

Lions' Ball-Control Upsets Vaunted Owl Cagers, 62-53

By VINCE CAROCCI
Playing their best ballgame of the year, the Lion cagers scored one of the year's biggest upsets in Eastern basketball when they defeated Temple's vaunted Owls, 62-53, last night at Recreation Hall.

Despite the crafty maneuvering of Guy Rodgers, Temple's All-America candidate, the Lions outsmarted the visitors with smooth ball-handling and accurate passing.

Playing a smart ball-control game, the Lions waited patiently for an opening and then went for the score—they hit when it counted.

The opening minutes of the game saw the score see-saw back and forth with the Lions finally gaining control of the lead, 17-15, with 11:40 left.

Ron Rainey, the club's leading scorer playing the full game despite an ankle injury, pushed the Lions into a 5-0 advantage on a foul and two deadly jump shots.

Rodgers, leading the Owls fast break, scored three times from the foul line and threw a key pass to Dan Fleming who hit on a jump for a 5-5 deadlock.

The two teams then matched points until the score was tie at 11-11. A fast-breaking drive up the center by Rodgers pushed Temple into its only lead of the night, 13-11. Two fouls by the Lions' Steve Baidy tied it, 13-13.

Bob Edwards hit for two more fouls and Bob Ramsay on a jump to give the Lions a 17-13 lead.

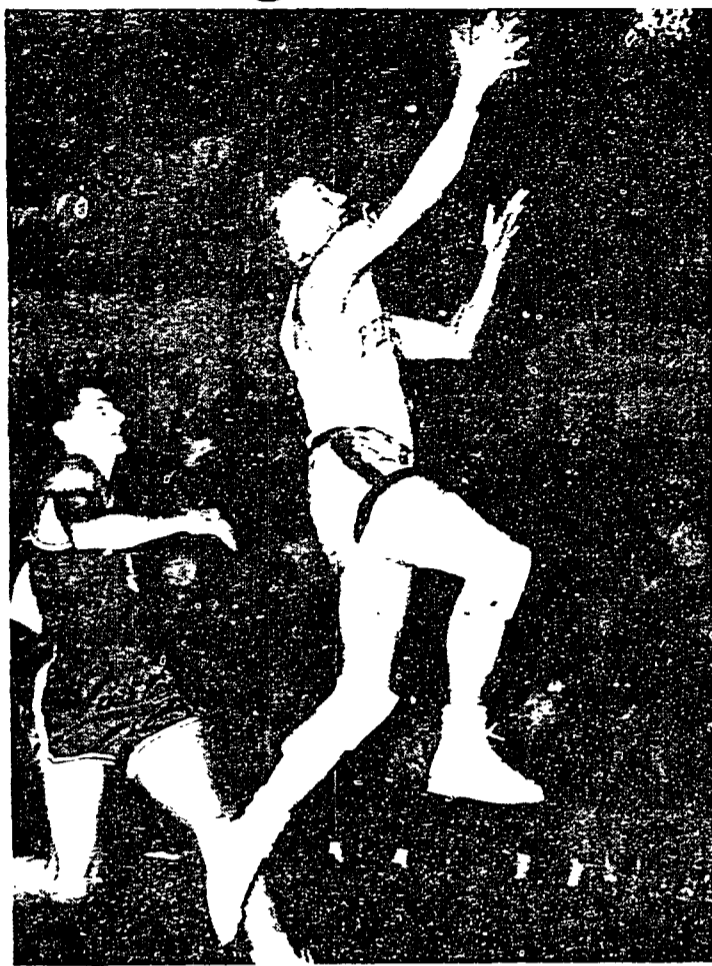
Temple tied the score for the last time on another drive by Rodgers, 21-21. A layup by Bob Leisher and a tap by Edwards gave the Lions a 25-21 lead. From then on, it was the Lions waiting for the opening with Temple pressing to get back into the ball game.

Rainey scored on a layup, after taking a beautiful pass from Leisher, to send the Lions off the floor with a 35-27 lead at half-time, amid a standing ovation by approximately 4200 fans.

Both teams opened slowly in the second half as the Lions played a possession game, forcing the Owls to press for the ball. Steve Baidy's foul, with 15:40 remaining, was the first score of the period.

With Rainey, Baidy, and Leisher leading the way, the Lions went into their first 10-point lead of the night, 44-34 with 11:15 remaining. Rainey scored four, Baidy two, and Leisher two in the Lion surge.

Rodgers, proving that he was



—Daily Collegian Photo by Marty Scherr
CAPTAIN Bob Leisher drives in for two points in the first half of last night's Lion-Temple game at Recreation Hall. The Lions scored a stunning upset, beating the Owls, 62-53.

every bit the player publicity our ball control was the biggest deemed him to be, valiantly tried to get the Owls back on an even footing with his ball-handling wizardry and scoring talent.

Credited with countless assists, the Owl star scored eight points in the last half and was in complete charge of the visitor's offense all the way. But, the Lions were not to be denied.

Temple was forced to switch from its zone defense into a man-to-man defense with 13 minutes left in an attempt to gain control of the ball.

But the Lions refused to let the press bother them, and began scoring from their screen and cut offense—after pulling the defenders out of position.

Coach John Egli's team never fell below a six-point lead after nine minutes were gone, with Edwards, Rainey, and Baidy adding the scoring punch.

After the game, Egli said that ball-control was the turning point in the upset. "Although slowing down their fast break hurt them,

Of Rodgers Egli said, "He's one of the 10 best in the country... he does everything."

Temple coach Harry Litwack said: "We were licked by a good ball club. The officiating didn't hurt us a bit." (The Lions had only eight fouls called against them.)

	PENN STATE			TEMPLE			
	FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP	
Rainey	5	8-5	15	Rodgers	7	5-3	17
Edwards	8	6-4	20	Norman	4	4-2	10
Ramsay	2	1-0	4	Brodsky	4	0-0	8
Baidy	5	12-7	17	Fleming	3	2-2	8
Leisher	1	4-4	6	Franklin	0	0-0	0
Hancock	0	0-0	0	Goldstein	0	0-0	0
				Goss	2	2-1	5
				Smith	0	2-1	1
				Goldenberg	1	0-0	2
				Byrd	1	0-0	2
Totals	21	31-20	62	Totals	22	15-9	53

Penn State's ace passer, Milt Plum, was forced to "eat" the ball only five times, twice intentionally, during the 1956 campaign.

Charley Ruslavage, Penn State center who played 106 minutes in the upset. "Although slowing down their fast break hurt them,

Lions, Engineers Share Similar Woes In 4 Upperweights

By LOU PRATO

Penn State's wrestling team isn't the only squad that is having trouble in the upper-weight divisions this season. Lehigh's grapplers, who invade the Recreation Hall mats Saturday night, is in the same situation although their problem isn't as drastic as the Lions.

For while the Nittany upper-weight men have been unable to register any victories in two meets, the Engineer heavies have recorded sporadic conquests.

Lehigh coach Gerry Leeman has only four lettermen returning from his 1955-56 team which compiled an 8-3 season. One of its losses was a 17-13 setback to the Lions. In four meets this year, the Engineers have won three and lost one. They met Princeton last night but the result wasn't known at press time.

Leeman's biggest loss from his starting lineup was two-time Eastern and National 147-pound champion Ed Eichelberger. Eichelberger—who was selected as the outstanding wrestler of the 1956 Eastern and National tournament—beat Lion co-captain Dave Adams in the finals of the Eastern and National tourney's last year.

Captain Joe Gratto heads the list of veterans. Gratto, a junior, copped the 137-pound Eastern title last season by stopping John Pepe in the finals but he lost out to the Nittany grappler at the National tournament to finish fourth.

Gratto, who competes in the 157-pound class this year, has only lost one dual match in 15 encounters. He was decisively by Cornell's Dick Vincent, 9-6, in the opening match of the campaign but since then he has come on to rack up wins over opponents from Pennsylvania, Syracuse, and Franklin and Marshall.

Two weights behind Gratto is senior Dave Bates, a high school product of nearby Philipsburg. Bates compiled a good record for the Engineers in his sophomore year but fell off last year because of an injury. He's back to his old tricks this year posting an unde-

feated record in his four matches. Lehigh's other two lettermen, senior Tom Deppe and junior Bob Myers, compete for the same weight this year, 123. Last year Myers was at 130 but the appearance of sophomore Leon Harbold at that class forced Myers to retreat one weight.

Deppe and Myers have shared starting duties in the four Engineer meets and either could get the nod Saturday.

Harbold is the most valuable sophomore among the starting array. He is undefeated in competition this season and was unbeaten as a frosh.

Sophomore Dick Santoro, a veteran of the Marine Corp., is the starter at 147. He is also undefeated this year although he was held to a 8-8 draw against Franklin and Marshall last Saturday.

After Gratto, at 157, the Engineer lineup is almost as weak as the Lions. Sophomore Ed Hamer has been in the 167-pound berth but he will probably miss Saturday's meet because of an injury. Hamer was defeated in the Cornell and Syracuse meets but he came through with a win over Penn co-captain Jay Goldenberg. He missed the F & M match.

Bill Gustafson, another sophomore, handles the 177-pound starting position. Gustafson has won only one match, deciding Penn's Frank Knipe.

Three men are battling for the heavyweight spot but Pete Davidson, a transfer from Ohio University, has the edge. Davidson finished second in the recent Wilkes tournament, losing to ex-Lion Bill Oberly.

Sophomore Francis Shaeffer and junior Ormond Long are right behind Davidson.

Robby Offered Fabulous Sum

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—In a final desperate effort to persuade Jackie Robinson to change his mind and consent to play just one more season, the New York Giants today made him one of the most attractive offers ever dangled before a ball player.

The Associated Press learned that Charles Feeney, vice president of the Giants, offered Robinson a one-year contract that, together with his purchase price, from Brooklyn, would cost the Giants a cool hundred thousand dollars. In addition, Robinson was offered other considerations designed to be of benefit to him after his playing days are over.

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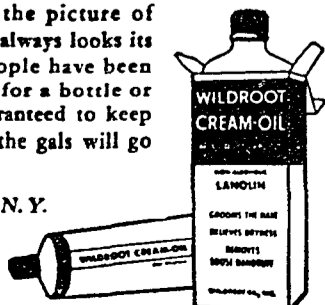


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