

# Egli Blasts Officiating In Navy-Nittany Fiasco

By SANDY PADWE

Penn State basketball coach John Egli seldom makes excuses, but the Lion mentor felt he had some legitimate gripes following State's 87-71 loss to Navy at Annapolis Wednesday.

Officiating, or rather the lack of it, was foremost in his mind as the Middies and Lions hooked up in a rugged battle which resembled football most of the time. Play got so rough that the officials, Phil Fox and Tom McCollom, had to thumb Navy's Jay Metzler and State's Jake Trueblood from the game.

"They just let the game get out of hand and that's why the boys were thrown out. When officials allow that to happen, they're not doing a capable job," Egli said.

The rough play and officiating brought plenty of remarks from Navy officials too. "The refs just let things get too far out of hand and they tried to make up for it by throwing those two boys out," said Navy Sports Publicity Director, John Cox.

Altogether 46 fouls were called as the Lions and Middies paraded endlessly to both foul lines.

"The best part of the whole game was the fight. That's the only time we broke even with the refs," quipped Egli after the game.

Actually it wasn't even a fight



JAKE TRUEBLOOD

... busy afternoon

No fists were thrown, just elbows under the board.

Although Trueblood left midway in the second half, Egli was pleased with his showing.

"Jake did a fine job while he was in there. He was strong off the boards and two of his buckets came on rebounds," Egli said.

Even though the Lions' leading

scorer Mark DuMars had one of his poorer shooting days (7-23), he still managed to finish with 18 points.

"When he looks that bad and still gets 18, he must be pretty darn good," said Egli.

State's other backcourt ace Wally Colender, who had been averaging 16 points a game, was shackled by Dave Tremaine's strong defensive work and only had 10 points.

On the brighter side, sophomore Gene Harris continued to show improvement with 14 points and ten rebounds, and Paul Sweetland had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

It was a tough loss for the Nittany men who saw their tournament hopes just about vanish. The Lions now have a 7-7 record and can go over the 500 mark against Rutgers in Rec Hall tomorrow night.

Navy has an 11-5 record and the Middies stand a good chance of landing a bid to either the NCAA or NIT tournaments.

They have another bid coming up tomorrow against Penn in Pittsburgh, but the Panthers are notoriously tough on their home floor.

**SET SHOTS**—For a while it looked like Wednesday's game at Annapolis would turn out just like last year's. . . . A year ago the Lions came from 16 points behind with nine minutes left and tied the game, only to lose in overtime. . . . The Lions were behind by 19 with nine to go Wednesday and managed to get as close as eight with three minutes remaining. . . . After playing Rutgers Saturday night, the Lions meet Bucknell in Rec Hall Monday and travel to Colgate and Syracuse next weekend. . . . The Bucknell game originally was scheduled for Feb. 2 but the game was cancelled because of registration the next morning.

# Wrestlers Bolstered By Return of Ravitz

By JOHNNY BLACK

The 130-pound class, one of the few trouble spots in the well-balanced Nittany wrestling lineup was strengthened this week with the return of Artie Ravitz, who has not competed since the first meet of the season against Army.

Ravitz is a flashy sophomore who is undefeated in his short Penn State career. Last year as co-captain of the Lions, he was unbeaten in three matches and made the finals of the Wilkes tournament where he lost to Larry Lauchle, Pitt's eastern champ.

He wrestled only one match this year and that was in the 137-pound class. He decided Ed Benchoff, 6-2, in the season's opener at West Point then dropped off the squad to concentrate on studies.

Like Ron Pifer, State's 167-pound rookie, Ravitz is noted for his leg wrestling and maneuverability.

Ravitz will have to fight senior Gordie Danks for the starting assignment against Navy Saturday in Rec Hall.

Danks has a respectable 2-1 record this year. He won at Army and Colgate and lost only a slim decision to Annapolis Wilbanks from Michigan.

Ravitz defeated Danks at the first time-trial last night.

Whichever man gets the starting nod Saturday will probably be faced with the toughest job of the night. The Middies' strength is concentrated in the lightweights and the 130 berth is the keystone of their strength.

Captain Paul Ilg was the No. 1 Middie at this weight till the Lehigh meet when he was beaten out for the slot by Jim McKinney. Navy's 123-pound starter last year.

John Eller, a promising sophomore, took over McKinney's slot and looked impressive by pinning his Lehigh opponent.

Navy's other strong divisions are 137, 157 and 167. Veteran letter-winners man these three positions. Senior Gene Kesler and junior Scott Boyd are the



ART RAVITZ

... returns at 130

137-pound contenders. Junior Dick Royston operates at 157 and senior Jim TenBrook, a Pennsylvanian from Millville, is a highly-regarded 167-pounder.

In addition to 130, the only starting assignment in question for the Lions is at 191 where sophomore Phil Myer and junior John Trojan are still in contention.

Myer is unbeaten in two varsity appearances. He won a 3-2 decision over Bill Miller at Army and beat Don Jayne of Cornell, 4-1.

The remainder of the Nittany lineup should stay the same with Tony Scordo at 123, Guy Guccione, 137, Sam Minor, 147, Jerry Seckler, 157, Pifer, 167, Hank Barone, 177, and Johnston Oberly, heavyweight.

# Moran Will Compete In Philadelphia Meet

By RALPH BERNSTEIN

Associated Press Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Record breaking efforts by high jumper John Thomas and pole vaulter Don Bragg highlight the 16th annual Philadelphia Inquirer games here tonight.

Another feature of the indoor track and field frolicking is the mile run starring Laszlo Tabori, Hungary's sub four-minute miler.

Bragg and Paul Winder of Morgan State, a sprinter, are the only defending champions back for another try.

Thomas, 6-5 sophomore from Boston University, will seek to break his indoor record of 7 feet, 1 1/2 inches in competition against Sweden's Stig Peterson. Floyd Smith of the Chicago Track Club, Herman Wyatt from Santa Clara, and the New York Pioneer's Mike Herman.

Lined up against Tabori in the mile will be Lew Stieglitz, former Connecticut star who ran for Uncle Sam in the Russian-US meet.

Penn State's graduate student Ed Moran will compete in the 1000-yard run in the Philadelphia Inquirer Meet tonight. Tomorrow Moran will run the same event in the New York A.C. meet in Madison Square Garden.

Although Oregon's Dyrol Burleson, one of America's most promising young milers will be running in the Baxter Mile in New York, Moran will by-pass the event for the 1000.

here last summer. Oregon's George Latson, a 4:07.8 miler indoors this year; Bobby Seaman, ex-UCLA runner, and Pete Weisiger of Duke.

## Ortega to Face Griffith In TV Bout Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — Gaspar Ortega, of Mexico, will be back to test another new face tonight in Madison Square Garden. The newcomer to the bigtime will be Emile Griffith, a New York shipping clerk by way of the Virgin Islands.

On the strength of his experience and proven ability No. 8 among the welters in the National Boxing Assn. rating, Ortega is a slight favorite over Griffith, 21.

Although Ortega has stopped 21 opponents in 71 fights he is not a puncher. His complete record, dating back to 1953, is 52-17-2.

# Good Weather Aids Olympians

SQUAW VALLEY (AP) — Yesterday's weather was just what winter Olympic planners ordered for next week — brilliant sunshine, mild temperatures, no wind.

With the opening ceremonies just six days away, the perfect weather brought out 700 of the world's top athletes to rinks and ski slopes.

Figure skaters worked indoors and outdoors. Downhill skiers raced down the three Olympic mountains while cross country men and women slid over practice courses at McKinney creek 17 miles south of here.

It was a day of full scale activity for the athletes.

Forecaster Hal Root promised similar weather for today.

Root said a mild one-day storm may hit here Sunday.

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