

# Pitt Shatters Matmen's Streak

## Stun Lions With 14-14 Stalemate

By JOHNNY BLACK

It was a long fall and the abrupt stop wasn't pleasant. But the stately Nittany Lion wrestling team, touted as the class of the East, was knocked from its lofty pinnacle by a determined Pitt squad Saturday night at Rec Hall.

The final score was 14-14. But any question as to who won and who lost was answered by a glance into the respective locker rooms after the last desperation roar from the partisan overflow crowd of 6,000 had echoed and died.

Snapping towels, smiling faces and wisecracks prevailed in the visitors' locker room, while a pall of deathly silence hung over bowed heads in the Lions' quarters.

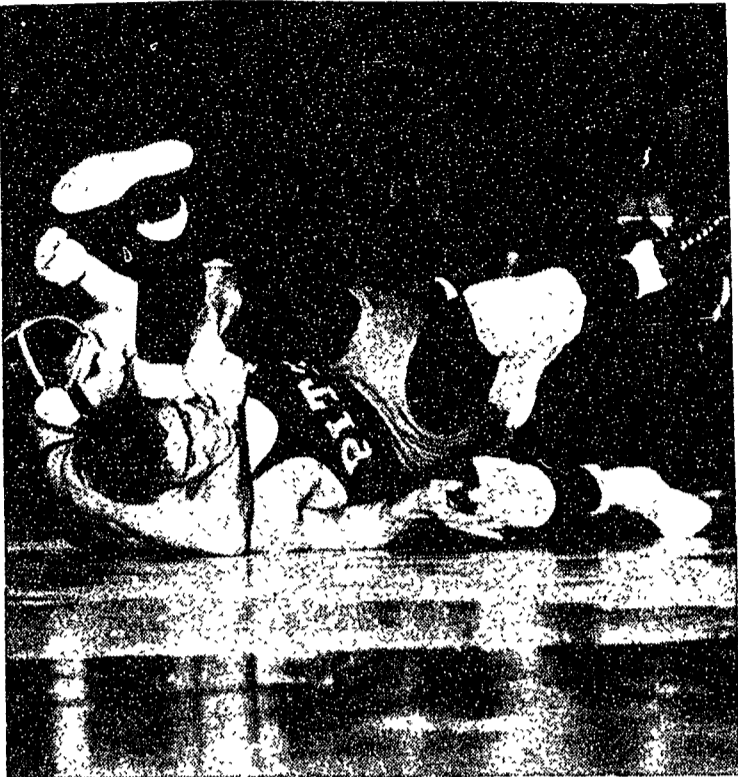
The tradition-steeped battle produced some of the most action-packed lightweight matches seen on the Rec Hall mats in recent years. But its ending was marred by a head-butting, face-slapping fiasco that dulled the meeting between the two top teams in the East.

Two last minute reversals and two stalling points shaped the destiny of the meet, as the complacent Lions saw a perfect season and an 8-meet victory string shattered by the once-beaten Panthers.

The Lions (8-0-1) must now share the Eastern throne with the Panthers (8-1), who are also unbeaten in eastern competition. Pitt's only loss was to Michigan in an intersectional fray.

A last period reversal plus time advantage pulled Pitt 123-pounder Dick Martin from an 8-7 deficit to a 10-8 win and three points for the Pitt team score.

The Panthers pulled another three points out of the fire when 147-pound John Zolikoff switched Lion captain Sam Minor just 16



**PREDICAMENT**—Tony Scordo, rookie Lion 123-pounder, rocks Pitt's Dick Martin to the mat with a cradle hold in Saturday night's opening match. Martin got loose and won 10-8 decision.

seconds before the final buzzer to nab a 4-3 decision.

Nittany soph Phil Myer was charged with his first loss when referee Stanley Moussetis penalized the cautious grappler and awarded a stalling point to an equally unaggressive Tom Hall at 191. The penalty gave Hall a 2-1 verdict and the Panthers a 14-11 edge.

But things evened out in the unlimited bout when Johnston Oberly received a "gift" point for the same offense this time levied against Pitt's Bob Guzik. The point gave Oberly a 2-1 margin in a match that was stopped three times because of butting and slapping and tied the team score at 14 all.

Pittsburgh Coach Rex Peery had a plan of attack formulated before reaching University Park. Experts figured that if the Panthers were to halt the unbeaten and nationally third-ranked Lions,

they would have to take the first four matches and pick up another along the way, probably at 191.

The Pitt matmen came very close to executing their plan and erred only at 137.

This is where the Lions made their only dent in the Panthers' lightweight armor when Guy Guccione wrestled Daryl Kelvington, probably the smoothest grappler of the night, to a 1-1 stalemate.

These were the only two points the Lions could manage till Ron Pifer trimmed August Arrigone, 10-2, in the 157-pound match.

Larry Lauchle, who has never scored a fall in a dual meet, had kept Pitt on top in the 130-pound contest by beating Art Ravitz, 3-1, to notch his 26th career triumph against one setback.

The Lions' Jerry Seckler found his hands full for two and one half periods before gaining a 5-2 nod over Joe Schmitt at 167. Schmitt, though winless, is probably the most courageous grappler on the Pitt squad and had the undefeated Seckler deadlocked at 1-1 till the final minute.

Hank Barone, senior Lion 177-pounder, scored all of his points in the last period to whip Lenny Vuocolo, 5-2, and put the Nittanies back in contention with the team score knotted at 11-11.

Then came Hall's 2-1 victory at 191 and State's only hope for salvation was a fall by Oberly.

But salvation didn't come. The 250-pound Lion junior met another one his size, 230-pound Bob Guzik, and the two bounced their way to a 1-1 stalemate before the



**OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD**—Lion sophomore Ron Pifer balances on his nose while applying double grapevine to Pitt's Augie Arrigone in 157-pound match. Pifer won 10-2.

penalty point allowed Oberly to escape with a decision and the Lions with a tie.

The Nittany frosh scored two falls, a default and a decision to turn back the Pitt yearlings, 23-14, in the preliminary. Terry Shaffner, 137, and Chuck Beatty, 157, tallied the falls. Al Hastings, 123, won by default and Ron Lucas, 177, picked up a 6-2 decision for the Lion Cubs.

- Summaries:**
- Varsity**
- 123—Martin (P) dec. Scordo (PS), 10-8.
  - 130—Lauchle (P) dec. Ravitz (PS), 3-1.
  - 137—Guccione (PS) and Kelvington (P) drew, 1-1.
  - 147—Zolikoff (P) dec. Minor (PS), 4-3.
  - 157—Pifer (PS) dec. Arrigone (P), 10-2.
  - 167—Seckler (PS) dec. Schmitt (P), 5-2.
  - 177—Barone (PS) dec. Vuocolo (P), 5-2.
  - 191—Hall (P) dec. Myer (PS), 2-1.
  - Hwt.—Oberly (PS) dec. Guzik (P), 2-1.
- Referee: Moussetis.

- FRESHMAN**
- 123—Hastings (PS) won over Dunbar (P) by default.
  - 130—Osman (P) won over Slattery (PS) by default.
  - 137—Sheffner (PS) threw McKee (P), 4-20.
  - 147—Weiss (PS) won by forfeit.
  - 157—Beatty (PS) threw Stone (P), 6-22.
  - 167—Harrison (P) dec. Kolody (PS), 8-1.
  - 177—Lucas (PS) dec. Waddel (P), 6-2.
  - 191—Shaffer (P) dec. Sabol (PS), 3-2.
  - Hwt.—Kaltenbach (P) dec. Stiles (PS), 8-4.

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## Brown Wins Duel With National Champ

By JIM KARL

Although Penn State's 2-mile relay team had to settle for second place in the New York Knights of Columbus Meet Saturday, Bobby Brown kept the Nittany thinclads in the limelight by winning the 60-yard dash.

The junior speed merchant flashed across the finish line in 6.2 with national dash champion Paul Winder trailing by a full step. Keith Gardner of the New York Pioneer Club was third and Paul Drayton of Villanova was fourth in the final tune-up before the IC4A Championships Saturday.

Brown's impressive win reaffirmed his position as one of the best sprinters in the East and the experts feel he will be a top contender for the IC4A crown.

State's 2-mile relay squad didn't fare well, coming out on the short end in a dual with highly regarded Manhattan.

The Jaspers, one of the major threats to the Lions' bid for a second consecutive IC4A championship, won the event in 7:45.

The Lions had been given a chance in some pre-game previews to challenge their own meet record of 7:35.6 set last year.

But off-days by two of the Lions' top middle distance men, Don Davies and Dick Hambricht, cancelled State's hopes

for a win and the record.

Penn State graduate student Ed Moran breezed to an easy victory in the Columbian Mile, finishing 12 yards ahead of his nearest competitor.

Although his time was 4:11.8, the former Lion great was never pushed after the half-way mark.

The duel between Moran and national indoor mile champion Phil Coleman failed to come off because the Chicago ace withdrew earlier in the week.

The win marked Moran's first invitational banked-board victory of his career. His previous victory this year came on a flat track at Washington.

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