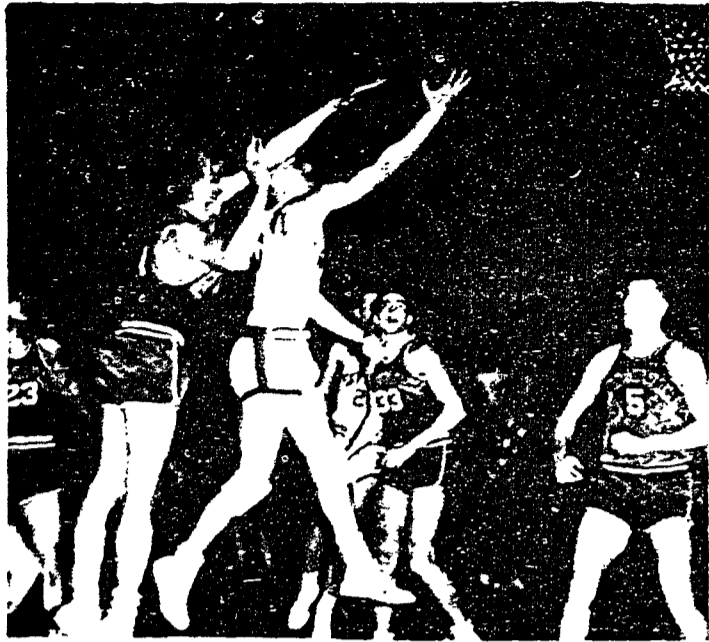


Lion Cagers Nip Penn, 71-70



UP THE CENTER FOR TWO... got Lion co-captain Ron Rainey during the first half of the Lion-Penn game last night at Rec Hall.

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A swishing jump shot by Wally Colender with 10 seconds left to play gave Penn State a thrilling 71-70 victory over Penn last night at Recreation Hall.

That shot climaxed a brilliant team effort by the Lions to pull the bacon from the fire just before the dinner bell sounded. It was one of the wildest—and happiest—dobbybrook finishes seen on the Rec Hall court in many a year.

Penn held a 70-69 lead with 15 seconds left to go and its Jack Saxenmeyer at the foul line. Saxenmeyer, who ironically enough topped the game's scorers with 28 points, missed the foul. Lion co-captain Ron Rainey grabbed the loose ball and immediately called time out.

In the Lion huddle, it was de-

cidated that either Rainey or Colender—whoever was open—should take the last shot. Colender was, he shot, and that was the ball game.

But Penn had nothing to be ashamed of in losing. The spirited Quaker five came back from a 10-point deficit with 11 minutes left to take a one-point lead, 63-62, at the five-minute mark on a Saxenmeyer jump. From then on the action was as hectic as could be.

Colender made two fouls 20 seconds later to give the Lions another one point lead. But a three-point play on a drive by Joe Bowman put the Quakers out once again, 66-64, with 3:40 left.

Then Lion sophomore, Paul Sweetland, a defensive stalwart all night, stepped into the picture and, with the pressure ever so great, made three consecutive fouls for another Nittany lead.

Alex DeLucia, a late-game Penn substitute, and Rainey traded baskets before Penn's Al Schwait set the stage for the thrilling finish with a lay-up with one minute left.

The game opened as if it were going to be one of those pressure-filled contests as both clubs traded leads before the Lions finally settled for a 38-30 halftime advantage.

With the Lions leading, 12-8, Penn's George Schmidt personally took command of the Quaker offensive and scored seven straight points for a 15-17 lead. A twisting jump by Bowman made it 17-12.

However, two jumps by Tom Hancock and another by Colender, sandwiched between a foul by Bowman, tied the score, 18-18. From there both teams traded almost point-for-point until Rainey's foul gave the Lions a 28-26 advantage. Five Lion baskets compared to two for Penn saw the half come to an end.

Skeller Rats Win

The Boxscore . . .

The Skeller Rats won their fifth game of the season, beating the All-Stars 34-22 to spark intramural basketball at Recreation Hall.

Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Mu Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Delta Rho won their Greek contests.

PENN			PENN STATE								
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP						
Bowman	4	7	3	11	Hancock	4	6	1	8		
Schmidt	5	7	4	13	Colender	6	2	6	15		
Saxenmeyer	4	3	4	11	Sweetland	0	4	5	4		
Saxenmeyer	12	4	9	28	Rainey	1	4	5	6		
Duelling	0	0	0	0	Rainey	3	2	4	12		
Phelan	0	1	2	1	Edwards	4	6	7	14		
Follman	0	0	1	0	Kubista	2	2	2	6		
DeLucia	1	0	0	2							
Schwait	1	2	2	4							
Totals	27	16	26	70	Totals	24	23	30	71		
Halftime: Penn State 38; Penn 30											

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