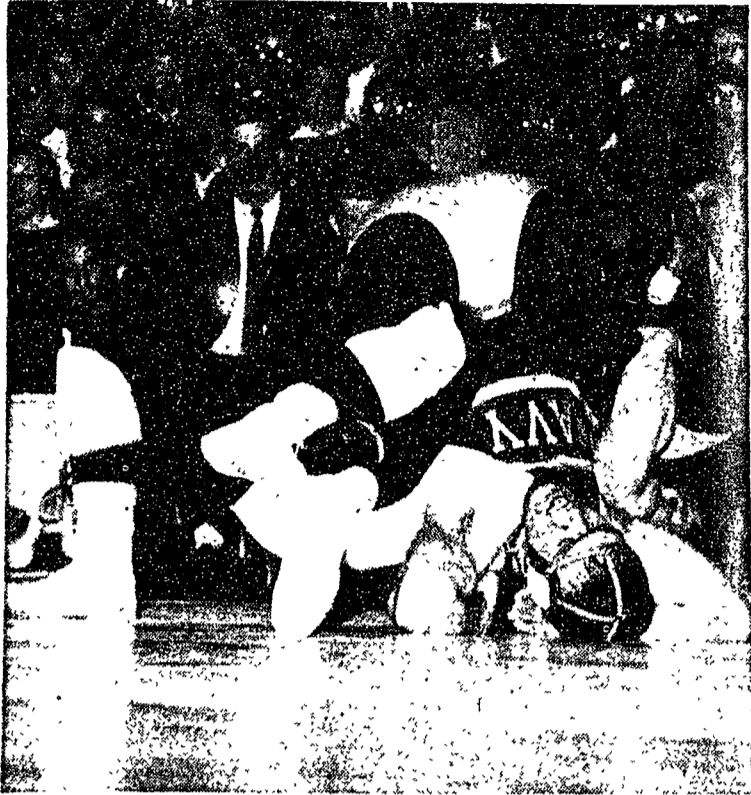


Grapplers Down Navy, 25-8



LET'S SEE YOU GET OUT OF THIS ONE. Sam Minor, 147-pound Lion captain, applies spread eagle to Bob Smith, Navy grappler, in an attempt to gain a pin. The match ended with a one sided 8-2 decision in favor of Minor.

MAYBE WE SHOULD both wrestle in the same direction. Jim TenBrook picks up Hank Barone but loses by a 7-3 decision.

SHALL I TRY A THREE-QUARTER, CHARLIE? Jerry Seckler, unbeaten Lion 157-pounder, glances quizzically at Coach Charlie Spidel in match against Pete Nelson of Navy Saturday night. Seckler won, 8-1.

By **JOHNNY BLACK**
The whole season has been a birthday present for wrestling coach Charlie Spidel and the Lion grapplers brightened the ageless mentor's cake with still another candle Saturday by notching their seventh straight win of the year.

Following the strains of "Happy Birthday" sung by the packed Rec Hall audience, the exuberant "Doc" and his undefeated wrestling crew celebrated his anniversary with a 25-8 romp over Navy.

Forgetting the personal significance of the occasion, Spidel grunted, groaned and contorted his way in usual fashion through each match in his team's 166th victory under his tutelage.

The venerable dean of the Penn State coaching staff and dean of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association has seen his team lose only 42 times and tie 10 during his 34-year reign.

Navy's head coach Ray Schwartz, second only to Spidel in years of service in the EIWA,

watched his team drop its second meet in six outings. The Middies' only previous loss was a 21-6 verdict against Pitt.

In formulating his pre-meet strategy, Schwartz figured his only chance against the powerful Lions would be to win at 130 and make a sweep from 167 to 191, including two pins among the four wins.

Jim McKinney fulfilled the first part of the strategy when he scored a third period fall over a physically exhausted Gordie Danks in the 130-pound bout.

But Hank Barone sabotaged the Middies' plans with a fast-moving 7-3 victory over Jim TenBrook at 177, and Phil Myer put the meet out of Navy's reach by throwing Tom Uber in the 191-pound match.

The Middies pulled to within four points, 12-8, after Dick Royston beat Ron Pifer at 167, but the eight points tallied by Barone and Pifer gave the Nittanians an impregnable 20-8 advantage.

Lion heavyweight Johnston Oberly made the meet a runaway by recording his fourth straight fall over Wayne Larabee in the final match.

"Charlie just had too much for us," was the way Schwartz summarized the meet. "His team is well-balanced and deserves its number three rating in the nation," he said.

Questioned about the strength of Pitt, which beat the Middies 21-6, Schwartz said, "They'll give you a lot of trouble in the lightweights, but you should take them."

Tony Scordo got the Lions off to a short-lived 3-point lead, nipping John Eller, 3-2, in the 123-pound class.

Gordie Danks took over at 130 for Artie Ravitz, who couldn't make weight. The Lion senior wrestled one of the best matches of his career, holding a 3-0 lead at the mid-point of a fast-moving bout, till he faded under the exhausting pace. He staved off the Navy star, Jim McKinney, for

another period before succumbing at 7:43.

It was the first time a Nittany matman was pinned this season.

Undeclared Guy Guccione then started a three match skein for the Lions, turning back Scotty Boyd, 9-5, in the 137 bout. Guccione tallied three takedowns, two escapes and over five minutes time advantage for the decision.

Nittany captain Sam Minor dominated the 147-pound match, compiling 6:21 time advantage while waltzing to an 8-2 triumph.

Jerry Seckler met slippery Pete Nelson at 157 in an action-packed nine minutes. The Lion junior scored a three-point near-fall in the third period but had to be content with an 8-1 decision.

Dick Royston broke the Nittany string, winning a tight 5-2 verdict over Ron Pifer at 167.

That's when Barone and Myer iced the meet for State.

The 177-pound ex-Marine came from behind to outfight Midshipman Jim TenBrook, 7-3. Barone amassed his points on an escape, takedown, stalling point, reversal and time advantage.

It took Myer five minutes to get going in the 191 class. Uber took him down in the first period and started on top in the second. Then Myer erupted for a reversal, predicament and near fall before finally putting his man away at 8:22.

For the first time this year in a home meet, Johnston Oberly scored points in the first period. The giant Lion heavyweight almost flipped his man in the opening period, scoring a takedown and nearfall. He used a crotch (Continued on page ten)

Two Skiers Break Legs In Olympic Practice Runs

By **ALAN CLINE**
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SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Two downhill skiers, an Italian and a Spaniard, were injured seriously in wild spills yesterday, and a 16-year-old Austrian star narrowly missed disaster when she banged into a tree on the olympic downhill run.

Batista Pordon of Italy and Luis Molne from Spain suffered broken legs in a day of increased training that saw the accident rate shoot up and tensions increase. The games open Thursday.

Traudl Hecher, Austria's pride, splintered her skies when she smashed into a tree near the bottom of the 1 1/2-mile women's downhill run. She was brought down the rest of the way by toboggan, shaken but not hurt by the accident.

Meanwhile, a strong U.S. women's downhill team was named with Penny Pitou, 21, Gilford, N.H.; Betsy Snite, Norwich, Vt.; Linda Meyers, 22, Bishop, Calif. and Joan Hannah, 20, Francona, N.H., giving America what many believe to be its finest squad ever.

The runs on the men's downhill course completed training for that spectacular event. The athletes had another beautiful day for the workout.

stationed at four dangerous points along the run.

Pordon, 20, a candidate for the Italian downhill squad, had finished his runs for speed when he slipped and tumbled into a rocky creek.

Doctors said he also may have suffered concussion.

Molne, 33-year-old veteran of the Spanish team, cracked up on a treacherous pocket on the men's Squaw Peak course known as the "waterfall."

As he was being taken off the mountain, he waved to reporters and said, "the right leg is broken."

The nearness of the games increased tension throughout the valley.

Brunette Margaret Gobl and Franz Wilhelm Ningel, German figure skaters, had a spat during practice and it broke up in an angry slapping and crying scene.

"Sometimes figure skating is like marriage, there are always little arguments," said the couple's trainer, Mrs. Rosemarie Bruening of Munich.

Frosh Lose Second, 82-77 Hoffman Sinks 23 For Lions

By **DEAN BILLICK**

The Penn State freshman basketball team lost its second game of the season, 82-77, to the Bucknell Bisons last night in a game that saw the lead change hands twelve times.

The loss dropped the Lion Cub's season chart to 4-2 and reversed an earlier 82-73 win over the Bisons.

Neither team was able to open up a sizable lead as the deciding basket didn't come until the final five seconds of play when Hal Smoker knocked in a tap-in that killed a last minute Penn State rally.

Leading both teams in the scoring parade was Earl Hoffman. The 6-2 Penn State jump shot artist collected 23 points, most of which came in the torrid second half. Runner-up was Bill Storch of Bucknell who sank 20 points.

The Lions jumped off to a 2-1 lead on a 20-foot jumper by Dave Robinson early in the game. Penn State, using mainly a fast break and good board control, increased its advantage and at one time led, 30-21. This was to be the biggest margin of the game as Bucknell closed the gap and took a 40-37

lead to the dressing room at half-time.

The second half was one of continual back and forth, basket exchanging battling with the largest lead being a 61-57 Bison margin.

With 1:20 remaining and the Lions behind, 79-74, an all-court press in the person of Ray Dohner went to work for the Lion Cubs. Dohner stole the ball three times as the Lions shaved the gap to, 79-77.

Again the press caused the Bisons to throw the ball away and with 20 seconds remaining a Penn State basket was nullified by a walking infraction. The final three points by Bucknell with five seconds left iced the game.

The Lion Cubs' final game of the season is Feb. 20 when they travel to Ogontz Center, seeking their second win of the season over this club.

PENN STATE (77)				BUCKNELL (82)			
Fg	F	Tp	Rb	Fg	F	Tp	Rb
Robinson	5	0-2	10	Smoker	5	3-9	13
Hoffman	9	5-8	23	Penrose	6	2-3	14
Dohner	6	2-5	14	Marag'gae	5	1-2	11
Reed	4	3-4	11	Johnson	3	1-1	7
Serafin	5	2-2	12	Storch	4	8-9	20
Whitmir	2	0-1	2	Macomber	3	8-10	14
Clark	1	0-1	2	Murphy	0	3-4	3
Cohen	1	1-1	3				
Totals 32 13-24 77				Totals 28 26-38 82			

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