Grapplers Surprise Lehigh-But Lose, 15-12

State Cops Decisions n Thriller

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A takedown plus time advantage was the margin that kept Penn State's upset-minded h wrestlers from pulling-off the biggest shock of the young season Saturday night at Beth-Jehem, Pa.

Before 3,400 screaming fans, who were packed on bleachers, chairs and the floor of cozy Grace. Hall, the Lions came within a whisker of topping the nation's number one team, Lehigh, 15-12.

That takedown and time ad-

vantage came in the final period the turning point of the match. Sterling Sowden, 7-4, on of the critical match in the 167-1 Lion coach Charlie Speidel down, two reversals and ti pound class between State's Ron pulled quite a few stops in an at-Pifer and Lehigh's Dave Angell. tempt to bring home the victory, PRIOR TO Edwards' v

WHEN STATE'S 147-pound was the wrestling of 191-pounder Lions' Steve Erber dropped a 5-1 by ranting at officials. Eastern champion and Lehigh's Ed Pohland. undefeated Angell danced onto the

mat, the Engineers led by just **POHLAND MADE** the first start Barone lost an 8-1 battle to Kirk. 9-6. Angell worked for a quick of his varsity career at State and Pendleton, last year's EIWA takedown and then increased his it was quite an auspicious debut, champ. The loss gave Lehigh a lead to 4-0 with a second-period All he did was to completely domi-9-6 lead which upped to 15-6 with

cut Angell's lead to a single point scored two falls in his four vic- Bill Polacek. with a second period escape and tories and last year was runner-takedown. The Lion co-captain up to State's Johnston Oberly in 138-Haney. Penn State, dec. Baillie, tied the score at 4 with one of the contern because in the second period. takedown. The Lion co-captain up to State's Johnston Oberly in tied the score at 4-4 with an es- the eastern heavyweight finals. cape, in the last period to set the BUT SATURDAY he was no 7.4 stage for the final minute and ahalf of wrestling.

match for Pohland. "He handled, With time running out, Angell Moore like a baby and in fact 167-Angell, Lehigh, dec. Pifer, 6-4. managed a takedown and his rid-even had him pinned once, but 177-Detrishe, Lehigh, dec. Pifer, 6-4. ing time advantage gave the En-gineer a 6-4 decision. The win Speidel said. gave Lehigh a 12-6 lead and was Pohland wasn't the only Lion Referee: Paseal Perri.

to knock off an undefeated Engi-neer. Co-captain Phil Myer polished off heavyweight John Frosh Grapplers Drop Burns, 5-3, to give the Engineer his first defeat in four starts. It was Myer's third straight win and 19-12 Decision to Engineers

en regulars on the team.

Lehigh Saturday night in the descent entry, edged-by Doug Baille with John Gladish pinned State's 121-Warnke, Lehigh, dec. Ashbawgh, a last period escape, 5-4: Haney Matt Dunne at 7:23, and heavy- 15-3. and Baille battled on even terms weight John Illengwarth pinned 5-3. in the first period with an escape Dwight Burd of State at 5:36 to 137-Catalane. Pean State, dec. Tate, 4-6, and takedown each. Baille worked account for the bulk of the scor-for an escape in the second period ing for the Engineers, who now 1-2. at 4-4 with a takedown. That set the stage for Haney's last period Rick Catalano, and Mike Gill won escape.

Haney's win tied the meet score 12 points. at 3-3, after the Lions' Mark Piven had suffered his first loss of the season. Unbeaten Bill Merriam Ranting Wins Games—Coach scored a takedown, reversal and Ranting Wins Games—Coach

time to stop Piven, 5-0.

BOB HANEY. State's 130-pound Lions' first start of the season.

The other two are sophomores Penn State's freshman grapplers: Last year Lehigh edged the who came through with impres suffered a 19-12 defeat at the Lions by one point to give Coach sive wins against Lehigh. hands of perennial powerhouse Davey Adams' crew its only loss



PHIL MYER ... wins third straight *

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decision to Curt Alexander.

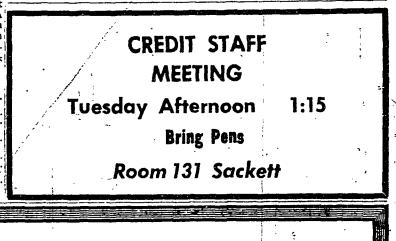
But Pifer came right back to Chuck Moore. 11-4. Moore had trixhe's 6-0 win over the Lion's ut Angell's lead to a single act of the chuck Moore.

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7-4. 157-Pendleton, Lehigh, dec. Barone, 8-1. 167-Angell, Lehigh, doc. Pifer, 6-4. 177-Detrixhe, Lehigh, dec. Polarek, 6-0. 191-Pohland, Penn State, doc. Moore, 11-4.

The other unbeaten sophomore, ST. LOUIS (AP) - St. Louis I'm' capable of going out of char-George Edwards, beat Engineer Coach John Benington, one of col-; acter and joining this gang, even Sterling Sowden, 7-4, on a take-down, two reversals and time. The lege basketball's nice guys, said Drake defeat, the toughest one of

terling Sowden, 7-4, on a take-own, two reversals and time. The lege basketball's nice guys, and Drake deteat, the trade-in tied the meet at 6-6. I yesterday he is concerned by the my life." growing ranks of coaches who Benington said most coaches PRIOR TO Edwards' win, the seem to be gaining an advantage make a real effort to contain the meet at 5-1 by ranting at officials. ecision to Curt Alexander. The thin, mild-mannered Billi- bly harder to do in basketball In the 157-pound class, John ken coach said, "I don't believe than in any college sport.



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