

Lion Cagers Win 3, Drop 2

Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Cadets Victims Frosh Matmen Split As 'Heavies' Lose

By VINCE CAROCCI
Following their surprising victory over Temple with a win over Pittsburgh, the Lion cagers went on to post alternate wins in their remaining four games to enter second semester activity with a creditable 11-5 record.

The cagers leave today for a 4:30 engagement with Navy tomorrow at Annapolis.

For the majority of students, the Pittsburgh contest marked the end of regular class sessions for the first semester here at the University. But for the cagers it was only the halfway mark in their 26-game schedule.

With Captain Bob Leisher, Bob Edwards and Ron Rainey leading the way, the cagers scored a mild upset when they downed the tough Panthers, 75-65, at Pittsburgh.

Holding sophomore sensation Don Hennon scoreless in the first half, the Lions held a shaky 32-30 lead at halftime.

Once the second half was underway, Leisher, Rainey and Edwards took personal charge of the Lion scoring efforts to subdue the surprised Pittsburgh quintet. The three cagers accounted for all but five of the Nittany second half points—Edwards scoring 16, Rainey 12, and Leisher 10.

With the score 61-55 and only four minutes remaining, Edwards scored five straight points to push the game out of Panther reach. Hennon managed to hit for 19 in the second half, but was second to Julius Pegues in the Panther scoring column. Pegues tallied 21.

The Lions hit for their best shooting percentage since Temple with a 44.6 mark against Pitt. The Panthers hit on 37.8 per cent of their shots.

Although Coach John Egli's team may have been riding on "Cloud 39" after the Panther contest, it suffered a quick and rebounding drop when Syracuse ran the cagers to the ground en route to a 75-45 victory at Recreation Hall.

Led by All-America candidate Virnie Cohen the Orange jumped to an early lead and held it the rest of the way to win easily. The Orange led at halftime, 36-22.

The game was, without a doubt, the cagers' worst of the season. The Lions did nothing right—passes were thrown away, players were caught walking and double dribbling, and the ball was not going through the hoop. The Lions only shot a 21 percentage, compared to Syracuse's 53.

Rainey was the only Lion scoring threat with 20 points. Sophomore Ted Kubista was next with six. Cohen tallied 23 to top Syracuse.

The Lions retaliated from the Syracuse trouncing—the worst in University basketball history—with a one-point victory over Rutgers in double overtime, 78-77.

Holding a 41-36 point edge at halftime, the Lion defense collapsed slightly and Rutgers tied the score 64-64 at the end of regulation time.

Tom Hancock, probably as important a figure in the win as anyone, scored three points in the first overtime period to lead the Lions to another tie, 73-73. According to Egli, Hancock's rebounding was a vital factor in the Lion win.

All the Lion second overtime scoring came from the foul line with Edwards hitting for two center Bob Ramsay one, and Rainey the final two. Rutgers was



Steve Baidy
High-Scoring Guard



Bob Edwards
Surprising Sophomore

held to four points. Shooting percentages read: Penn State—39.7; Rutgers—35. A three-basket Lion advantage was the difference between victory and defeat.

Lehigh University provided the Nittanians with their second consecutive overtime contest, only this time the cagers bowed, 72-67, despite holding a 30-25 halftime advantage.

Hitting for a mere 29 shooting percentage—Lehigh recorded a 50 per cent mark—the cagers were unable to contain Arnie Balgalvis and Tom Healy in the overtime period to drop their fifth game. Healy scored seven and Balgalvis five in the overtime.

Playing their third consecutive game on the road, the cagers beat Army last Saturday night, 61-49, behind the combined scoring efforts of Baidy, Edwards and sophomore Greg Schwendeman.

Behind 28-26 at halftime, the Lions cut the margin to one, 35-34, with five and a half minutes gone in the second period. With Schwendeman and Edwards leading the way, the Lions grabbed a 47-38 lead at the 13-minute mark to win going away. Schwendeman, playing his best game of the year, scored six and Edwards five in the victory spurt.

Percentage-wise, the Lions topped the Cadets, 30.4-20.7.

Statistics find Rainey leading the team's individual scorers at the end of 16 games with 249 points—good for a 15.6 average. He has been the team leader since early season.

Edwards, a pleasing surprise since joining the starting unit, is next with 200 points, and a 12.5 average. Baidy, 198-12.4, and Leisher, 164-10.3, follow.

PENN STATE			PITTSBURGH			
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP	
Rainey	7	5-4	18	Riser	2	11-9
Edwards	8	7-6	22	Hursh	0	0-0
Ramsay	1	5-2	4	Lazor	5	2-1
Baidy	3	3-3	9	Pegues	9	4-3
Leisher	4	10-10	18	Hennon	8	3-3
Hancock	2	0-0	4	Markovich	1	0-0
Totals	25	30-25	75	Totals	25	20-16

PENN STATE			SYRACUSE			
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP	
Rainey	9	3-2	20	Cohen	9	9-5
Edwards	1	3-2	4	Clark	7	5-4
Ramsay	2	3-1	5	Cincobax	4	3-1
Baidy	0	0-0	0	Breland	0	1-0
Leisher	1	3-2	4	Albanese	1	7-5
Hancock	2	1-0	4	Snyder	2	4-3
Kubista	3	3-0	6	Loudis	2	0-0
Schwendeman	1	0-0	2	Hollenbeck	1	0-0
				Parke	0	1-0
				Evans	2	2-1
Totals	19	16-7	45	Totals	28	32-19

PENN STATE			RUTGERS			
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP	
Rainey	5	4-3	13	Hirschfield	7	13-10
Edwards	5	4-4	14	Sanislow	6	0-0
Ramsay	0	5-2	2	Wermuth	5	15-10
Baidy	9	13-7	25	Webster	1	8-8
Leisher	2	4-4	8	Bayard	3	5-3
Hancock	2	7-6	10	Ossi	0	0-0
Kubista	1	2-2	4	Enz	0	2-2
Schwendeman	1	1-0	2			
Totals	25	43-26	78	Totals	22	43-33

PENN STATE				LEHIGH			
FG	F	TP		FG	F	TP	
Rainey	8	6-5	21	Nolan	2	5-3	7
Edwards	3	4-4	10	Roepke	6	15-11	23
Ramsay	0	2-2	2	Balgalvis	5	5-3	13
Baidy	7	7-3	17	LeCler	2	5-3	7
Leisher	3	7-6	12	Healy	6	7-7	19
Hancock	2	2-1	5	Wenzel	1	0-0	2
Kubista	0	0-0	0	Ellis	0	0-0	0
Schwendeman	0	0-0	0	Brennan	0	3-1	1
Totals	23	28-21	67	Totals	22	40-28	72

PENN STATE				ARMY			
FG	F	TP		FG	F	TP	
Rainey	1	4-4	6	Darby	2	9-7	11
Edwards	4	8-5	13	Fisher	0	6-6	6
Ramsay	0	5-4	4	Keeler	1	3-2	4
Baidy	5	7-5	15	Schafer	1	2-2	4
Leisher	3	0-0	6	McCoy	5	11-7	17
Hancock	1	7-5	7	DeJardin	2	1-1	5
Kubista	0	0-0	0	Melnik	0	0-0	0
Schwendeman	3	6-4	10	Peffenbach	1	0-0	2
Totals	17	37-27	61	Totals	12	32-25	49

Sport Shorts

Charley Ridenour, now head coach at Pennsylvania, qualified as one of Penn State's all-time wrestling greats.

Nick Thiel, for 22 years Penn State lacrosse coach, now is devoting full time to his academic role as chief of required physical education.

Ralph Ricker, special assistant in the athletic department at Penn State, formerly coached football at Dickenson and Lebanon Valley.

Only Olympian currently active in Penn State athletics is Armando Vega, of Los Angeles, a standout in gymnastics.

Penn State basketball player Steve Baidy, of Williamsport, Pa., plays third base on the baseball team.

By MATT PODBESEK
Freshman wrestling tutor Don Watkins, like his varsity counterpart Charlie Speidel, was crying "Those Upper-weight Blues" as his frosh split two meets between semesters.

During finals the underclassmen dropped a 16-15 squeaker to a more experienced Lehigh team after taking a 15-2 lead in the first five weights. This season's wrestling formula almost lost again Saturday at Lock Haven State Teachers College.

Lock Haven's Junior Varsity fell behind, 14-0, but did not have enough to come through with a win although the freshmen were forced to forfeit the heavyweight match, hand Lock Haven a win at 157 on an injury, and spot their hosts 30 pounds in the 177 bout.

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After losing the 157 match on an injury, 167 pounder Bob Faris came through with the deciding win as his opponent, Fred Coulteryan, dislocated his shoulder and had to default.

Gordon Danks picked up his first win of the year after being held to a draw in the Lehigh meet.

Dale Sullivan made it 8-0 for the Lion frosh decisioning Charles Jackson, 13-9, in a free-scoring contest. Sullivan's second straight collegiate win required nearly

every point-maker in the book—an escape, 2 takedowns, 2 reverses, a near-fall, a predicament, and riding time.

Sam Minor dropped down a weight from his Lehigh spot at 147 and proved that the loss of weight does not hinder his effectiveness with a 5-1 win over Lock Haven 137 pounder Dean Kreamer.

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Heavyweight Bud Kohlhaas provided the Rec Hall fans with one of the fastest heavyweight matches ever witnessed in the arena. But the football star tired by the final stanza and lost by an 8-6 score.

But he never got to show his stuff at Lock Haven due a rib injury incurred in practice. Boyd Wasilko got credit for the default.

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