

Pitt's Darling Wins Two; Dulaney Wins Tumbling



—Daily Collegian photo by Bob Thompson

SIDE HORSE ACE Lee Cunningham displays the beautiful high "scissors" that had the fans "owwing" and "ahhing" yesterday afternoon. The Lions closed out their EJGL League competition with Pitt in Recreation Hall with a 58-38 win over the Panthers.

(Continued from page one) across the bar at a bad angle and fell off. The judges still gave him a 206, an indication of how highly they thought of his routine.

Darling followed Werner with a "nice" routine that included difficult dislocate Giants. The judges gave him a 259 total. That gave Cunningham something to shoot for. But he missed with his worst form on the bar in the past four meets. He finished three points behind Darling to give the Panther ace his first win of the day over the Lions.

The 9-7 high bar victory put the Jungle Cats within two of the Lions at the intermission, but the rope climbers pulled their "hat trick," finishing 1-2-3. Mullen's :03.5 tied his best time of his career. Sophomore Vince Neuhauser took second with a :03.9 and Don Littlewood completed the sweep with a :04.1.

Then came the p-bar win paced by Captain Foht and with the meet already won by the Lions, all eyes turned to the final and expected main event of the program—the duel between Pitt's Eastern and National flying ring champion, Darling, and the Lions undefeated sophomore flyer, Werner. It never materialized.

What started out to be the keenest ring competition of many a year, ended when Werner completed his off-day with the worst ring routine he has exhibited. Jack Donahue cinched a third with a 244 and Eddie Sidwell hit for his best score of the year, a 258. But Werner wasn't up to it and Darling was simply superlative.

His near flawless fly, concluded with a beautifully tucked double-somersault fly a way, earned him the highest score of the meet, a 284, deserving of a championship performance. But the Lions took the event, 9-7, and mid-way, he powered himself

the bars since the Army meet when he pulled a 170.

The Lions were still lucky on the parallels in that John Hammond pulled only a 183. Hammond was evidently pained from an arm injury received in the tumbling event. Another fortunate break for Wettstone's charges came as Co-Captain Jim Mulvihill fell off the apparatus to a season low of 159.

Tumbling gave the crowd a good indication of how close the meet would be—for a half at least. The Jungle Cats have really come up with one of the best tricksters in the East on the mats—junior Don Neeld.

On his first run, the Panther looked like he was going to walk away with top honors, even though Graeme Cowan had a 254 and Dave Dulaney had recorded a high-261 previously.

But Neeld couldn't follow up his sizzling first exercise, and ran off the mat on his second run. Still, judge Frank Wells gave him the single winning score of the event, an 89. But the other two judges scored Neeld below Cowan for a combined total of 256 and second place. The 89 was enough to edge Cowan for the runner-up spot by two points. After the first event, the Lions held a slim two-point margin, 9-7.

On the side horse, it was all Lee Cunningham. Although the sophomore star was not up to his usual form, he was far and away the top performer on the horse with a 239. Mulvihill was second with a distant 187. With Cunningham's first and a "gift" of fourth and fifth, the Lions won the event by another 9-7.

Then things started to get a little tigher—the closest Pitt was to come to winning. Werner started off with a beautifully exciting and daring routine, but about mid-way, he powered himself

Pitt Frosh Again Crush Lion Cubs

PITTSBURGH, March 1—The Pitt freshman cagers easily duplicated their first romp over the Penn State cubs with a 55-39 verdict here at the Pitt Field House.

In command all the way, the Panther frosh scored their 12th decision of the year against only 3 losses.

The Panthers jumped to an early 29-20 halftime advantage and thoroughly outclassed the Nittany juniors the rest of the way. Ahead 53-36 with two 2:24 left, the Panthers went into a semi-freeze and the Lions could tally only three points the rest of the way.

The winners, playing an aggressive floor game, jumped into a strong first half lead, 17-8, mainly on the shooting of Jack Sutvak, who finished the period with 11 points.

The Lion cubs threatened to cut that lead as their floor whiz, Mark DuMars, hit on two consecutive jump shots to put the score at 22-18, Pitt.

At this point, however, the Panthers hit on two straight attempts to regain an eight point lead, 26-18. Immediately after the second Pitt goal, Lion frosh coach Don Swegan had a technical foul called on him for objecting too long and too loud—at least in the referee's mind—over the rough Panther play under the boards.

The half ended with the Panthers' Mark Falenski scoring on a mid-court desperation one-hand push shot—throw was more like it—to give the Pitt club the 29-20 advantage.

PITT			PENN STATE			
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP	
Lockhart	4	3	11	DuMars	3	9
Smith	1	2	5	Naylor	1	2
Sutvak	7	2	18	Fink	2	5
Falenski	4	1	8	Musser	4	8
Lazor	1	0	2	Dibert	1	2
Malarkey	4	2	10	Gross	4	9
Suder	1	0	2	Mintz	1	0
Cunham	0	0	0	Davis	1	0
Hodges	0	0	0	Whittaker	0	0
Totals	22	11	55	Totals	17	39
Halftime Score: 29-20						

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By **MATT MATHEWS**
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With the home dual-meet season completed in gymnastics, this writer thinks its about time that we give you a little of the rundown on the small pointmen on any squad—the guys that go out there and fight "for the glory of Old State" and really get very little of the glory in black and white on these pages. Guys who are unfortunate enough to compete in events with the East's best athletes—their teammates—meet after meet.

We're thinking of athletes like little Lou Savadove. As one of the judges said yesterday afternoon, "That little leadman on the parallel bars, what's his name? Savadove, yes, that's it. Well, he's the most improved man on your team."

But what has Lou been placing? On the high bar he was fifth against Army, with a 219, fourth against Syracuse with a 228, and fourth against Navy with a 239. In yesterday's meet he pulled a clean 231 and still wound up fourth. But he's in there trying, meet after meet. Two of his continual competitors are teammates Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham who have some of the best scores in the East (except yesterday).

Vince Neuhauser is another example of a good competitor who has the misfortune to climb alongside a real champion, Phil Mullen. On most any other team in the East, Neuhauser would be the top man on the rope. At State, he's the second best.

But the sophomore still has two years of eligibility and should make a good example of Coach Gene Wettstone's eye for talent. Wettstone discovered "the Marlboro Kid" in a phys ed class. Neuhauser said Wettstone asked him out for the team when he only did a :04.6 in the climb. (Pitt's second best time in yesterday's climb was a :04.7. Their best, :04.5.)

Another example of Wettstone's roving eye is Dave Palmer. Palmer was also discovered in a phys ed class. But the sophomore doesn't believe in starting out easy. His specialty is the side horse which ex-Lion ace Jack Biestorfeldt so aptly describes as a "terrible beast at its best."

Palmer has only worked the horse for three months and although he has never hit, Captain Bob Foht is not discouraged: "Dave will come through for us, just wait until he hits for the first time, just once." Foht should know, he never worked the parallel bars until he came to State, yet in his sophomore year he finished fifth in the nation.

Then there are the ever-reliable flyers—junior Jack Donahue and senior Eddie Sidwell. Sidwell has never finished below a third this year—and he's never been first although he came close yesterday in one way and far away in another. I mean he has finished behind Werner in every meet this year and when he got his first chance of the year to beat Werner, it just happened to be the day that one of his opponents was the top collegiate ringman in the nation—Tom Darling.

Donahue, while being stronger and smoother than Sidwell, has been prone to too many mistakes—like the one against Syracuse when he missed a rung on a cut-catch. He was left hanging in mid-air on one ring. But yesterday he exhibited his best cut-catch of the year. It was smoothly-executed and reeked with confidence.

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