmiero's unexpected death in a crash on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Friday, Dec. 21, was the only blue note—the blues of all notes—in an otherwise happy holiday season for the cagers.

According to Coach John Egli, Palmiero's death was a tremendous shock on his players, but seemed to pull them closer together, molding them into a determined, smooth-working team. However, it is doubtful that the accident boosted the team to an over-par performance.

The Lions served early notice of their darkhorse strength when they upset host Richmond University, 64-60, behind the heavy scoring of juniors Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy. Both scored 17 points, tops for both teams.

The Richmond encounter was the first of three outstanding performances by Rainey, who was named to the All-Tournament team at the tourney's end along with Columbia's Chet Forte, Washington and Lee's Don Flora and Lafayette's Bob Mantz and Stu Murray.

Falling to a 33-29 deficit at half-time, the Lions found the range in the second period and outscored the losers, 35-27. Percentage-wise, the Lions out-shot their hosts, 40.9-35.6.

Sophomores Bob Edwards, who replaced Palmiero in the starting lineup, and Tom Hancock also hit double-figures, Edwards for 14 and Hancock for 10. Egli said that Hancock's play was probably one of the biggest factors in the Lion victory, especially his 4-4 mark from the foul line.

With Edwards and Rainey leading the way, the hoopsters ran rough-shod over a surprised Penn quintet, 89-59, despite an early 14-2 Quaker lead. Edwards scored 23 while Rainey tallied 19.

Baidy and center Bob Ramsay, who found himself after a poor



Steve Baidy Plays Steady Ball



Ron Rainey On All-Tourney Team

two-point performance against Richmond, also were double-figure scorers for the Nittanies—Baidy with 15 and Ramsay with 12.

The Lions outscored the stunned Red and Blue entry in both halves—39-29 in the first period and 50-30 in the second. Shooting percentages read: Penn State 48.5, Penn 28.7.

Despite a mere 26.1 shooting percentage against Lafayette, Egli called the 64-59 loss the cager's best game of the three-day tourney. "We played our best game from a basketball standpoint against Lafayette," he said, "but the ball wouldn't go in."

"We had the shots but just couldn't make them," he said. "I counted only four serious mistakes in the Lafayette game, the least we've made all year. We definitely played good enough to win," he said.

The Lions made only 18 of 69 field goal attempts while Lafayette connected on 20 of 59, good for a 33.9 percentage. Egli said that a number of Lion misses should have been made.

Baidy topped the Lion scorers with 13, followed by Rainey with 12 and Leisher, Edwards and Ramsay with 10 each. Rainey, however, was hampered by a bruised right hand which undoubtedly hurt his shooting. He hit on only 2 of 11 attempts.

Reviewing the Lions' creditable tourney play, Egli feels that the reason why the cagers fared so well was because they made fewer mistakes in their passing and defensive games.

Individually, Egli said that both Rainey and Baidy played steady ball in every game. He said that Ramsay was very impressive in the last two games after a poor opening. He also was satisfied with Edwards' and Hancock's play

as well as the improvement shown by Ted Kubista and Grey Schwendeman.

"Right now," he said, "I wouldn't be afraid to start Ted, Tommy, Greg or Bob at any time." Well, the time is drawing near once again—the Lions play Carnegie Tech at Pittsburgh tomorrow night.

PENN STATE			RICHMOND				
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP		
8	2-1	17	Adkins	6	6-4	16	
6	3-2	14	Rauppius	6	9-0	12	
3	4-4	10	Mitchel	2	2-1	5	
1	3-2	4	Lambutte	1	11-9	11	
8	2-1	17	Pesche	3	4-1	7	
1	1-0	2	Morris	3	4-3	9	
0	0-0	0					
Totals	27	15-10	64	Totals	21	27-18	60

PENN STATE			PENNSYLVANIA				
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP		
5	7-5	15	Bowman	5	5-3	13	
8	9-7	23	Mangan	1	6-6	8	
2	3-2	6	Bayne	0	2-1	1	
3	4-3	9	Gothright	1	0-0	2	
9	4-1	19	Csenesitz	4	7-3	11	
5	2-2	12	Schwait	2	2-2	6	
6	2-1	1	Follman	3	1-0	6	
1	2-2	4	Kelso	2	0-0	4	
4	0-0	0	DeLucia	3	2-1	7	
			Nensel	0	2-1	1	
			Mershon	0	1-0	0	
Totals	33	33-23	59	Totals	21	28-17	59

PENN STATE			LAFAYETTE				
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP		
4	2-2	10	Kuhler	1	3-0	2	
2	5-8	12	Mack	4	12-11	19	
2	9-6	10	Murray	7	5-4	18	
4	2-2	10	Mantz	2	6-6	10	
5	5-3	13	Galtore	1	0-0	2	
1	2-2	4	Radeliff	2	2-2	6	
			Sterlein	3	1-1	7	
			Jones	0	1-0	0	
Totals	18	26-23	59	Totals	20	30-24	64

Baidy a Rarity

Two-sport athletes are no longer common in college athletics but Steve Baidy, Williamsport, who holds down a starting position on the Penn State basketball team, also is one of Joe Bedenk's mainstays in baseball. He's a third baseman.

Penn State's star hurdler, Rod Perry, is trying his hand at college basketball for the first time.

ACSig Takes Lead In IM Sports Race; DU, Phi Delt Trail

Alpha Chi Sigma slid into first place in the race for the Intramural department all-year sports award with a total of 265 points.

On the strength of the boxing championship, Delta Upsilon jumped from 13th on the first IM report to second with 260.

The DU's garnered 170 marks from their pugilists, while Chi Sigma picked up 25. Only ten points behind the leaders at 255 are Phi Delta Theta—the former leader in the early report—and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Phi Delt has most of its points from the football title (150) while the TKE's excelled in swimming (125).

Phi Epsilon Pi (145 in tennis) slipped from fourth to fifth in the latest standings with 220 and Delta Sigma Phi (95 in swimming) rounded out the houses topping the 200 mark. The sixth-placed Delta Sigs have 205, according to Dutch Sykes' latest tabulations.

Theta Kappa Phi joined the big Ten with 130 points in the recent boxing tourney. The Theta Kappa Phis moved from 31 to 7 in the standings with 190.

Rounding out the top ten are Phi Kappa Sigma—a perennial contender with a slow start this year—at 180, Alpha Zeta at 155, and Sigma Phi Epsilon at 145.

Alpha Chi Sigma, in reaching the top spot, piled up 110 points in touch football, 50 each in golf medal and tennis singles play, and 30 in swimming.

Runnerup DU, in addition to its boxing total, recorded 35 markers apiece in touch football and swimming competition, 15 in tennis singles, and 5 in golf medal play.

Phi Delta Theta, in tying TKE for third, shows 40 points in tennis singles, 30 in golf medal play, and 25 in swimming added to its football total. TKE, excluding swimming, scored 50 points in tennis singles, 25 in touch football, and 20 in golf medal play.

Fifth-place Phi Ep tallied 35 in football, 25 in swimming, and 10 in golf medal competition plus its tennis counters.

Rip Engle, in seven years at the Penn State football helm, owns a record of 41 wins, 20 defeats, and 3 ties.

Klein Defends Pa. Athletic Commission

HARRISBURG, Jan. 3 (AP)—The state Athletic Commission today refused to take a "back seat" to any other Pennsylvania commission when it comes to services rendered for dollars spent.

"Our commission is composed of men who are doing a sincere job and a dedicated one where we are giving good service for dollars spent," said Commissioner Alfred Klein.

Klein commented on published reports that Sen. Watkins (R-Delaware) favored abolishing the commission if it "is going to cost the taxpayers money."

"If he (Watkins) moves to abolish the athletic commission I'd say he'd have to abolish a lot of other commissions," said Chairman James H. Crowley.

Crowley, Klein and Commissioner Paul G. Sullivan met here today to discuss minor modifications of the new state boxing code to conform with a uniform code sanctioned for the nation by the National Boxing Association.

Sport Shorts

Sam Valentine is Penn State's ninth all-America football player since W. T. "Mother" Dunn first won this distinction in 1906.

Penn State's 7-7 tie in the season's finale against Pitt was only the third stalemate since Rip Engle assumed command in 1950.

Penn State gave up two touchdowns only twice during the 1956 football season—against Army and against Syracuse.

Watson Sound Off at Slumping Rangers for Indifferent Play

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Coach Phil Watson roasted his New York Ranger hockey team for "indifferent" play today on the eve of their appearance in the first nationally televised ice game.

The Rangers and the Chicago Blackhawks inaugurate a new series of ten sports telecasts Saturday at 2 p.m., (EST), over CBS. This is the first time National Hockey League games have been televised coast to coast and from

Canada to the South. But all is not well with the Rangers, in the opinion of Watson. The New York team has lost five of its last six games and is now in fourth place in the six-team league.

"Dave Creighton, Dean Prentice, and Harry Howell are not giving their best," Watson told the New York hockey writers luncheon. "They are indifferent. They have the ability but not the spirit."

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