

Matmen Surprise Navy, 12-12

Penn State's 130-pounder Johnny Johnston threw everything in the book while Navy's heavyweight Tony Stremic threw all the power his body could muster in Saturday night's Penn State-Navy wrestling match at Recreation Hall. Both were going for the pin. Both missed. The result: a tie at 12-12.

As it turned out, a pin either way would have given either team the victory. Wrestling before a crowd of approximately 2500 partisan Lion fans, both clubs traded wins in the first four bouts before Penn State grabbed two straight victories, only to have the Middies retaliate with wins in the last two bouts for the tie. All victories were by decision and therein lies the story of the match.

Of the eight matches wrestled, only in the Johnston-Jim McKinney 130-pound test and the Stremic-Ray Pottios heavyweight test did the much-desired pin seem unavoidable. Both Johnston and Stremic won quite handily. The only question was whether either could pin his man. The answer was no—but it was a shaky no.

Johnston, the Lion captain and Eastern and National 130-pound king, jumped to an early 4-0 lead with a take down and a near fall in the first period. McKinney was never close to stopping the Lion master.

The match saw Johnston shoot for the pin several times. Each time, he just missed. McKinney seemed content with losing. His main concern was avoiding a pin. Only a stouthearted, determined defensive effort saved him as the wiry Johnston threw all his tricks for the pin. Johnston finally was forced to take an 11-0 decision.

The glove was on the other hand in the Stremic-Pottios affair. This time Navy was on the offense and only a courageous effort by Pottios saved him from the pin—and Penn State



—Daily Collegian photo by Joe Patton
PULL 'EM UP, POTTIOS... "Doc" Speidel tries to help his heavyweight Ray Pottios keep his shoulders off the mat and hold Navy to a tie. Pottios was nearly pinned by Navy's Tony Stremic, but Doc saved the day with his superhuman moral effort.

from a loss.

The score was 12-9, Penn State, as both heavyweights began the final match on the card. Stremic, as powerful as they come in eastern wrestling circles, completely overwhelmed the game, but out-manned Pottios.

Stremic, throwing caution and science to the sidelines, tried to power his way to the pin. In fact, he came probably as close as he could to getting it without actually getting it when he caught Pottios in a crushing cradle hold. Pottios, his shoulders inches from the mat, fought the hold for what was estimated to be approximately 45 seconds until the buzzer sounded to end the match.

The tie could be considered a minor upset of sorts since the Middies entered the match with a 2-0-1 record while the Lions had only 1-2 mark. Navy's tie was with Maryland—considered to be a strong wrestling power this year.

Here's the way the other bouts went:
At 123 pounds, Navy's Paul Ig decided the Lions' Jack Maher, 3-0, on the basis of a second-period takedown and an escape.

After Johnston's 130-pound win, Navy's Joe Longton, a Middle veteran, barely decided sophomore Dan Johnston, 2-1. Johnston made his varsity debut Saturday night.

At 147, the Lions' Guy Guccione scored an easy 5-2 victory over Middle Wes Phenegar while Earl Poust, Penn State, decided Dale Minard, Navy, 7-3, at 157.

Sam Minor followed with a 5-3 victory over Navy's George Brainard at 167 to push the Lions into a 12-6 lead going into the final two bouts.

But Doug Volgenau topped the Lions' George Gray, 4-3, at 177 before Stremic tried to apply the crusher to Pottios.

The tie was the Lions' first outing since losing to Lehigh, 22-7, Jan. 11 at Bethlehem. Johnston's pin and Minor's draw accounted for the only Lion points in that match.

Cagers Down Bullets

Frosh Matmen Score 28-4 Win Over Engineers

Rainey Tops Scorers with 33

Penn State fought its basketball version of the Battle of Gettysburg Saturday night at Gettysburg and, like the North, came out the victor, 87-61.

Abe Lincoln wasn't around to deliver another of his famed victory addresses—but he wasn't needed. Lion coach John Egli filled the bill and did an adequate job.

"It was a crucial ball game for us," he said in reference to the fact that the Lions were riding on the losing ebb of a three-game tide. "They were keyed-up for us because they had improved... but, our kids, were sharp and we won."

It certainly was a crucial ball-game for the Lions. Since The Daily Collegian last published, the cagers lost three straight games—64-63 to Rutgers (at Rutgers), 71-64 to Pitt (at Recreation Hall), and 58-53 to Navy (at the two from the field, Penn Navy). It was a must game for Penn State if the Lions were to have any hope of salvaging a thus-far disappointing season.

Thanks to the sharp-shooting eye of co-captain Ron Rainey and the improving play of sophomores

Wally Colender and Paul Sweetland and junior Tom Hancock, the Lions grabbed a strong lead to place the issue out of doubt near halftime.

Rainey, playing the sharpest offensive game in his three-year varsity career, hit on 14 of 23 field-goal attempts and five of seven fouls to finish with a 33-point total.

Colender, who Egli credited with showing steady and rapid improvement every day played a good floor game as the Nittanies playmaker while Sweetland was tops in rebounding with 13.

Hancock was a demon off the Lions' backboard as he scored by rebounding missed Lion shots. His performance ventured Egli to say that he could hit for 10 points in each of the Lions' remaining eight games.

Although both clubs hit for 21 points from the foul line, the Lions were easily the better of the two from the field. Penn State hit on 33 of 76 field-goal attempts while Gettysburg hit on 20 of 53. Percentages read: Penn State 43, Gettysburg 38.

All was not so bright in the Lions' three previous contests, however. Rutgers amazingly

surprised the basketballers with a 64-63 victory. The Lions blew a 63-60 lead in the waning minutes before Steve Baidy's last-ditch shot rolled in-and-out as the final gun sounded.

Against Pitt, the Lions simply couldn't contain the Panthers' "mighty-mite" Don Hennon. Hennon, who Egli said was the best shot he has seen, scored 34 points while teammate Julius Pegues scored 20.

Navy, grabbing a solid 32-19 halftime lead, withstood a last-half Lion rally to grab a 58-53 victory last Wednesday night. The Lions record is now 5-6.

PENN STATE				GETTYSBURG			
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP		
14	5-7	33	Walsack	4	4-7	12	
Colender	3	0-1	6	Werfer	4	8-10	
Hancock	4	2-2	10	Grezelecki	2	0-1	
Sweetland	3	1-5	7	Capitani	1	4-6	
Freedman	0	0-1	0	Melnik	2	0-2	
Kubista	2	4-4	8	Hathaway	1	1-2	
Baidy	4	2-2	10	Long	1	0-0	
Edwards	3	5-8	11	Moyer	1	3-4	
Bauer	0	0-0	0	Miller	0	1-2	
Emery	0	2-2	2	Mueller	1	0-0	
Totals	33	21-32	87	Totals	20	21-54	

Halftime:
Penn State 38
Gettysburg 29

Penn State ranks among the nation's first 25 football teams in games won and lost over a 25-year period.



RON RAINEY... This Lion co-captain pushed them up-and-in Saturday night at Gettysburg when he scored 33 points.

Holding true to its expectations, the Penn State freshman wrestling team scored a decisive 28-4 victory over the Lehigh frosh Jan. 11 at Lehigh.

The Lions tallied three falls, three decisions, and two draws while holding the Engineers to the two draws.

Rodney Gible scored the first Lion fall when he pinned Jim Schomoyer at 2:20 in the 123 pound class. At 177 pounds Tim Stauffer pinned Bill Kugler at 5:59 with a body press and heavy-weight Johnston Oberly followed with a fall over John Egdorf at the 2:40 mark.

At 130 pounds Robin Smith decided Curt Laughinghouse, 7-5, while at 147 pounds Neil Turner defeated Barry Holmes, 9-4. The Lions other decision win (Continued on page seven)



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