

Lion Cagers Play Panthers Tonight at Pittsburgh

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With hopes of keeping little Don Hennon under control, Penn State and Pitt square off tonight at the Pitt Field House in the Pittsburgh version of the historical David-Goliath battle. Hennon, the Panthers' basketball David who led the Panthers to the Goliath ratings and an NCAA tourney spot, is the man to stop if any team—Penn State included—is to beat Pittsburgh... especially at the Field House.

The last time Hennon tossed against the Lions, he crumbled to submission with a 34-point performance at Recreation Hall during the semester break. Lion Coach John Egli is hoping his club can prevent a repeat performance. To do this, the Lions will have to keep their standard sliding zone at its tightest since Hennon can score from any place on the court. For a small man, he does a king-size job at driving for goals. And his deadly one-handed push from outside makes him one of the game's biggest scoring threats. All this on a 5-8½ frame.

To head this "stop-Hennon" drive, Egli is expected to go with his usual starting lineup of Co-Captains Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy, Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock and Wally Colender. Pitt Coach Bob Timmons is expected to have Co-Captains Julius Pegues and Chuck Hirsch join Hennon on his starting five, along with Dave Sawyer and John Mills. Rated a solid 15-point favorite, the Panthers carry a 17-6 card into the contest. That 17th win was a shaky as they come—75-74 over Westminster Thursday night at Westmin-

ster. Penn State, on the other hand, carries a 8-9 card into the game. The Lions' last game was their 83-76 victory over Colgate a week ago at Colgate. For Penn State, tonight's contest may decide whether or not the Lions finish the season with a winning mark. With only two games left, a loss puts the cagers definitely in the red for the year. A win only postpones final judgment until Wednesday night when they travel for the season's finale to Lewisburg and the Bucknell Bison. Tonight's contest is Pitt's

last of the regular season. But then comes the NCAA tourney and who knows what else. The Lions leave at 9:30 this morning for Pittsburgh on the University's recently-purchased bus. Also accompanying the varsity will be the Lion frosh who meet the Pitt frosh in a preliminary game. The results of the Pitt game will be carried tomorrow along with the results of the wrestling and gymnastics contests, in The Daily Collegian's first sports special of the year. The special will be distributed to the usual dormitory and fraternity distribution points.

Gymnasts, Wrestlers Host Pitt

Cunningham Werner to Duel Darling

Although the Pitt Gymnastics team wings into Recreation Hall this afternoon fresh from a 63-36 triumph over hapless West Virginia, the competition for the team title will be less important than the choice individual competition. The meet is slated to begin at 2 p.m.

Topping the star-studded card is the final event of the day—the flying rings. After a long wait, Lion sophomore Jay Werner will get his crack at Eastern and National flying rings champion, Tom Darling. Next week they will again meet in Rec Hall in the Eastern Individual Championships; followed by the NCAA Championships April 11-12 at Michigan State and the AAU Tournament. Incidentally, Werner finished second to Darling in their only meeting last year when the Panther ace took first in the AAU competition.

Against Navy last week, the versatile Lion was at his best this year. Head judge Frank Cumiskey said Werner's form against the Middies was "perfect." He gave Werner a 94 out of a possible maximum of 100. But Darling is still the champion. Besides owning the best form in the business, the sky-master has a few high-scoring stunts that Werner has not used yet. Darling has a near-perfect Whippet (1½ somersault into a handstand) and a double-sommy flyaway that scores higher than Werner's equivalent moves. "And Darling never misses," confirmed judge Cumiskey.

Beside the rings battle, Darling will oppose Werner and his sophomore teammate Lee Cunningham on the high bar. Darling and Cunningham have been the "winningest" members of their teams on the bar. Co-Captain Jim Mulvihill and John Marcinko

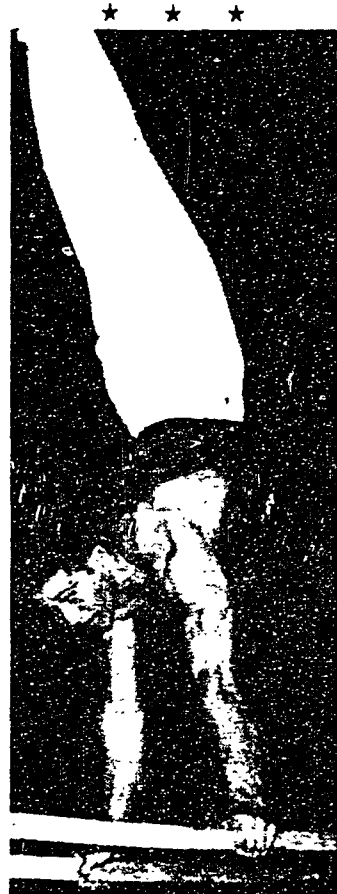


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will back up Darling on the bar. Tumbling will feature Lions' Dave Dulaney and Graeme Cowan against Jungle Cat Don Neeld. Coach Warren Neiger says that Neeld is "improving in every meet and stands an excellent chance to win the Easterns this year." The Panthers stand a good chance of placing high in one other event—the parallel bars. Lion Captain Bob Foht and Jay Werner have been coming along on the p-bars in recent meets, and will attempt to win against the Panthers' Don Shima, Mulvihill and Marcinko. Shima won the event against Navy with a 244. Mulvihill was second. Neiger will probably go with Marcinko and Mulvihill on the side horse opposed by Cunningham, Frank Donatelli and Dave Palmer. He will probably use John Felman, Joe Bataglia and letterman John Cacolice on the rope. Lion ace Phil Mullen will head the fast home trio of Vince Neuhauser and Don Littlewood.



THE CHAMPION



... AND THE CHALLENGER



As a MATT-er-a-FACT

By MATT MATHEWS
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More than any sport, gymnastics is a fight against the judges rather than against the competitors. We had this brought to our attention when we noticed the following letter on the gymnast's bulletin board in Recreation Hall. The letter was composed by Lion Coach Gene Wettstone and sophomore star Jay Werner:

"In our conversation with Kurt Bachler of Switzerland at the Sarasota Clinic, we were inspired by the story of the recent dual between Gunthardt and Fivian (in the European Championships). Both men were battling it out for the Swiss National Championships never more than just a few tenths of a point apart. Kurt's story indicated that in gymnastics the battle is not just one team against another, but probably even more important, a battle of the gymnast himself against the three judges. In order to gain points and the maximum points from each judge, a gymnast has to do some very important calculating. He must in a way anticipate what the judge wants and what he might like to see in an exercise. Elements of pleasant surprise or particular and unusual flare often impresses judges more than can sometimes be imagined.

Holding in reserve a particular movement not shown in practice but only under the pressure of the competition itself has a favorable effect, providing of course it has the proper qualities. An exercise with perfect form and execution presented in competition when other routines are more difficult and with poor form often scores higher than it is worth. An example of this was Cunningham's routine at Temple. Likewise an exercise by an opponent with a sparkling movement or two must be matched with something equally good or better that comes quite unexpected and with equal flare.

At any rate, it is of primary importance that a gymnast have in reserve a few extra special movements that he can call upon when needed and that he takes stock of himself so that he can win this so-called "Battle Against the Judges."

So watch how the judges score the performers in today's meet. And see if you can spot how each judges' tastes are reflected in their scoring.

Capacity Crowd Expected At Lions-Pitt Mat Meet

A capacity crowd is expected to fill Recreation Hall tonight when Penn State's wrestling team entertains powerful Pitt in the final mat attraction of the 1958 campaign.

And if the Lions' esteemed wrestling master Charlie Speidel can pull off the same trick against the Panthers that he did last year, then the 6000 partisan fans won't go away unhappy.

The match will start almost immediately after the Nittany freshmen meet with the Panther Cubs which begins at 6 o'clock.

It hasn't been too long to forget what Speidel did the last time the Lions and Panthers clashed in a dual meet. That was at the Pitt Field House last March when a heavily-underdog Penn State array stopped the 26-match winning streak of the Panthers by a 14-11 score.

It was here that Speidel, an old pro at the weight-juggling act, outfoxed another old pro in Pitt's wily mentor Rex Perry. First, Speidel caught Perry off guard when he interchanged Dave Adams, the normal 147-pounder with Earl Poust, then the 157-pound Lion regular. Poust surprised everyone by battling undefeated Ted Bienkowski to a 2-2 deadlock while Adams won as expected.

And then, as if adding insult to injury, Les Walters, the Nittanies' 177-pounder, upset a Perry move by beating Bob Richardson, a regular 157-pound entrant who had been shoved up two weight classes. Perry felt Richardson could beat the Lion grappler.

Last year's strategy resulted in a Penn State victory but tonight's battle of wits may end up in a Pitt win. There will undoubtedly be a shifting of weights by both coaches, but what the exact strategy of each coach is won't be known until it happens.

Speidel won't say what his starting lineup will be, and who could blame him. However, it's quite possible he'll use the same lineup that he had in last week's tie with Maryland. That would find Jack Maher at 123; Johnny



Sam Minor
... seeks third win

Johnston at 130; Dan Johnston at 137; Guy Guccione at 147; Sam Minor at 157; George Gray at 167; Dan Gray at 177; and Ray Pottios at heavyweight. However, the Lion showman could also use Gordon Danks at 123 and Hank Barone at 177. Danks hasn't wrestled since his match with Dave Auel of Cornell. Barone missed last week's match because of slight injury.

Possible Starting Lineup:

PENN STATE	PITT
Jack Maher (1-3)	123 Paul Powell (9-4-1)
or G. Danks (1-3)	
J. Johnston (7-0)	130 Sherm Moyer (3-2)
	or Bob Irwin (3-2)
D. Johnston (1-2)	137 Vic DeFelice (7-2-1)
Guy Guccione (3-4)	147 Bob Senter (1-0)
Sam Minor (2-4-1)	157 Richardson (6-3-1)
George Gray (2-3-1)	167 D. Johnston (9-1)
Dan Gray (6-1)	177 A. Skirpan (5-5)
or Barone (6-1)	
Ray Pottios (1-5)	Hwt. Tony Vuocolo (8-1)
	or Tom Hall (6-3)

Frosh Wrestle Pitt at 6

By BILL JAFFE

The undefeated Penn State freshman wrestling team will meet a likewise unbeaten Pitt frosh team at 6 p.m. tonight in Recreation Hall.

Coach Dave Adams' Lions have scored victories over Lehigh, 28-4, and Cornell, 14-11. The Panthers topped the Lehigh frosh, 22-10, last Saturday at the Pitt Field House.

Both teams have been hard hit by classroom difficulties and the Lehigh team was also undermanned in its Pitt encounter. The Lions have been stressing fundamental drills during the week and tapered off practice sessions yesterday.

At 123 pounds the Lions will send Tom Fey, a 5-0 winner in the Cornell tilt, into action against Pitt's Harry Dick.

PIAA State Champion at 120 pounds and a Muncy high school product, Larry Lauchle will carry the Panthers' colors into the 130 pound clash against the Lion's Bill Hardman or Dan Arison. At 137 pounds, John Mayhew or Ari-

son will face the Panthers' Dick Berryhill.

The Lions' unbeaten Neil Turner will meet John Zolickoff in the 147 pound clash. Zolickoff was a high school champ from Erie East while Turner is an ex-Clearfield high school grappler.

Jerry Seckler, the Lions' other two-time winner and probably their most impressive grappler, will meet Gus Arrigone at 157 pounds. The Lions' Bob Howarth or Walt Darran will face Fred Kneithe at 167 pounds.

At 177 pounds, the Panthers' Don Brian will probably meet Bob Haines while in the heavyweight class the Nittanies' Bob Gilmour will face freshman football player Bob Guzik, who scored a fall in the Lehigh tussle.

'S' Club Will Initiate
The Varsity "S" Club will meet at 10:00 p.m. tomorrow at Delta Upsilon. Members will be initiated and plans for the EIGA program sale will be discussed.