

Johnston Loses to Finley In NCAA Quarterfinals

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Corvallis, Ore., March 24—Dan Johnston, Penn State's eastern champion at 137, was edged 3-2 by Oregon State's Ron Finley in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA tournament here this afternoon.

Finley, who won the Pacific Coast League title earlier this year, was one of the top-seeded grapplers in the tournament.

Ron Pifer, another Penn State eastern champ, advanced to the semifinals by outpointing Purdue's Dominic Fatta, 7-1. Fatta was the runnerup for the 147-pound EIG 10 title this year.

Johnston defeated Frank Adleman of Long Beach State in his first match yesterday afternoon and then outpointed highly rated Bill Taylor of Cornell (Iowa), 5-0.

Despite the loss to Finley the Lion senior remains in the running for a third or fourth place finish.

Pifer stopped Oregon's Lynne Mathews with a pin in the first period in his first appearance yesterday and then decided Jim Hoppel of Bowling Green, 9-1. The former Bellefonte grappler has only had two points scored on him in three matches so far.

Lehigh's hopes for the team title were jolted yesterday when Jim Detrixe, top-seeded at 177, was upset by unranked Art Siml of Illinois, 6-4. Another Engineer, Curt Alexander, was upended today by Oklahoma State's Doug Wilson, 5-2, in overtime after a 3-3 tie at the end of regulation



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time. Thad Turner and Kirk Pendleton, the Engineers top 2 entries, both won last night. Pendleton pinned Steven Combs of Iowa at 1:20 and Turner decided Dick Zohofski of Rochester, 4-1.

Pendleton won again tonight, outpointing Michigan's Don Courriere, 8-5.

Pitt's Daryl Kelvington was pinned by Norman Young of Michigan State in 3:22 after defeating Iowa State's Joe Frank last night, 7-4.

Oklahoma State leads the tourney after quarterfinal action with 22 points. The Cowboys are followed by Oklahoma with 16 and Iowa State with 11.

Friars Meet Billikens For NIT Title

NEW YORK (AP) — Two unseeded teams, Providence's fast-breaking Friars, and St. Louis University's possession-minded Billikens, meet this afternoon for the National Invitation Tournament championship.

The windup of the 12-team tournament at 4 p.m. (EST) is expected to draw another big crowd to Madison Square Garden although the tilt will be televised (NBC-TV).

Dayton University and Holy Cross, the beaten semifinalists, will battle for third place in the 2:15 p.m. (EST) opener.

Despite the latest basketball scandal and the nasty weather, the tournament has drawn 72,134 fans to date for an average of 14,426 per program. That average has been surpassed only twice in the last six tournaments.

The Thursday night semifinals, in which Providence edged Holy Cross in a 90-83 overtime thriller and St. Louis tumbled Dayton, 67-60, lured a capacity crowd of 18,378 in spite of sleet and rain.

Providence figures to have a psychological advantage. The Friars beat the Billikens in the quarter-finals of the last two NIT's, winning 75-72 in double overtime in 1959 and 64-53 last year. Providence was defeated in the final last year by Bradley, St. Louis, in its 10th NIT, captured the title in 1948.

Providence is noted for its wide open style of play. The Friars break fast with 5-8 Vince Ernst and 6-foot Johnny Egan leading the attack.

St. Louis stresses defense and ball control. Coach John Benington learned the value of defense while playing under Pete Newell at San Francisco. The Billikens also have good height and good shots, led by 6-4 Gordon Hartweger.

Pirates Clip Athletics On Burgess' Homer, 8-5

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Smoky Burgess' three-run homer in the 11th inning gave the Pittsburgh Pirates an 8-5 exhibition game victory over the Kansas City Athletics yesterday.

Pitcher Don Larsen walked two Pirates before serving the home run ball to Burgess.

Reds Count on Young Hurlers To Improve Sixth Place Finish

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Young pitching is the main hope of the Cincinnati Reds to improve on last year's sixth-place finish in the National League.

The addition of Joey Jay, who never lived up to his early promise at Milwaukee, and the expected improvement of Jay Hook and Jim O'Toole give Manager Freddie Hutchinson new hope in the pitching department.

Bob Purkey (17-11) is the acknowledged ace of the staff. He is 31 but the other front line men are in the middle or low 20s. Hook (11-18) and O'Toole (12-12) are 24. Jay (9-8) at Milwaukee is 25 and Jim Maloney (2-5) is only 20. He has been bothered some by arm trouble this spring.

Another young man, Ken Hunt (16-6) with Columbia, S.C., in the Sally League, has looked very good in the exhibitions. Hunt, still on the Indianapolis roster, is 22. Claude Osteen, 21, is another

Lion Outfield Needs More Batting Power

By JOHN MORRIS

(This is the second in a series on the Penn State baseball team. Next, the pitchers and catchers.) Joe Bedenk can start one of the finest defensive outfields in the East. All he wants now is somebody who can get on base.

"We've got good speed and some guys who can throw the ball," Bedenk said. "We've just got to find somebody to hit the ball before we go to Gettysburg."

The Lions open the season against the Bullets April 5, but Bedenk hasn't had a real chance to see what his outfielders can do at the plate.

"This snow has hurt us, but we'll play anybody who shows they can hit," he said.

The Nittanians have captain Zeke DeLong ticketed for right field duty.

"We're counting on Zeke to give us the long ball," Bedenk said. The stocky veteran slumped to .222 last season after hitting .368 as a sophomore.

Lanky John Phillips is the leading candidate for the left field slot.

Phillips, a varsity basketball player, saw part-time duty last year, hitting .167.

"John has lots of speed and a great throwing arm," the Lion coach said, "but his hitting is a question mark."

Dick Pae is another speed merchant, but it remains to be seen how he will fare against good pitching.

Al Gursky, who teamed with Pae in Rip Engle's reddy backfield last fall, has shown flashes of power in the few batting practices the Lions have held. He is pressing Pae for the center field spot.

Sophomore Walt Bruschi, junior Spence McGraw and senior Brad Davis are other candidates for an outfield berth.



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