

# Michigan Beats Grapplers, 17-8; McPeak Named Redskin Coach

**By JIM KARL**  
Michigan's Big Ten wrestling champions shocked Penn State, 17-8, at Ann Arbor Friday to end the Lions' win streak at 12.

With classes over at the Michigan campus and most students en route home for the Christmas holidays, only 250 fans were on hand to watch this battle between the third and seventh-ranked teams in the nation.

The Wolverines, ranked third by the Amateur Wrestling News, the official publication of the American Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association, displayed tremendous over-all team balance in taking decisions in five of the eight matches.

Michigan had four Big Ten champions in the lineup—Fritz Kellerman (130), Jim Blaker (147), Don Corriere (157) and Dennis Fitzgerald (167)—and they all recorded wins.

State, ranked seventh, took two of the first three matches, but Michigan swept the next four to ice the meet.

Denny Slattery (123) and Dan Johnston (137) were the only Lions who won.

EIWA heavyweight champion Johnston Oberly was held to a 1-1 draw by Michigan's Clark Fink.

Fink was undefeated at 177 last year and was scheduled to move up to 191 this year. He got the nod at heavyweight when Guy Curtis, the regular Wolverine starter at that weight, was injured.

"We ran into the best," Lion Coach Charlie Speidel said yesterday. "They had too many guns for us. They had a good solid team and every one of their men was strong."

"We weren't as strong as we could have been with Connell

(Ray) wrestling in his first varsity match but even if we would have been at full strength I'm not sure that we would have beaten them. They were too solid."

Connell started at 147 when co-captain Jerry Seckler and Neal Turner were sidelined with impetigo.

Slattery started the evening off right with his third varsity win in three outings by whipping Nick Armelagos, 5-0. The Williamsport sophomore got his points on a reversal, two one-point predicaments and a point for riding time.

Kellerman scored four takedowns against Tony Scordo in their 130-pound battle to take a 12-6 decision.

Johnston defeated Wilfred Hildebrandt with a takedown and a reversal. Johnston got the initial takedown but Hildebrandt reversed to knot the score at 2-2. After a scoreless second period, Johnston reversed in the third and Hildebrandt escaped to make the final score, 4-3.

Connell never had a chance against Blaker, losing 6-0. "Blaker beat Sam Minor last year and he just had too much for Connell," Speidel said.

The 157-pound match be-

tween Corriere and Ron Pifer may have been the turning point of the evening. At that point the score was tied, 6-6.

Corriere escaped in the second period after a scoreless first stanza to take a 1-0 lead. Pifer escaped in the third and counting a point for riding time, was leading 2-1 with less than a minute to go.

But Corriere got a takedown to hand Pifer his first defeat of the year.

John Barone lost a 6-1 decision to Fitzgerald at 167.

After being down 5-0, Phil Myer made a third period comeback but fell two points short, losing 7-5 to sophomore Jack Barden.

Both Oberly and Fink scored on escapes in their 1-1 stalemate.

**Summary:**  
123—Dennis Slattery (PS) dec. Nick Armelagos (M), 5-0.  
130—Fritz Kellerman (M) dec. Tony Scordo (PS), 12-6.  
137—Dan Johnston (PS) dec. Wilfred Hildebrandt (M), 4-3.  
147—Jim Blaker (M) dec. Ray Connell (PS), 6-0.  
157—Don Corriere (M) dec. Ron Pifer (PS), 3-2.  
167—Dennis Fitzgerald (M) dec. John Barone (PS), 6-1.  
177—Jack Barden (M) dec. Phil Myer (PS), 7-5.  
Hwt. Johnston Oberly (PS) and Carl Fink (M) drew, 1-1.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill McPeak was promoted to head coach of the Washington Redskins yesterday and given the tough job of shaping the tailend club into a championship contender.

McPeak, 34, for the past two years an assistant coach, got the official nod only a day after Mike Nixon was fired as top man and the Redskins ended a season with a single win, nine losses—and two ties.

McPeak received a one-year contract. Terms were not disclosed.

In McPeak, the Redskins are getting their 10th coach in the 24 seasons they have been in Washington as a member of the National Football League. He inherits from Nixon a team which

showed respectably on defense, but couldn't seem to work up any scoring punch behind erratic quarterback Ralph Guglielmi.

With a 4-18-2 record in two seasons under Nixon, the 'Skins seem badly in need of a player overhaul.

It's been 15 years since the team won the Eastern Division title (they took five crowns in all) and 18 years since the Redskins captured the NFL championship.

Despite his relative youth, the balding McPeak has had 12 years in the NFL—nine as a player with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was an all-pro defensive end several times.

## Finley Gains Control Of Kansas City Stock

CHICAGO (AP) — Charles Finley, virtually penniless 13 years ago, yesterday bought himself a \$1,975,000 Christmas present—control of the Kansas City Athletics baseball club.

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## Ohio State Retains Lead In Cage Poll

**By The Associated Press**  
Ohio State is the unanimous choice of a panel of sports writers and sportscasters voting in the weekly Associated Press basketball poll as the No. 1 major college team in the nation.

All of the 36 first place votes went to the Buckeyes when they upped their perfect record to 4-0 Saturday by whipping Wichita 93-82 with All-America Jerry Lucas scoring 27 points.

Bradley was an overwhelming pick for the No. 2 spot with 33 second place votes after running its record to 6-0 by downing North Michigan, Nevada and Wisconsin since last week's poll. Bradley has won 12 in a row over a two-year period.

St. Bonaventure moved into third place with six straight by adding Xavier of Ohio and Morehead State to its list of victims.

Indiana retained the No. 4 spot by downing Missouri and Nevada.

St. John's made Ohio University its fourth victim and moved up a peg to sixth place.

Duke was seventh followed by Detroit (4-1) and Auburn (5-0).

There was a tie for 10th place between North Carolina (3-2) and North Carolina State (5-1).

1. Ohio State 55 (4-0)	360
2. Bradley (6-0)	321
3. St. Bonaventure (6-0)	212
4. Indiana (4-1)	204
5. Louisville (8-0)	178
6. St. John's (4-9)	140
7. Duke (5-0)	135
8. Detroit (4-1)	81
9. Auburn	68
10. (tie) North Carolina (3-2) 39; North Carolina State (5-1) 39.	

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