

Lion Cagers Lose 64-63 in Overtime

By SANDY PADWE

His facial expression didn't change throughout the whole game, but underneath you knew that coach John Eglh was eating his heart out as he watched Penn State lose in overtime to Pitt, 64-63 Saturday night.

It was the fifth spinning defeat this year for his Lions who have a 10-10 record with two games remaining.

But what hurt so much about this loss was that State had the game won until Mark DuMars fouled out with 4:40 left.

To state it simply, DuMars was magnificent Saturday. He was hot from the field, connecting on 10 of 16 shots, and his pin-point passes had the Pitt Field House crowd of 1309 gaping with awe.

So when he departed the scene with 23 points and Penn State ahead, 56-49, it's no wonder that the Lions sorely missed him.

For Penn State without DuMars is the same thing as a gun without a trigger, and after he fouled out the Lions completely lost their composure.

The Panthers, who led by seven at half and then cooled off, took advantage of "the magician's" absence and quickly narrowed the gap.

DuMars' high school teammate John Fridley cut State's lead to 56-51 and little Billy Mauro made two fouls and a field goal to move the Panthers within one, 56-55 with only 58 seconds left.

Seconds later Penn State captain Wally Colender, who experienced the worst night of his career, made his only two points, two free throws, and the Lions had a 58-55 lead.

But Mauro came right back with a 30-foot set shot at 0:22 to make it 58-57.

Pitt was full-court pressing and Mel Ramey had the ball for State when All-American end and hatchet man, Mike Ditka gently nudged him. So Ramey had a chance to sew things up with a one and one situation.

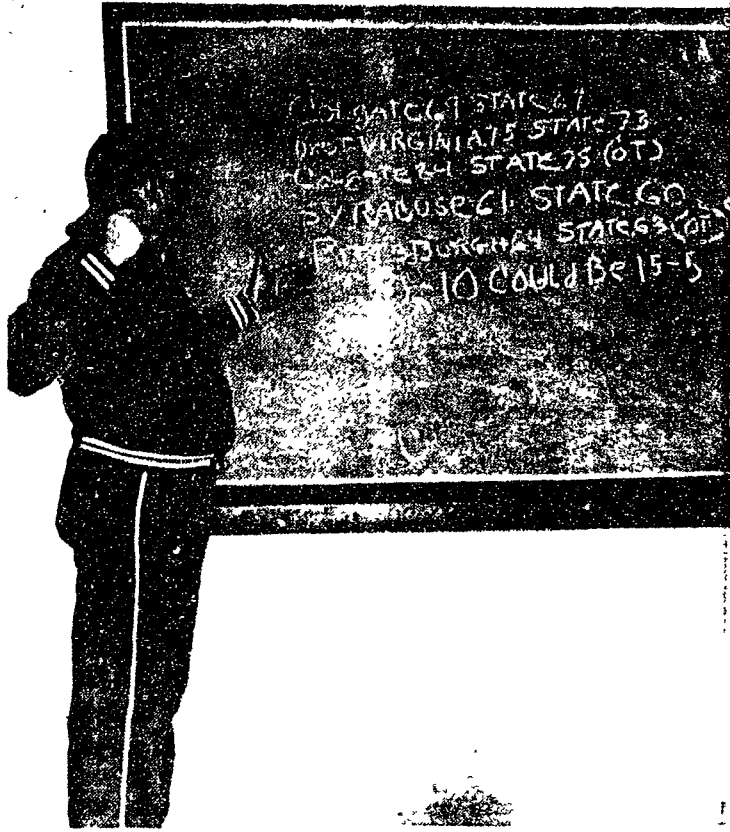
His underhand foul shot hit the back of the rim, took two crazy bounces and fell out into the waiting hands of John Mills.

Pitt immediately called time out with 15 seconds left. They put the ball in play at midcourt and worked it around for the last shot.

Four seconds were left when Mauro passed into Mills in the pivot. Mills faked, turned to shoot, and was clobbered from behind by Gene Harris.

With two shots coming, one of those deathly silences fell over the Pitt Field House.

Mills stepped up to the line, took a deep breath and lofted a soft shot which hit the back of the rim and bounced out. He



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DON'T SHOOT COACH IT'S NOT THAT BAD—Penn State basketball coach John Eglh wonders if there are any brighter days ahead as he checks list of five heartbreakers his Lions have lost this year. The latest came Saturday night at Pitt, 64-63.

steadied himself for the second tucky in Lexington Saturday shot and it swished through for the tying point.

State couldn't get a shot and time ran out with score 58-58.

Ramey gave the Lions the lead on a jump shot at the outset of the five minute overtime, 60-58, but Mills hit a one-hander and Mauro made another set to give Pitt a 62-60 edge.

Dick Falenski iced the game for Pitt when he cashed in on two free throws with 51 seconds left.

The Lions came fighting back on Bill Saul's foul and Harris' last second jumper, but Pitt's four-point lead stood up for the win.

DuMars was high for State with 23 while Jake Trueblood and Harris had 11 apiece. Saul netted 10.

Harris with 10, Trueblood with 9 and Saul with 7 were the leading rebounders.

For Pitt Mauro was the top scorer with 15. Falenski had 14 and sophomore Bob Sankey had 12. Mills had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Pitt now has an 11-13 record with one game left against Ken-

Box Score		PENN STATE '63	
Fg	Ft	Fg	Ft
Sankey	6-9-0-12	Trueblood	4-4-11
Fridley	3-6-1-6	Sweetland	2-6-2-14
Mills	2-8-12-12	Saul	2-7-9-16
Falenski	5-4-4-14	DuMars	10-16-4-26
Mauro	6-3-3-15	Colender	9-2-5-12
Lazor	2-1-1-5	Harris	6-1-5-11
Ditka	0-0-0-0	Ramey	1-6-1-2
		Phillips	0-0-0-0
Totals	24-16-21-64	Totals	24-15-28-63
Half	Pitt 36, State 29		




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And Cincinnati Just Keeps Rollin' Along

By DON WEISS
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Cincinnati's Bearcats continue to ride No. 1 in the weekly Associated Press college basketball poll while their All America Oscar Robertson keeps up his record busting.

Robertson, who set an all-time major player career field goal record of 969 during the week, led the Bearcats to two more victories and a 22-1 season mark.

The sportscasters and sports writers participating in the new weekly poll rewarded the Bearcats with 70 first-place votes out of 158 cast and a comfortable lead over runner-up Ohio State, the Big Ten champ with a 20-2 record and a 13-game winning streak.

Navy, Mounties Will Meet In NCAA Tourney

There was a general shuffling below the top two, with defending NCAA champion California replacing Bradley as No 3 after Bradley's upset loss to Houston, next Tuesday.

Two Penn State opponents, Navy and West Virginia, will meet in the first round of the NCAA eastern regional basketball tournament in New York.

West Virginia's Southern Conference champs up to fifth from seventh, Miami of Florida up a notch to eighth, and St. Bonaventure, with a 14-game win streak, up from tenth to ninth.

The Middies earned their large spot with a 69-57 win over Army at West Point Saturday. Navy, an 87-71 victor over Penn State at Annapolis Feb. 10, finished the regular season with a 19-9 record.

On the basis of 10 points for first place, nine for second, etc., Cincinnati drew 1,506 points to 1,258 for Ohio State, which had 28 first-place votes. California had 20 first-place votes and 1,252 points, followed by Bradley with 1,034 and West Virginia with 764.

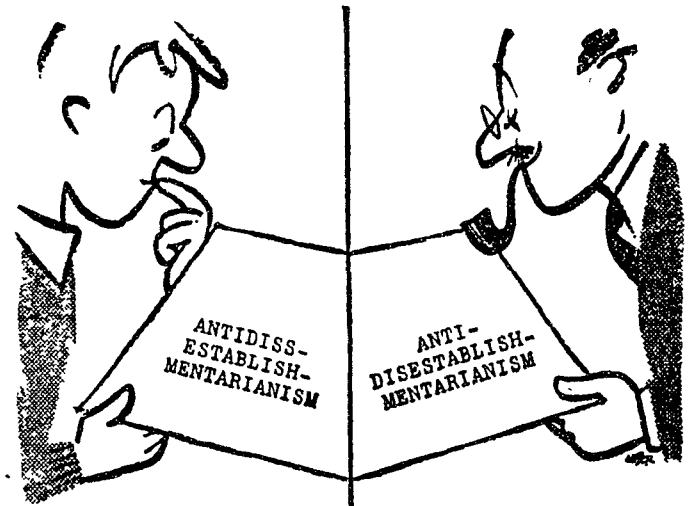
West Virginia earned its tournament berth by beating VPI in the Southern Conference finals Saturday. But the Mounties didn't have it easy.

- The first 10 teams with points on 120-9-8, etc. basis first-place votes and won-lost records through Feb. 27 in parentheses:
1. Cincinnati 22-1 (1,506)
 2. Ohio State 20-2 (1,258)
 3. California 20-2 (1,252)
 4. Bradley 13-5 (1,034)
 5. West Virginia 11-9 (764)
 6. Georgia Tech 12-5 (754)
 7. Michigan 12-5 (734)
 8. Kansas 12-5 (734)
 9. Iowa 11-7 (724)
 10. Utah State 12-4 (720)

They lost Jerry West on fouls with 12:31 remaining, but guard Jim Warren came through with 28 points to spark the Mountie attack.

Another Penn State opponent—Temple—boosted itself into contention for one of the remaining NIT spots with a 68-63 upset over NIT bound St. Johns.

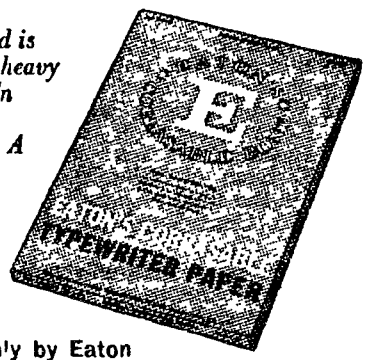
Bill Kennedy, named to the Sporting News All-American team yesterday, led the way with (Continued on page eleven)



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