



# A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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## REFEREES WILL HAVE TO GET TOUGH

The near-riot that ended the Penn State-Colgate basketball game Saturday night at Hamilton, N.Y., further emphasized a point that we have held all season long: when referees handle a game that they see is going to be extraordinarily rough, they must get tough if they want to prevent any such outbreaks.

Saturday night it became evident early in the contest that it was going to be a rough-and-tumble scramble. There were at least two near scraps in the first half. The play under the boards was exceptionally rough. Yet no steps were taken by the referees to keep things under control.

Outbreaks such as that at Colgate are a disgrace to collegiate basketball. Yet, the players are not to be blamed. After all, if one team gets rough and is getting away with it, you can only expect the other club to retaliate in a similar fashion. This was the case at Colgate. It was a "defend-yourself-or-be-pushed-out-of-the-gym" contest all the way.

Penn State figured the game would be a rugged one. It was. This made the third consecutive time that the Lions had gone to Colgate and found themselves in a brawl. And the referees showed no ability to keep the game under control.

Their inability to handle the situation was further exemplified when, after calling an out-of-bounds play against Colgate, one referee was hit in the chest with a wad of wax paper. The fan who threw the paper was no more than five feet away from the ref. It looked to us as though he saw who threw it. Yet, all he did was stand there and smile harmlessly.

Outbreaks such as the Colgate affair are no good for collegiate basketball. There is only one solution when an outbreak is a strong probability—to squelch it early.

If the only way a referee can get tough in order to squelch the roughness early is to throw men out of the ballgame, then let's have it. Basketball is a game where you throw a ball through a hoop—not a game where you throw punches at your opponents. We feel that the fight at the end of the ballgame would have been avoided if the refs had bounced the guilty culprit—or culprits—in the earlier tussles.

But, a more reasonable solution would be to call a technical foul—on both clubs if necessary. If the technical doesn't work, then give the bounce when needed.

We realize that basketball is not the pretty-boy sport most people deem it to be. There is a great deal of body contact in the sport—and that's to be expected. But there is no room in collegiate basketball for fisticuffs.

The professional cagers had this trouble. The problem was successfully coped with when NBA president Maurice Podoloff told his referees to get tough in rugged games. They did and fights were greatly decreased in the NBA. Let's not let the situation get out of hand in the collegiate circles.

# Speidel Maintains Humor Vein Despite Matmen's Poor Record

By LOU PRATO

Charlie Speidel, the crafty wrestling wizard hasn't lost any of his humor despite the poor showing of his matmen this season. Speidel came up with another of his offbeat quips Monday when asked if he was surprised over the Lions' 14-14 draw with favored Maryland last Saturday night.

"Surprised?" the whimsical tutor blurted, "the whole season's been full of surprises. That match was no different than the rest."

"Maryland had a pretty good team," Speidel said, taking up his serious role, "but we might've beaten them if we would have had a little more experience."

Speidel praised Captain Johnny Johnston, Dan Johnston, Sam Minor and George Gray for their winning performances against the Terps but he was especially appreciative of the undefeated Lion national champion.

"Johnston wrestled a good match," Speidel said, "even though the (8-6) score doesn't indicate it. He could have won by a 7-1 score. But he was out there trying to get back the five points we lost in the first match and in doing so had to give away points. He made their man look good."

"Danny and Sam both wrestled good bouts," Speidel continued, "but George's match was the deciding factor. It's a good thing he threw his man." Gary flattened Dick Besiner with an outside cradle at the 4:07.

Speidel also had a few words to say about sophomore Guy Guccione. Guccione went down to his

fourth defeat of the year in a 4-1 loss to Nick Biondi, the Terp's senior standout.

"It was a very even match," the Lion mentor commented, "Guy made one mistake when Biondi threw a pancake on him and that was the match. (A pancake is a takedown hold where one man catches his foe by the arms and

shoulders and quickly snaps him down on his back—usually catching his opponent off guard.)

Speidel had little to say about the upcoming meet with powerful Pitt Saturday night at Rec Hall but he is undoubtedly thinking about it—especially after the Panther's 14-14 stalemate with Lehigh at the Pitt Field House over the weekend. The Lions were trounced by the Engineers, 23-8, earlier in the year.



Johnny Johnston  
... could've won by 7-1

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