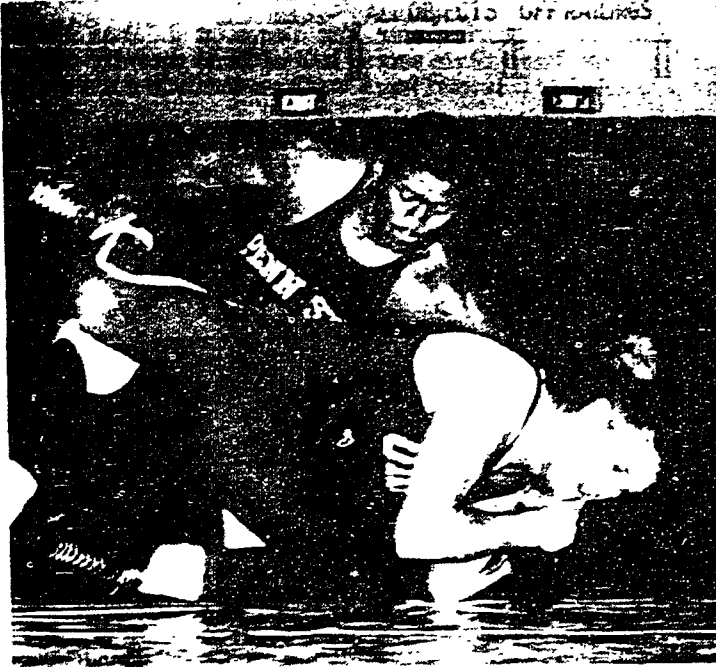


Mat, Gym Teams Score Wins

Nittanies Rout West Virginia, 60-36



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BRUCE GILMORE toys with Ohio State's **Hugh Crouse** seconds before he pinned the 177-pounder with a half-nelson and body press. The Lions won the match, 36-0.

Five Falls Spark 36-0 Victory Over Ohio State

By LOU PRATO

Four wins and one loss!

That's what the Lion matmen have to show for themselves as spring semester classes begin.

The record was at 2-0 before the fall semester finals began but since then the Nittany grapplers have defeated Maryland and Ohio State while losing to arch-rival Lehigh for the first time in 8 years.

The latest victory came Saturday night at Recreation Hall when the Lions humiliated a game Ohio State team, 36-0, in the final home appearance of the season.

Five falls were recorded against the Buckeyes—two more than were scored against them in last year's 34-0 rout. A default in the 157-pound class and two decisions rounded out the scoring.

Bruce Gilmore and Sam Markle—the Lion upper weight men—broke into the win column for the first time this season against Ohio State while Sid Nodland, Johnny Johnston, and Dave Adams maintained their unbeaten streaks.

Gilmore drew a thunderous ovation from the 3500 fans Saturday night when he floored OSU's Hugh Crouse with a body press at 2:06 of the second period. He lost decisions to Ed Hamer, Lehigh, and Dick Dean, Maryland, during the break.

Markle tried his best to throw Ted Talaber into a pinning combination but the Buckeye heavy-weight was too stubborn. Markle had to be satisfied with a 11-2 decision.

Against Lehigh's Pete Davidson, Markle came out on the short end of a 2-1 count. In the Maryland match, Markle lasted only 31 seconds of the first period before the Terps' All-America football tackle Mike Sandusky threw him with a reverse nelson.

Nodland started the almost perfect evening off in the right fashion Saturday night when he showed 123-pound Chuck Branz the lights at 2:45 of the first period with a cradle.

Johnston tried desperately for the pin against Don Wilson—a former Pennsylvania state high school champion—but he could only score an 8-4 decision.

Ohio State's Bill Floyd lasted only 1:30 of the second period of the 137-pound match before John Pepe nailed him with a bar arm and press.

Co-captain Dave Adams followed the example of Nodland and Pepe when he put George Postlewaite away in 1:23 of the first period with a half-nelson and body press.

Sophomore Bill Labone, making his first varsity start at 157, opened up on Buckeye captain Bob DeFelice like a hungry tiger. He scored a quick takedown before the bout was halted because

of an injury to DeFelice. George Gray took up where Adams left off when he floored Mark Roberts with a guillotine at 2:36 of the second period.

Gilmore and Markle then proceeded to put the finishing touches on the evening's action.

The Lions had a more difficult time in disposing of Maryland, 17-11.

George Smith got the starting nod in the 123-pound class and he came through with his second win of the year in posting a 6-3 decision over Tony Toston.

Sid Nodland, showing strain from a leg injury suffered against Lehigh, used his all-round skill to dispose of Ray Haney—a former AAU champion—in the 130-pound bout, 3-2.

Johnston moved up to 137 to meet Jack Norrie and the heavier weight division didn't bother him; one bit as he proceeded to carve out a 7-0 victory.

Red Norris, a 25-year-old Maryland senior, proved to be the match of Pepe in a rough-and-tumble 147-pound match when the Terp matman sent Pepe down for his first loss of the year, 6-5.

Adams used a half-nelson and bar arm to throw Nick Biondi at 1:25 of the final period. Gray decisioned Leroy Kennedy 14-6 in a wild and woolly affair.

Gray's decision gave the Lions a 17-3 lead at the time and despite the losses of Gilmore and Markle, it was too late for the visitors from the south.

Lehigh threw a blanket on the Lion hopes of an unbeaten season when they took a 16-13 victory away from Rec Hall Jan. 12.

The Lions jumped off to a 11-0 lead on a fall by Nodland and decisions by Johnston and Pepe. But the tide changed in the 147-pound match when Lehigh's Dick Santoro fought to a 2-2 draw with Adams.

After that it was all Lehigh. Joe Gratto decisioned George Gray, 6-4; Hamer beat Gilmore; Les Walters—making his first varsity appearance—was thrown away by George Gustafson at 0:24 of the third period with a half-nelson and crouch; and Markle was decisioned by Davidson.

Earlier Nodland had nailed Tom Deppe with five seconds to go in his match with an arm-lock and head-scissors; Johnston had decisioned Leon Harbold, 6-4; and Pepe had stopped the undefeated string of Dave Bates, 6-0.

The Lion gymnastic team played a second fiddle to one.

Saturday night at Recreation Hall, anyway, when it followed the wrestlers' shut-out over Ohio State with a romp of its own. West Virginia was the outmanned victim, 60-36, in the Lions' season opener.

The Lions, under the able tutelage of Gene Wettstone—1956 United States Olympic coach—entered the meet minus their three top performers: Armando Vega, Captain Dion Weissend and Phil Mullen.

Vega took a semester's leave to compete in the Olympic Games; Weissend and Mullen were both suffering with an academic malady—deficient grades. However, all three will be in action when the Lions test Temple tomorrow night at Rec Hall.

The gymnasts took a 10-6 lead in tumbling, the first event, to open the gates to the flood waters in the form of Penn State points.

Adie Stevens and Dave Duleany combined to give the Lions a one-two in the event with a tricky assortment of twists and flips. Although Duleany was publicly announced as the winner, a check of the totals showed Stevens the victor, 260-258.

Bob Patrick topped the very weak West Virginia entries with

206 points, followed by Bob Griffin and Lew DeProspero.

Another Lion sweep was in order in the side horse when Walt Heiler, 238, Jack Biesterfeld, 224, and Gil Leu, 217, copped the first three places. The Mountaineers' Dick Gluck was fourth with teammate Dick Sturgill fifth.

Leu displayed one of the best Lion performances of the evening when he captured a first in the horizontal bar with a 270 total—the highest individual total of the meet. Gluck, giving the top West Virginia performance of the meet, was second with 249.

Lou Savadove and John Coller gave the Lions a third and fourth on the bar with 236 and 212 scores. Patrick took fifth with 197, despite a break in his routine. At this point the score read: Penn State—34, West Virginia—14.

Dick Rehm made Mullen's absence in the rope climb hardly noticeable when he scored fourth Lion first with a 4:0 time. Rehm climbed in 3:8 in his second attempt, but it was cancelled when he failed to touch the bar at the top of the rope. In fact, all three Lions missed on their second at-

tempt. Gluck, without a doubt the best Mountaineer performer, was second in 4:1. Jack Hidingger, Penn State, was third with Dave Turk, West Virginia, fourth.

Leu added another first to his credit when he won easily on the parallel bars—he was the meet's only double winner. Leu's 252 total was followed by Mountaineers' Jim Welsh with 205 and Bruno Stanislawski with 194.

Junior Ed Sidwell completed the Lion first-place sweep with a 234 score on the flying rings. Sidwell easily out-manuevered all ring entries with a variety of turns and stands.

Griffin took second with 212 followed by Patrick with 185. Heiler was fourth with 152 and Jim Follmer fifth with 55. Follmer missed an attempted catch, bringing an abrupt halt to his routine.

Wettstone should get a better idea of his team strength against a tougher Temple squad. With Vega, Weissend and Mullen back, however, he is definitely thinking in terms of regaining the Eastern title lost to Army last year.

Lacrosse Aspirants To Meet Thursday

The first meeting of the varsity lacrosse team will be held 7 p.m. Thursday night in 114 Recreation Hall, Coach Ernie Baer announced today.

Coach Baer encourages all men interested in lacrosse to report for the meeting and emphasizes that all candidates will have an equal opportunity to make the squad. Several weak spots on the team must be filled and sophomores and above are urged to attend the session.

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