

Matmen Lose but Gymnasts Win

Syracuse Humiliates Lions, 21-8 Gold-dusters Score 27; Team Wins All Events

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There must have been an ingenious plot of a Russian espionage agent at work in Recreation Hall Saturday night. How else could one explain (if he didn't want to revert to obvious reasons) Penn State's wrestling team's humiliating 21-8 loss to Syracuse.

Six-thousand mat fans (most of whom were Lion partisans before the match) are still wondering if their eyes deceived them Saturday night. For they'd rather forget what they saw—one of the worst thrashings ever received by a Charlie Speidel-coached team.

Many of the 6000 critics blamed the loss on the officiating, which was inconsistent, to say the least. Others felt that the old strategist, Speidel, finally out-foxed himself in shifting to his upper-weight lineup.

But the real reason was the strength of the Syracuse matmen. It's true that except for the performance of Captain Johnny Johnston, the Nittany grapplers were as disappointing as the Navy's Vanguard. But it was the power of Syracuse which actually told the final story.

"I think my boys have finally caught fire," Syracuse's young coach Joe Scandura said after the encounter. "We have finally reached the point where we want

to wrestle. I think we could beat any team in the East now."

And Scandura was talking about a squad which had been beaten by the EIWA's "Big Three" earlier in the season—Lehigh, Pitt and Cornell.

Johnston was by far Penn State's standout Saturday night. He handled the veteran George Creason with relative ease in winning a 7-4 decision. Even the score doesn't indicate the difference between the two combatants.

The Lions won another bout and also gained a draw, but in both of those matches, the wrestling of the Lion grapplers was very inferior to Johnston's. Heavyweight Ray Pottios battled throughout a tiring nine minutes with Syracuse's Al Benecick before garnering a 3-1 victory—mainly on the basis of a two-point "roughhouse" penalty against Benecick. And Barone was held to a 4-4 draw with 177-pound Bill Murphy.

Probably the next best impressive Lion matman Saturday, was a loser—Danny Johnston. Speidel's surprise starter, Johnston, a far-distant cousin of Johnny, lost a tough 11-9 decision to unbeaten Les Austin at 137, after leading Austin throughout most of the match. A takedown and near fall in the last 45 seconds of action accounted for the defeat.

There was one bad break as a result of Saturday's fiasco and that is the loss of veteran Earl Poust for the rest of the dual season. Poust suffered a slight shoulder separation in his 9-5 loss to 157-pound Gordon Carberry and will not be available until the Eastern tournament on March 14.

As for the other results of the Syracuse fray: 123-pound Jack Maher was flattened for the first time this year by the veteran Ed Carlin; 147-pound Guy Guccione dropped a close 4-3 decision to Bill Waples; and 167-pound Sam Minor (a regular 157-pounder) was thrown by the experienced Bill White (a natural 177-pounder).

The loss was the fourth in six meets for the Lions and made Penn State's first losing season in 11 years inevitable. The Nittanians will visit Maryland in its next meet, Saturday.

Summaries:

- 123—Ed Carlin (S) pinned Jack Maher, 3:42 with figure four and body press
- 130—Johnny Johnston (PS) decisioned George Creason, 7-4
- 137—Les Austin (S) decisioned Dan Johnston, 11-9
- 147—Bill Waples (S) decisioned Guy Guccione, 4-3
- 157—Gordon Carberry (S) decisioned Earl Poust, 9-5
- 167—Bill White (S) pinned Sam Minor, 2:45 with double bar arm.
- 177—Hank Barone (PS) drew with Bill Murphy, 4-4
- Hwt.—Ray Pottios (PS) decisioned Al Benecick, 3-1.

The Gold-dust Twins came through Saturday and the Lion gymnasts defeated Syracuse by the biggest margin of the season, 67½-28½. It was the first home meet of a month-long home stand for the Lions.

The two—Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham—scored 27 points between them, only 1½ less than Syracuse.

Werner made a wise prophet out of Coach Gene Wettstone by taking two firsts and a close second on the parallel bars.

He had two of his best routines as evidenced by his scores on the high bar (263) and the parallel bars (259). And although he had his worst score of the year in his specialty—the flying rings—he took the event.

His only second was a 255-254 loss to Captain Bob Foht on the p-bars. Lou Savadore took third to sweep the event, 13-3, for Wettstone's charges.

Although not the smoothest routine on the p-bars, Werner displayed an excitingly difficult routine that he has never used before. Captain Bob Foht was one of the most amazed on-lookers in the crowd. "I never expected to see that routine from Jay," commented Foht. "It looked like he just threw it together, move by move. And what a great job he did of it!"

Werner also hit on the high bar for his best performance in defeating the Orange's Walt Dodge and teammate Cunningham. It was the second straight meet that Cunningham had a minor break in the event and lost. As he was shooting over the bar in a L-Giant swing he lost his momentum and sat on the bar momentarily.

On the other hand Werner had a flawless routine except for one of his low dismounts. One of the particular crowd-pleasers occurred when he shot up from below the bar, released his grip and did a full-twist in mid-air. On the flying rings he ruined his graceful exercises when he broke on a simple handstand. But compensated for it with a beautiful follow-up routine.

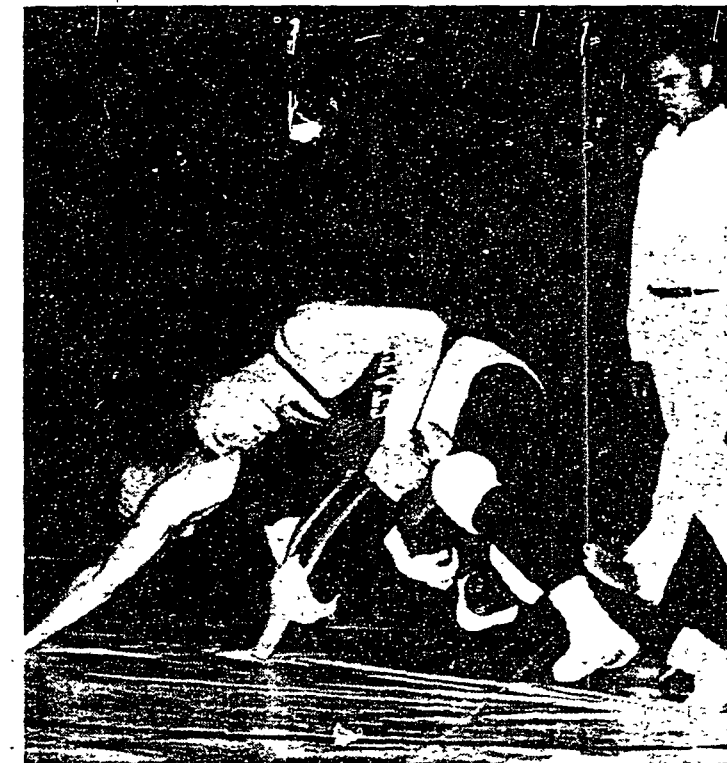
Cunningham thrilled the crowd—and gained the biggest ovation—with his smooth side horse routine. The versatile gymnast also took a surprising fourth in tumbling as he filled in for the injured Adie Stevens.



Jay Werner . . . hits his stride

The tumblers continued to improve as both Dave Dulaney and Graeme Cowan defeated last year's Eastern tumbling champ Lowell Meier. Phil Mullen made it a sweep of the six events with a :03.6 clocking.

- TUMBLING: 1. Dulaney, 2. Cowan, 3. Meier, 4. Cunningham, 5. Satter, 6. Sidwell
- SIDE HORSE: 1. Cunningham, 2. Dodge, 3. Donatelli, 4. Michaels, 5. Palmer
- HIGH BAR: 1. Werner, 2. Dodge, 3. Cunningham, 4. Savadore, 5. Meier, 6. Satter
- ROPE CLIMB: 1. Mullen, 2. Neuhanser and Hall, 3. Shipley, 5. Littlewood
- PARALLELS: 1. Foht, 2. Werner, 3. Savadore, 4. Novotny, 5. Meier
- FLYING RINGS: 1. Werner, 2. Sidwell, 3. Novotny, 4. Dodge, 5. Donatelli



RIDE HIM DAN . . . Lion 137-pounder Dan Johnston rides Syracuse's Lew Austin in a losing cause Saturday night. Sophomore Johnston was ahead by 3 with less than a minute remaining but lost to the Orangeman.

Coed Retains State Slalom Championship

A Penn State coed won the women's slalom division of the 1958 Pennsylvania Ski championships for the second consecutive year.

Mrs. Karin de Juhasz Maybach, a junior in music education, sped around the flags in 45.2 seconds, finishing ahead of Mary Johnston of Pittsburgh and Elizabeth Kupp of Palmerton in the meet this weekend on the Laurel Mountain slope near Ligonier.

After winning the slalom on Saturday, Mrs. Maybach bounced back to finish in a three-way tie for first place with Kupp and Johnston in Sunday's downhill race. All three were clocked in 44 seconds.

A heavy snow and a thick base gave Mrs. Maybach perfect skiing conditions for her double victory on the Laurel Mountain slope.

LATE CAGE SCORES

- Vermont 87, Middlebury 40
- West Virginia 98, Detroit 66
- Iowa 74, Wisconsin 61
- The Citadel 86, VMI 54
- Michigan State 79, Michigan 69
- Cincinnati 98, Drake 64

Army Defeats Lion Trackmen; Byrne Sets Record in '600'

Earlier this season track coach Chick Werner made a call for all interested students to try out for the field events since the Lion track team was especially weak here.

Well, evidently not enough candidates answered the call. The Lions are shutout in the shot put and broad jump Saturday and as a result lost their second straight indoor track test, this time to Army, 55-45.

However, the Lions did quite well in the high jump with John Fareira taking first with a 6'4¼" jump and Dick Campbell and Bob Parker tying for second place.

Pole vaulter and co-captain Ogier Norris took the pole vault with a leap of 13'2" but the Cadets took a second and third in the event.

First classman Pete Byrne set a new Army field house record in the 600-yard dash with a time of 1:11.9, three-tenths of a second faster than the record he set last year.

The Lion's Dick Hambricht also

broke the record in finishing a close second in 1:12.0. Jim Norton tied the old record of 1:12.2 with his third place finish.

The two-mile relay team that finished first in the Millrose games last week won very easily in 7:49.2. Junior Ed Moran ran a fast anchor leg, coming home with the baton in 1:53.0.

George Jones, Chick King, and Bill Schwab, who turned in a 1:57.3 half, made up the rest of the team.

Moran held on to his undefeated skein in the mile, coasting to victory in 4:20.4. Teammate Fred Kerr was right behind in 4:21.2.

Schwab won the 1000-yard run in 2:14.8 with Moran coming in second with a 2:16.2 time.

The two-mile run was a different story. Kerr was barely nipped at the tape by Army's Jerry Betts. Betts streaked across in 9:34.5, beating out the Lion flash, who was only a step behind, by five-tenths of a second.

Ted Lopushinsky was also nipped very close at the wire.

The Lion hurdler came in a very close second in the 60-yard high hurdles. Army's Gil Roesler took the event in :07.8 while Lopushinsky was timed barely over :07.8.

Army's Jerry Betts took first in the 60-yard dash in :06.5. Norton finished third for Penn State.

Bob Brown, new freshman sprint sensation took the freshman 60-yard dash in :06.4, a better time than the varsity finish. Brown led the frosh to a 61-39 victory over the Army Plebes.

EIGL Championships Here; Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Individual Championships are on sale in the ticket office, 249 Recreation Hall. The events will be held March 7-8 in Rec Hall.

Reserved seats cost \$1 and general admission will be 50 cents. Student activity cards are not acceptable for admission to the championship events.



WHAT TO WEAR ON THE SATELLITE

SCENE: It is almost zero hour at Los Bismuth. On stage are Capt. Carruthers, the man in charge of the launching of the satellite, and Manfred Faustus Sport, the man who will ride the satellite.

Carr: Well, Sport, this is it. Sport: Real gas, Cap. I'm almost flying already. How do I look?

Carr: You could wear cat-gut and lemon-peels, and who would be the wiser?

Sport: Wake up, Cap. What about that crowd at Mt. Palomar with that big, spooky telescope? Got to look spiffy for them.

Carr: That shirt's a beaut. But, where's the rest of your luggage?

Sport: Who needs more? This shirt is a Van Heusen Vantage

shirt. It's one of those all-cotton, drip-dry numbers that never needs ironing.

Carr: What a discovery! But how will you wash it up there? Sport: In the rain, man, in the rain.

Carr: And how will you dry it? Sport: In the sun, man, in the sun.

Carr: Well, it's zero minus one. Sport, you'll be gone forever. (SOUND OF WHOOSH-ING). He's gone.

EPILOGUE: The scene is the observatory at Mt. Palomar. Scientist: Man, he's real gone. Just look at that Van Heusen Vantage shirt.

Yes, in outer space, or right here on terra firma, no drip-dry discovery ranks with Van Heusen Vantage shirts. The tariff? Only \$5.