



Lions Regain EIGL Title, 58-38

Matmen Upset Pitt, 14-11

Leu Shines On H-Bar In Victory

By MATT PODBESEK
PITTSBURGH, March 2 — Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts returned to form tonight walloping Pitt, 58-38, and handing the Olympic Coach his seventh undefeated season and undisputed possession of the Eastern Gymnastic Title.

The Lion gymnasts slammed the sidehorse and parallel bars (13-3) and conceded the flying rings by a like score to the Panthers. For the second straight meet Gil Leu outscored his more famous Olympic counterpart Armando Vega, 13-11, in the entire meet.

Leu and Vega each took a first and third, but the Swiss engineer finished second on the side horse, while Vega was fourth when the Panther trio finished one-two-three on the rings.

Jack Biesterfeldt won his first sidehorse competition since the Temple meet early in the season. Mullen took his specialty—the rope climb—in 3.7 seconds on the slow rope in the Pitt Field House.

From the start it was evident that Wettstone & Co. would maintain Wettstone's personal streak of never losing to a protegee; in this case Panther coach Warren Neiger.

The Panthers were expected to slam the tumbling, but Captain Dion Weissend, Dave Dulaney, and Adie Stevens made the Pitt tumblers go all out to take the event by only two points, 9-7. Dulaney racked up a low score from the judges of 254 on one of his best routines of the season as did Stevens, who was credited with only a 247.

Junior John Hammond took the event with a 257, while sophomore Dave Hirst disappointed the crowd by scoring 241. Don Nelle took the deciding point on a fifth place finish to give the Panthers their only lead of the night. Biesterfeldt, Leu, and Walt Heiler then rode the Lions into a never-to-be-relinquished lead by finishing 1-2-3 on the sidehorse as expected. Biesterfeldt had a disappointing 242, Leu only had a 221, and Heiler had a 215. But the Panthers—Jim Mulvihill, Chuck Kerber, and Joe Lamartine—had scores of 163, 145, 65 respectively.

The 2225 fans saw the Lions sweep their second straight event, the horizontal bar. Leu, Weissend, and Vega made up the winning combination in this event. Leu hit for his second highest score of the year—272—followed by Weissend's 255, and Vega's 252.

After the intermission the Lions simply widened the already huge gap by taking the rope climb 11-5.

Tied for second behind Mullen was senior Dick Rehm, and Pitt's Dave Ruber at 4.0. And tied for fourth was John Hiding and Pitt's John Cacocice at 4.4.

All three Lions improved their time on the second climb. Mullen from 3.9 to 3.7, Rehm from 4.4 to 4.0, and Hiding from 4.7 to 4.4. (Continued on page four)



LES WALTERS (above) scored the key win in the Lions 14-11 upset victory over the previously unbeaten Panthers. Walters topped Bob Richardson, GIL LEU (left) for the second time this season outscored Armando Vega and led the gymnasts to a 58-38 triumph over Pitt.

Walters' Win at 177 Clinches 'Big One'

By LOU PRATO

PITTSBURGH, March 3—Coach Charley Speidel maintained his well deserved title as "master of strategy" here at the Pitt Field House last night, and it cost defending Eastern Champion Pittsburgh a 27 dual meet winning streak.

Using the tactics of a full admiral during a decisive battle, the Lion coach maneuvered his team into a 14-11 victory that stunned the 2500 semi-partisan fans.

The deciding match was at 177 pounds where Lion footballer Les Walters won his first match of the season with a 4-1 decision over Bob Richardson. But, the turning point came in the 147 and 157 pound bouts.

It was here that Speidel crossed up Pitt Coach Rex Peery by moving co-captain Dave Adams up one weight to meet Bob Bubb at 157 and injecting Earl Poust against undefeated Ed Bienkowski at 147.

The change came after it had been announced that Adams would meet Bienkowski at 147 and George Gray would face Bubb at 157.

Speidel's tactics almost work-

ed to its fullest when Poust surprised his opponent with a 1-1 deadlock and Adams came through with his third straight victory over Bubb, 7-5.

Peery then tried his hand at strategy but he found out that it was not on par with Speidel's. Defending Eastern Champion Dave Johnson was moved down from his scheduled 177 position to meet Bruce Gilmore and the Pitt junior scored a 6-1 decision over the Nittany matman.

But in compensating for this shift Peery was forced to go with Richardson—a usual 157 or 167 pound entry—at 177. But, Richardson could not handle the "heavy" opponent put before him.

The victory made up for what had been thought of as a poor season for the Lions and gave them a final 6-2-1 dual mark.

Only losses to Navy and Lehigh and draw with Cornell mars the record. The win also gave eastern wrestling fans something to think about before the Eastern Wrestling Association Tournament at University Park, March 15-16.

Pitt was considered a shoo-in for their third straight EIWA title, but the Nittany matmen changed that situation tonight.

In winning, the Lions broke a three-year losing streak at the hands of Pitt. They also extended "home town jinx." The Panthers have never beaten the Lions at Pittsburgh, tonight being the fourth time that this occurred.

Only one of the six men who entered tonight's contest unbeaten saw his streak come to an end. That was the Lion's Johnny Johnston who lost his first match in nine encounters to Pitt's Captain, Ed Peery, at 130 pounds. It was Peery's 10th win without a loss.

Sid Nodland extended his streak to nine while Adams stretched his skin to seven. Ron Schirf, the Panther heavyweight, copped his ninth win to remain undefeated in eight outings. However, both Adams and Schirf have been tied.

Nodland put the Lions in a winning mood at the outset of the meet when he decided an old nemesis, Bill Hulings, 5-1. It was the 123-pound Nodland's second victory against Hulings in six meetings. He has lost only once to the Pitt ace, the other three matches ending in draws.

Johnston almost handed Peery his second loss in a 24-match career before falling 5-4 on the strength of a minute and 25 seconds riding time. John Pepe toyed with Pitt's Vic DeFelice but could not work the 137 pounder into a pin. The final score was 6-1. This made the running score 6-3 in favor of the Lions.

Then came the series of maneuvers that decided the meet. Poust held Bienkowski to a tie (Continued on page three)

Pittsburgh Claws Nittanies, 80-65

By VINCE CAROCCI

Pittsburgh's aggressive basketball team finished like an angry panther to claw the Penn State Lions into submission, 80-65, before 6000 fans last night at Recreation Hall.

Trailing 33-32 at halftime, the Panthers staged a 16-point scoring drive with approximately three minutes gone in the second period to take a lead which they never relinquished.

Before the Pitt drive, the game was as close as could be with neither team taking more than a three-point lead.

Here's the way the scoring went in that victory surge:

With the score 41-38, Penn State, Barry Brautigian and John Riser hit with two consecutive jump shots and the spurt was on.

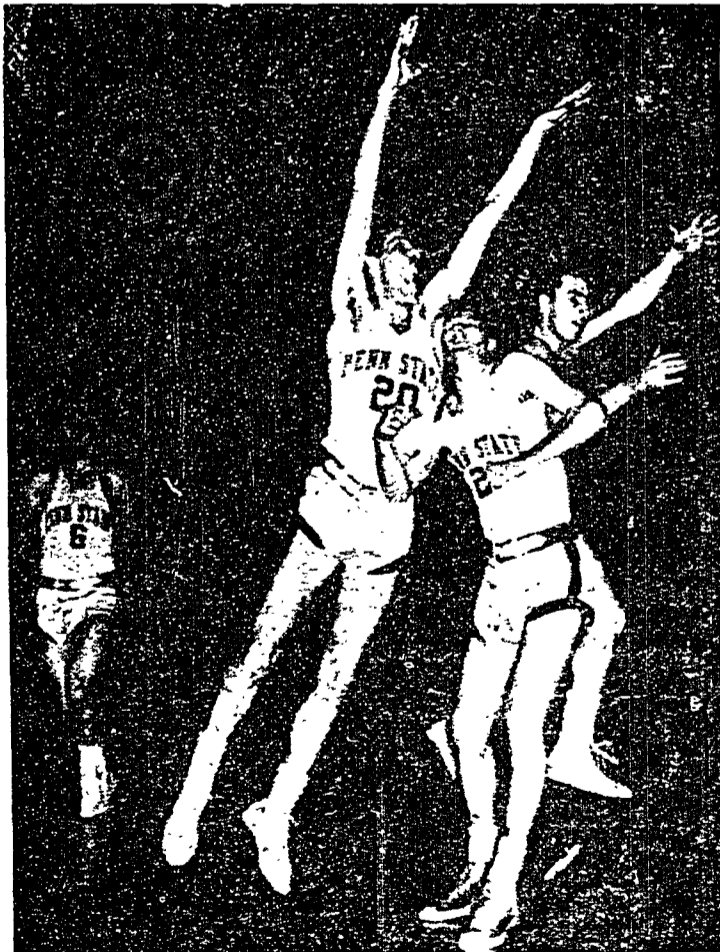
A layup by Chuck Hursh, a foul by Riser, and two more fouls and another goal by Hursh gave the Panthers a 50-41 lead.

Riser's drive on a fast break, with an assist from Don Hennon, and another fast-breaking two-pointer by Hennon ended the Pitt drive, but the damage was done. Pitt led, 54-41, and Penn State was never able to get back in the game.

Pitt's clear superiority on the back boards was definitely the most important factor in the surge. With Hursh, Riser and Brautigian controlling the rebounding, the Panthers were off on one fast break after another—they seldom missed.

So completely did Pitt dominate the action in the second half that the Lions could not break into the scoring column for four and one-half minutes. Bob Ramsay's foul conversion ended the Nittany scoring-drought, but by then the Panthers were well in control of the game.

After Ramsay's foul made the score, 54-42, Hursh and Brautigian



THE NITTANY Lion's Tom Hancock (20) and Bob Edwards (21) grimace as they strain for a rebound off the Pitt backboard in last night's Rec Hall tussle. Lion guard Steve Baidy (6) is at the left.

each hit twice from the foul line to give the Panthers a 16-point bulge, 58-42.

From then on, Pitt so controlled the action that the closest the Lions could get was a 12-point

deficit, 77-65, with only seconds remaining. Hursh's three point play on another Panther break completed the scoring.

The Lion offense, hitting for (Continued on page four)