

# Inexperience Blamed For Matmen's 17-9 Loss

By LOU PRATO

When Penn State's wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel, in predicting the chances of his mat team this season, said, "We lack the experience to have a good year," he wasn't kidding.

That experience wasn't any more noticeable than at Recreation Hall Saturday night when the Lion grapplers dropped a 17-9 decision to once-beaten Cornell.

Most of the eight Nittany matmen performed creditably before the 5000 partisan fans who witnessed the meet, but even a greenhorn mat fan could see the absence of experience in at least five of the Lion starters.

Of Penn State's nine points, six were scored by the Lions' only true veterans, Captain Johnny Johnston at 130 and lightning-fast Earl Poust at 147. The other three markers were recorded by the Lions' highly-regarded sophomore Guy Guccione at 137. But even in winning, Guccione's lack of experience was evident.

Johnston kept his unbeaten record intact, decisioning Cornell's defensive-minded veteran Carmen Molino 4-0. It was Johnston's fifth straight victory of the year and his 13th over two campaigns. Poust, who's only loss this year was to the East's top 147-pounder, Lehigh's Dick Santoro, toyed with Ted Carter in winning a 7-1 decision; and Guccione was extended almost to his limit before edging veteran George Willis, 2-0.

Poust, who now owns a 4-1-1 record, was undoubtedly the best Lion wrestler in the gymnasium Saturday night. He handled Carter with so much ease that it was sometimes hard to believe that Carter was his opponent and not a teammate. Poust tried everything he could think of in an effort to pin his Cornell foe, but even Superman would have had trouble trying to pull Carter up off his stomach.

As for the rest of the Lion matmen, well, what more can be said than lack of experience. Sophomore Sam Minor no doubt was the most impressive Nittany loser. Minor dropped a 3-2 decision to the East's leading 157-pound title contender, Dick Vincent, but not before throwing a score into the Cornell captain.

It was a 1:59 time advantage, that Vincent collected in the final period, which finally accounted for the loss.

Letterman George Gray was also somewhat impressive, although most of the fans at Rec Hall Saturday night would tend to disagree. Gray was up against Cornell's "best" in 167-



PENN STATE'S Captain Johnny Johnston hurls Cornell's Carmen Molino to the mats during the third period of their 130-pound clash at Rec Hall Saturday night. Johnston won the match, 4-0.

pound Steve Friedman and performed quite well in the first two periods before tiring in the finale. The final score of the match was 9-4, with four of the undefeated Friedman's nine points coming in that third period.

In the other results, Sophomore Hank Barone, making his first start for the Lions (and a surprising one to most followers) lost a 6-5 decision to John Gardner at 177; heavyweight Ray Potatoes lost a 2-0 affair to veteran Dave Dunlop; and 123-pound Gordon Danks was flattened by Cornell's outstanding (and un-

beaten) sophomore Dave Auble at the 4:35 mark. Why did they lose?—lack of experience, naturally.

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# 2-Mile Relay Team Sets Nittany Record

By MIKE MAXWELL

The Penn State track team came through with flying colors in the annual Millrose games Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

The Lions' 2-mile relay team of Dick Hambright, Bill Schwab, George Jones and Ed Moran not only won the college

2-mile relay event but also set a new Penn State record in the event. The quartet toured the track in the amazing time of 7:43.0—aided greatly by junior Ed Moran's anchor leg time of 1:51.6. The world indoor record for the 880 from a standing start is 1:50.9. The Penn State outdoor record is 1:53.2 turned in by Schuyler Enck in 1924.

Other Lion times were: Hambright, 2:00.5; Schwab, 1:54.9; and Jones, 1:56.0.

Freshman sprint star Bob Brown also brought the colors home in the meet.

Brown finished a close second in the 60-yard dash to Ken Kave, who equalled the world indoor record of :06.1 along with third-place finisher Ed Collymore in the semi-finals. World record holder Dave Sime, Duke, came in fourth.

This marks the second invitational meet this season that Brown has finished a close second.



Brown

The muscular freshman from Philadelphia nearly turned the trick three weeks ago when he was barely nipped at the wire by Olympic sprinter Ira Murchison in the same event in Philadelphia.

Ohio State's Glenn Davis tied a relay record held by four others when he came home first in the 75-yard hurdles.

Irishman Ron Delaney captured his third straight Wanamaker Mile when he turned in a 4:04.6 performance, his best yet on the indoor boards. New York Athletic Club's George King was second.

Charlie Jenkins, Villanova, regained his crown in the Mel Shepard 600, turning in a 1:11.7 first-place performance. Last year Jenkins was upset by thirty-two-year-old former N.Y.U. star Reggie Pearmen who did not compete in the meet this year.

Other outstanding performances were turned in by Iowa's Deacon Jones, who finished first in the 2-mile run in 9:01.3; Dave Scurlock, University of North Carolina, with a 1:52 first place time in the 880-yard run and Manhattan's relay team, which won the mile relay in 3:18.6.

# Frosh Top Cornell, 14-11

The Nittany Lion freshman wrestling team, including six newcomers, scored its second victory of the season by topping Cornell frosh, 14-11, Saturday night in Recreation Hall.

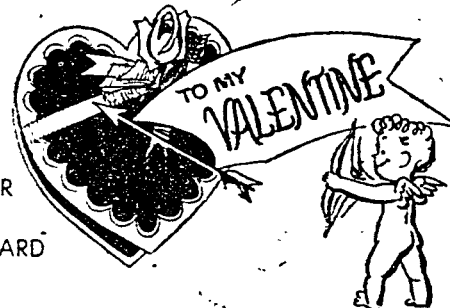
The Lions copped four decisions and a draw while the Red Raiders posted three decisions and a draw. Cornell's record is now 2-3-1.

The most impressive performance was turned in by 157-pounder Jerry Seckler who easily defeated Cornell's Rev Munson, 10-2. Co-captain Neil Turner scored

At 123 pounds, the Lions' Tom Fey posted a 5-0 win over Bill Carter and at 130 pounds Bill Hardman decisioned Louis Montgomery, 4-2.

Heavyweight Bob Gilmour scored a takedown and near fall in the first period but was held to a 4-4 draw by Robert Wrede, who rallied late in the third period.

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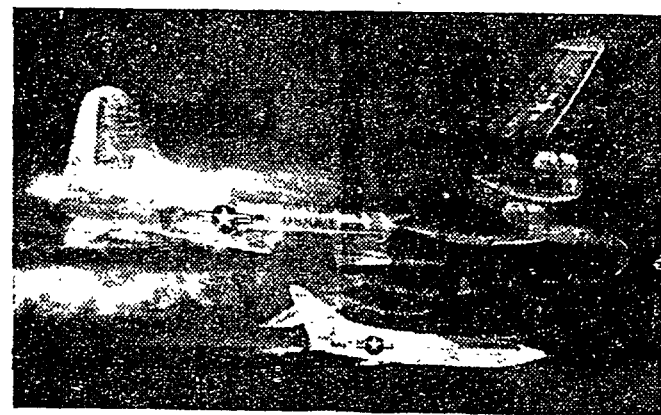


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