

Matmen Rap Panthers, 17-12

Oberly Pins Guzik to Cap Lion Upset

By JIM KARL

Dan Johnston saved his best match of the year for Pitt Saturday night to give Penn State the impetus for a 17-12 victory over the Panthers before 5000 in Rec Hall.

Johnston's masterful 11-6 decision over Daryl Kelvington triggered the upset and Johnston Oberly added the final touches by pinning Bob Guzik to cap an action-packed evening of wrestling that left the fans limp in their seats.

Pitt jumped off to a 6-0 lead but Johnston wrecked any plans the Panthers' "Mighty Mite" quartet might have had for a sweep in the lightweight divisions.

Then John Zolikoff used his patented come-from-behind finish to edge Ron Pifer, a surprise starter at 147. Zolikoff got a takedown in the last three seconds to beat Pifer, 3-2.

Thus Pitt went into the heavier weights, their weak spot, with a 9-3 lead instead of a precarious 6-6 tie.

Jerry Seckler, John Barone and Phil Myer won decisions in the next three matches to give State a 12-9 lead with only two matches left.

Pitt's Paul Wilson surprised Dave Hayes at 191 but Oberly settled things by flattening Guzik.

Panther Dick Martin started the evening off on an ominous note for the Lions when he decided Denny Slattery, 7-1.

Pitt captain Larry Lauchle defeated Tony Scordo, 3-1, but the Lion 130-pounder had Lauchle hanging on at the end. Behind 2-0, Scordo escaped in the third period and shot for a takedown that never came. Referee Stan Mousetis warned Lauchle for stalling with 30 seconds left.

Johnston got five quick points in the first period and five more in the second in his victory over Kelvington.

Pifer and Zolikoff battled through a scoreless first period and Pifer rode Zolikoff almost the entire second period. Zolikoff escaped with just five seconds remaining to take a 1-0 lead.

Pifer escaped with 40 seconds gone in the third stanza and had



NEARFALL—John Barone, Penn State's 167-pounder, works for a pin against Pitt's Bill Robb in Rec Hall Saturday night. Barone missed the pin but was awarded three points for a near fall and went on to win, 8-0. His victory helped State upset the Panthers, 17-12.

a point for riding time going for him. Instead of playing cautious, Pifer preferred to mix it up and with three seconds left Zolikoff snatched the victory from him with a takedown.

Seckler beat Gus Arrigone, 7-2, in a battle of 157-pounders by getting five quick points in the first period.

Barone wrestled a near flawless match against Pitt's Bill Robb, beating him, 8-0.

Myer reversed with one minute left to knot the score at 5-5 against Panther Jim Harrison. A point for riding time gave Myer the decision and Penn State a shortlived 12-9 lead.

Wilson, who usually wrestles 157 for Pitt, used three takedowns to defeat Hayes, 8-6. That knotted the score at 12-12 for the showdown between Oberly and Guzik.

The Panther heavyweight, described by Oberly as a wrestler who "plays the points," did just that Saturday night.

He stayed away from State's heavyweight king the first period, sidestepping each time the "Big O" shot for two points. Oberly escaped at the start of the second period and had a 1-0 lead going

into the final stanza.

Guzik's strategy was to pull a fast escape before Oberly could amass riding time and then hang on for a 1-1 tie.

The big Pitt heavyweight gave it everything he had, twice almost eluding Oberly with lightning-fast sit-outs. But Oberly hung on like flypaper, waiting for the right moment.

It came at the 7:40 mark with Guzik trying another sit-out. Oberly almost let him free, then crashed down on top of him like a hawk pouncing on a rabbit.

Guzik never had a chance to get out and it was over in a few seconds.

The roar of the crowd drowned out Mousetis' hand slapping the mat and the fans, except for a small section of bellicose Pitt rooters, went home happy.

- Mat Summary**
123—Martin, Pitt, dec. Slattery, 7-1.
130—Lauchle, Pitt, dec. Scordo, 3-1.
137—Johnston, Penn State, dec. Kelvington, 11-6.
147—Zolikoff, Pitt, dec. Pifer, 3-2.
157—Seckler, Penn State, dec. Arrigone, 7-2.
167—Barone, Penn State, dec. Robb, 8-0.
177—Myer, Penn State, dec. Harrison, 6-5.
191—Wilson, Pitt, dec. Hayes, 8-6.
Hwt.—Oberly, Penn State, pinned Guzik, 7:40.

TKE Scores IM Swim Win

Tau Kappa Epsilon got off to a shaky start in the 60-yard freestyle but swept first in the next four events to down Tau Phi Delta, 29-12, in IM swimming last night.

TKE was never headed after dropping behind in the first event 4-5. Jack Borgerding and Chuck Gaston were the big pointmakers for the winners.

Borgerding finished first in the 60-yard breaststroke in 37.3 seconds. Gaston took first in diving with 18.8 points. Both men swam in the freestyle relay which TKE

won in 1:04.5.

Dave Bauer scored the lone Tau Phi Delta win in the 60-yard freestyle with a 36.2 clocking.

The other two scheduled meets resulted in forfeits. Sigma Alpha Epsilon won by forfeit over Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Chi defeated Theta Xi.

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Gymnasts Edge Orange, 49-47

Greg Weiss scored three firsts Saturday to lead Penn State's gym team to a come-from-behind 49-47 victory over Syracuse in Archbold Gym.

But the comeback effort wasn't enough to give the Nittanias a share of the Eastern crown.

While the Lions waited, Navy eased by Army, 48½-47½ to win EIGL honors for the first time since 1944. The Middies stopped State, 58½-37½, earlier this year at Annapolis.

Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts (5-1) tied down second place with their win over the Orange (1-4).

The Orangemen didn't look like a team with only one win with Ron Orlick (265), Corky Voas (254) and Al Bird (248) pushing the home team to a quick 13-3 lead with a tumbling sweep. Weiss and company started

chipping away at Syracuse's lead on the side horse.

The Lion junior racked up a 281 to beat Syracuse sophomore Ray Grimaldi (265). George Sayre tallied valuable points for the Lions with a 255, good enough for third place. But Syracuse still held a 19-13 advantage.

Weiss and Tommy Seward evened matters for the Lions with a one-two finish on the horizontal bar.

Weiss scored a 287 to win the event while Seward edged Syracuse captain Ken Orkin, 260-255, for second place to knot the score at 24.

State finally took the lead in the rope climb, despite a first place finish by the Orange's Bob Winter.

Winter climbed the 20-foot hemp in 3.4 seconds, but Captain Bob Mumau, Bud Williams and Chuck Hilbish swept the next three places to grab a 33-31 margin.

Weiss wound up his scoring (Continued on page eleven)

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