

Matmen, Cagers, G-men at Pitt

Grapplers Aim for 3rd Upset Win

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130 in place of Gordie Danks. Johnston had been the regular 137 pounder until two weeks ago and had posted a 5-0 record, all on relatively easy decisions. But teammate Guy Guccione has kept Johnston out of the line up the past two meets, eliminating him in pre-meet drills.

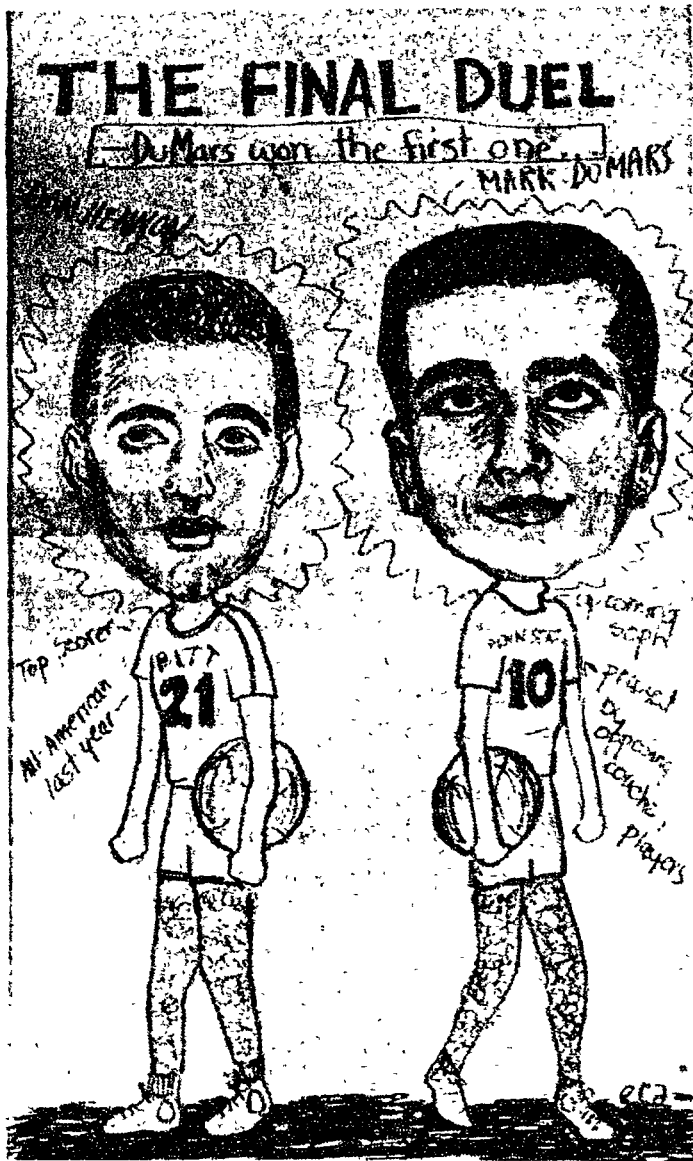
Speidel made the Johnston-for-Danks switch as a strategic maneuver. Unbeaten Larry Lauchle, Pitt's 130-pound entry is considered too tough for Danks but on par with Johnston.

The rest of the Nittany starters will be Don Wilson (5-1) at 123, Guccione (2-0-1) at 137, Sam Minor (6-1) at 147, Neil Turner (3-1) at 157, Hank Barone (4-1-2) at 167, George Gray (4-1-1) at 177 and Johnston Oberly (1-3-1) at heavyweight.

Pitt will counter with NCAA champ Paul Powell (9-0) at 123, Sherm Mover (6-3) at 137, Captain Bob Bubbs (8-0-1) at 147, Alex Skurpan (8-1) at 157, Tom Alberts (5-1-3) at 167, Lenny Vuocolo (1-8) at 177 and either Tom Hall (2-6) or Bob Guzik (0-1) at heavyweight.



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Gymnasts Climax Drive For Record EIGL Title

By MATT MATHEWS
Associate Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 28 — A coachless Penn State gymnastic team will climax its undefeated drive for the Eastern Gymnastic League (EIGL) team title here at the Pitt Field House this afternoon. The meet starts at 2 p.m.

Even without Coach Gene Wettstone who is in Harrisburg arranging for tonight's Finish Exhibition the Lions are heavy favorites to win their sixth straight league meet and clinch their record-setting ninth EIGL team title.

And the Lions are in good condition with Captain Armando Vega, Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham heading the powerhouse in its last dual meet before next week's EIGL individual championships. They will also be held here at the Pitt Field House. (The Lions have a non-league dual meet remaining against a powerful Michigan unit March 14 in Rec Hall.)

Immediately following the meet, Vega will be driven to Harrisburg where he will compete with freshman Greg Weiss against the Finns at 8 p.m. (In fact, he may take off early if he is not needed on the last event—flying rings.)

Meanwhile back to the ranch (commonly called a field house) the Lions expect little trouble from Coach Warren Neigers' crew who have a 3-2 record.

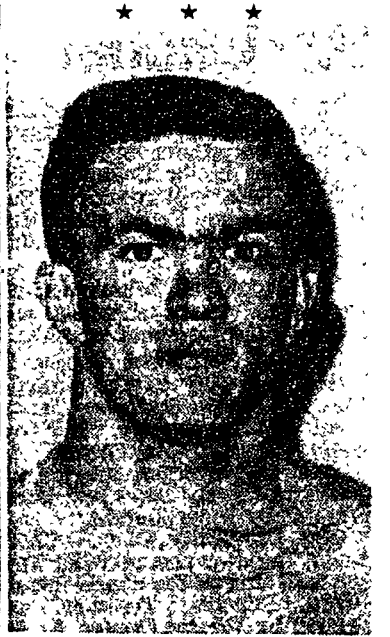
Pitt's main scoring hopes lie in triple-threat Dave Hirst. The native Philadelphian is a whiz at tumbling and should lock up in an inter-city battle with the injured Cunningham for third place on the mats.

The top spot on the mats is a battle between defending champion Dave Dulaney and Don Neeld who finished third in the Easterns. Neeld had 262 and 245 scores in the championships. He has been beaten only once this year—by Syracuse's Al Bird, 256-255. But he has defeated Dulaney's only conquerer, Cadet Bill Seaward.

Hirst will face another Philadelphia foe, Werner, in his other specialty—the flying rings. He is undefeated in the airways and his battle with Werner today will give the Lion a good line on his chances for the Eastern ring title next Saturday.

The Panthers' only other serious threat is John Marcinko who has been winning consistently on the high bar. But his scores have only ranged in the low 250's.

On the rope, Skyscraper U. lists



Dave Dulaney
... meets tough foe

John Cacolice as its fastest man. Cacolice's best time to date has been a 4.3. The slowest time of the East's best rope climbing team of Vince Neuhauser, Don Littlewood and Jack Hidingier has been a 4.0. But the Pitt rope is a "slow one" in that it has a lot of swing which cuts precious tenths-of-seconds from a climber's effort. Cunningham, with a rapidly-healing left hand, should have little trouble in winning the side horse.

The Panthers' 3-2 record has been compiled against Syracuse, 57½-37½; Army, 46½-49½; Navy, 44-52; West Virginia 58-38; and Temple, 58-38. (According to Pitt sport publicist Beano Cook, Pitt will lose today by 73-23.)

The Lions have defeated the same five opponents—all by wider margins with the exception of Syracuse.

Today's coaching trio is composed of Ed Czekaj, business manager of athletics; Jack Biesterfeldt, former Lion side horse ace; and Ed Williams, assistant coach. But Wettstone has the lineup set

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Indies Dominate H-Ball As Taft, Foster Get Wins

The independents dominated action in Thursday night's intramural handball as they continued their inter-league eliminations.

Don Taft rallied from a first frame set-back to top Tom Geonopolos, 19-21, 21-7, 21-20, in League A. In the same league Bob Foster took Dale Schissler, 21-7, 21-10. League G action saw Dennis Newman clip Russ Phillippi, 21-13, 21-10, and Larry Werner win his second, with a 21-9, 21-10 score over Dave Houghton.

El Boothroyd took his second victory in League B as he defeated Marshall Werner, 21-14, 21-9. Herb Chasen whipped Frank Loeb, 21-4, 21-5.

Two men moved up with second victories in fraternity action. Phi Kappa's Dennis Uhrin just missed a double shutout as he swept Chi Phi's Barry Emsig, 21-0, 21-1. Tom Edwards of Delta Upsilon took another easy win from Acacia's Bob Shaw, 21-2, 21-6.

Other winners, competing in their first matches were Ray Tuleya of Pi Sigma Upsilon and Dave Pratt of Phi Gamma Delta. Delta Tau Delta's Martin Lane grabbed a forfeit.

Missouri, Colgate, Illini On 1959 Grid Schedule

Penn State will inaugurate grid relations with the University of Missouri next season when the two teams open their 1959 campaigns at Columbia, Mo., on Sept. 19.

Illinois and Colgate return to the Nittany Lions' schedule. Penn State stands seven victories, four losses and a tie with Colgate, whom they last played in 1948. In the only previous meeting with the Illini, Penn State won by a 14-12 score contest.

Cagers Check Rally To Triumph, 64-59

By SANDY PADWE

Fresh from a "too close for comfort" win over Carnegie Tech last night, Penn State's basketball team travels to Pitt tonight seeking its 12th victory against seven losses.

Last night, the Lions saw a 23-point lead all but vanish within six minutes, yet still managed to hold on for a 64-59 win over the Tartans in the season's home finale.

Finding themselves 23 points down with six minutes to go, Carnegie Tech outscored the Lions 18-0 in the remaining time.

Two straight baskets by Stan Skalka plus three in a row by Whitey Mueller narrowed the Lion margin to 13 points with 7:40 left.

Andy Komer added a bucket and Tom Huff converted a foul to pull the Tartans even closer. Bud Miller then hit a foul and Huff connected on two set shots but time ran out.

"I think we might have caught them if we had more time," said Carnegie Tech coach Mel Crastley. "Penn State seemed tired at the end," he added.

While the Lions were cold at

the end of the game, they played at a fast pace during the first half and early stages of the second half.

With Tom Hancock clearing the boards and Wally Colender, Mark DuMars and Paul Sweetland connecting regularly, the Lions built up a 37-20 halftime lead.

Then at the start of the second half, DuMars took matters into his own hands and sent the Lions way ahead.

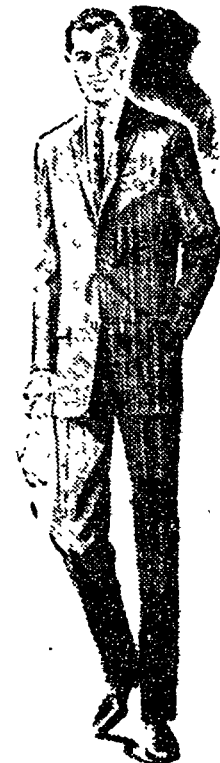
The "Magician" connected for seven straight buckets and added a foul before he missed a shot in the half. He wound up the night with 22 points to lead all scorers.

DuMars and Colender are now tied for the team scoring lead

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