

Panthers Stop Cagers, 57-53

NIT-Bound Temple Will Test Nittanies in Rec Hall Tonight

By SANDY PADWE
Penn State's basketball team always puts on an exciting show — you never know how they're going to lose.

The Lions, who qualify as experts on the art of blowing close ball games, discovered a new way at Pitt Saturday and dropped a 57-53 decision to the Panthers. The loss was the fifth straight for John Egli's crew (9-12) who face the unpleasant task of playing NIT-bound Temple (18-5) at 8 tonight in Rec Hall.

In their last five outings, the Lions have lost by a total of 19 points.

Two of those defeats came on last-second shots and two more were the result of successful freezes.

Saturday, State simply threw the ball game away with poor passing and ballhandling at the most inopportune times.

As usual, the Lions led throughout most of the game and thanks to Mark DuMars they had a 34-27 edge at halftime.

The little "Magician," who is closing out his stay on Mt. Nittany, had one of the finest halves of an already sensational career, scoring 15 points.

He was five for six from the field, five for five from the free throw line and as Pitt publicist Beano Cook wrote on the halftime statistics sheet, "He has already broken the Fieldhouse record for sensational passing."

The 2378 in attendance looked forward to more of the same in the second half, but DuMars cooled off completely.

He was limited to one foul conversion and as a result the Lion offense broke down.

Meanwhile, the Panthers were inching closer.

Ben Jinks and John Fridley led Pitt's second-half drive and



BRUCE DRYSDALE
... leads Temple attack

it was Fridley who tied the score at 42 with 12:45 left.

Both teams traded baskets for the next few minutes and there were ties at 48, 51, and 53.

The last deadlock came on another Fridley bucket with 3:55 left.

There was no scoring for the next two and half minutes as both teams tried to set up for good shots.

State found itself in control with 1:12 remaining when Earl Hoffman let fly with a wild pass.

Fridley intercepted for the Panthers and they called time with 42 seconds showing on the clock.

Pitt held the ball until the 22 second mark when Tom Maloney drove underneath and was fouled by Hoffman.

He converted both shots to put Pitt ahead, 55-53. The Lions,

however, still had a chance to tie it.

DuMars brought the ball up-court for State but as he was dribbling past Dick Falenski, it bounced off his foot and rolled out of bounds.

Pitt then held the ball and Fridley converted two free throws just before the buzzer to give the Panthers (12-11) a winning season.

State outrebounded the Panthers 37-27, but Pitt had the edge in shooting, hitting on 44 per cent of its shots compared to 36 per cent for State.

"Someday we're going to put everything together and surprise a few people," Egli said. "I sure hope it's soon because these close ones can drive you crazy."

Tonight, the Lions will be facing one of the nation's classiest teams.

Coach Harry Litwack's Owls accepted their bid to the National Invitation Tournament Sunday after whipping Villanova, 79-69, Saturday night.

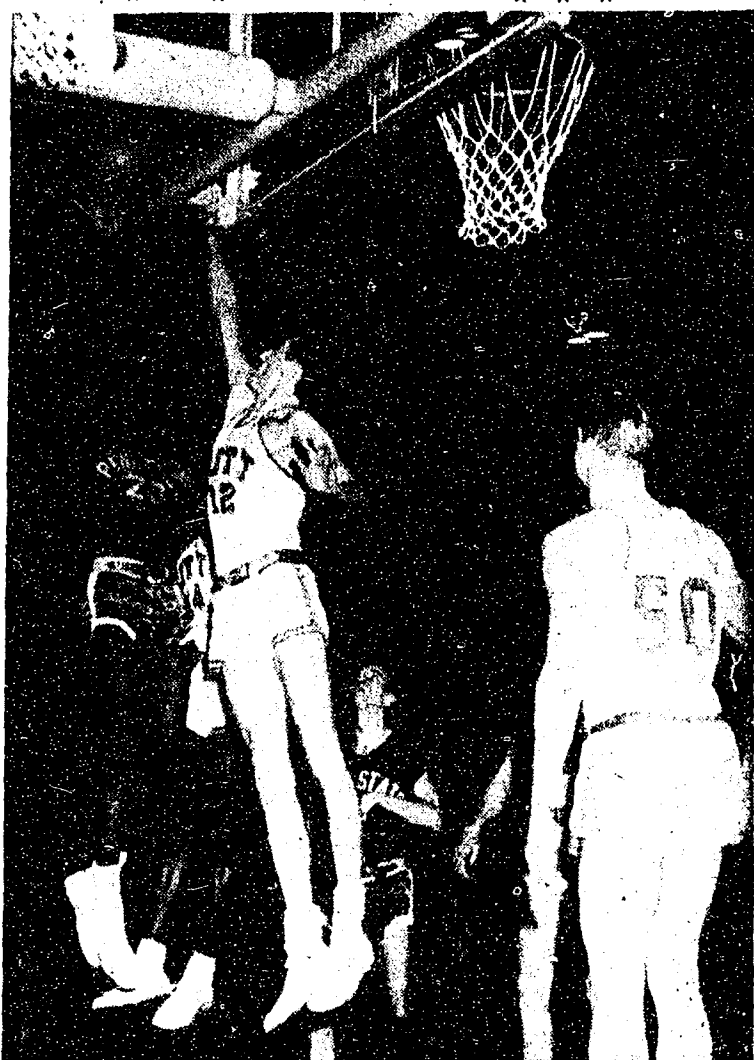
Little Bruce Drysdale (5-8), who is making Temple fans forget Pickles Kennedy, is responsible for the Owls' success.

Not only does he guide the Temple offense, but he is the team's leading scorer.

He gets plenty of support from Russ Gordon, the 6-4 center who ruined the Lions twice last year, Ed Devery, John Koskinen and Earl Proctor.

Penn State will go with Don Wilson and DuMars out front; Gene Harris at center; and John Phillips and Hoffman at forward.

PENN STATE (53)		PITT (57)	
FG	FT	FG	FT
Trueblood 2	2-5	Falenski 5	3-5
Phillips 1	1-1	Jinks 5	1-2
Harris 6	4-7	Fridley 8	4-5
Hoffman 5	0-0	Maloney 2	2-2
DuMars 5	6-7	Maszczyk 3	1-2
Mitchell 1	0-0	Lazor 0	0-0
		Sankey 0	0-0
Totals 20 13-20 53		Totals 23 11-16 57	
Halftime Score: Penn State 34; Pitt 27			



—Photo courtesy of the Pitt News
TWO POINTER—Penn State's Gene Harris (23) fires jump shot past Pitt's John Fridley (12) during Saturday's Pitt-Penn State game in the Pitt Field House. The Panthers stopped State, 57-53, to finish the season with a 12-11 record. The Lions are 9-12 with three to go including a Rec Hall encounter with Temple tonight at 8.

St. Bonaventure Clings to 2nd Despite Upset Loss to Niagara

By The Associated Press
Mighty Ohio State is the unanimous choice as the No. 1 college basketball team in the nation for the 12th straight week, and St. Bonaventure is clinging to the runnerup spot by a slender thread. The weekly Associated Press poll showed the unbeaten, high-flying Buckeyes still unchallenged. They received all 36 of the first place votes cast by the special panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

On the basis of 10 for a first place vote, 9 for second, etc., St. Bonaventure fell farther back of the lead and just managed to beat out Cincinnati for the No. 2 position.

The Bonnies dropped their second decision of the season Saturday night to Niagara 87-77 after scoring their 22nd victory earlier in the week over Siena.

Completing the top ten are Bradley, No. 4; North Carolina, No. 5; Iowa, No. 6; Kansas State, No. 7; West Virginia, No. 8; Duke, No. 9, and Southern California, No. 10.

It's exactly the same list of

teams as a week ago, with a slight reshuffling of the order.

Bradley, winner over Wichita and Tulsa, stayed at the No. 4 spot by North Carolina, which downed Duke 69-66 in overtime, climbed from seventh to fifth. Duke fell a rung although it whipped both Michigan and Minnesota.

Kansas State, winner over Kansas and Missouri, and West Virginia, which scored over Penn State and George Washington, each moved up one place.

Southern California, which split a pair with Oregon State, held on to the tenth position.

1. Ohio State 36 (22-0) 360
2. St. Bonaventure (21-2) 291
3. Cincinnati (21-3) 286
4. Bradley (21-4) 209
5. North Carolina (19-4) 185
6. Iowa (16-4) 170
7. Kansas State (18-4) 150
8. West Virginia (22-3) 113
9. Duke (20-5) 104
10. Southern California (17-5) 43

Others receiving votes: St. John's, Purdue, Niagara, St. Joseph's, Memphis State, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, North Carolina State, Louisville, Utah, Drake, Kansas.

Niagara Gets Bid To NIT Tournament

NEW YORK (AP) — Niagara, which upset second-ranked St. Bonaventure, was selected yesterday as the ninth team in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament.

Three more teams must be picked for the 12-team field which opens play at Madison Square Garden March 16.

Niagara has a 15-4 record for the season and has won eight of its last nine games. The Purple Eagles beat St. Bonaventure Saturday night at Olean, N.Y., 87-77.

Freshman Cagers Play Altoona Center Tonight

Penn State's freshman basketball team will host the Altoona Center in Rec Hall tonight in a pre-varsity encounter beginning at 6.

Altoona scored a 75-62 victory over the frosh earlier this year.

ENGINEERING NOTICE

The Martin Company representative will visit the campus on March 14, 15, 16, 17 - 1961 to discuss opportunities for graduates of the School of Engineering.

Contact your Placement Officer for appointment and further details.

THE MARTIN COMPANY

BALTIMORE 3, MARYLAND

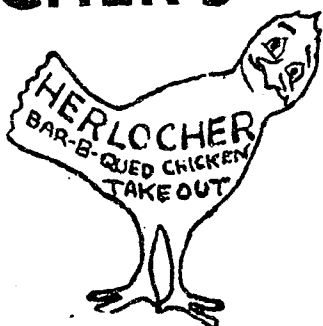
Missiles - Electronic Systems - Nuclear

Applications - Advanced Space Programs

Designers and Manufacturers

HERLOCHER'S

- BAR-B-QUED CHICKEN
- Halves 65c and up
- SUBMARINES 55c
- Chicken Salad 1/2lb. 45c
- Potato Salad 1/2pt. 25c
- Peppered Cabbage 1/2pt. 20c
- Home Baked Beans 1/2pt. 25c
- Soft Drinks, Milk, Potato Chips



We Deliver

Call AD 8-0518



Mac Sez...

Here's Spring Formal Wear That Fits Twice!

There's nothing as uncomfortable as a tux that doesn't fit. With our formal wear rental you can be sure of a perfect fit — twice! Perfect fit for you and for the occasion. Only 7 days' notice required for group rentals to assure everyone of a perfect fit and a perfect match.

Complete New Tux Rental — 10 pieces
Just \$7.50 (and tax)

Remember Us For Complete Formal Wear Rental, Sales & Service. Question? Call us!

FREE PARKING at Rear of Store While You Shop • 229 S. Allen St. - AD 8-1241



In the Center of Pennsylvania