

Grapplers Surprise Lehigh—But Lose, 15-12

State Cops 4 Decisions In Thriller

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A take-down plus time advantage was the margin that kept Penn State's upset-minded wrestlers from pulling-off the biggest shock of the young season Saturday night at Bethlehem, 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 advantage came in the final period of the critical match in the 167-pound class between State's Ron Pifer and Lehigh's Dave Angell.

WHEN STATE'S 147-pound Eastern champion and Lehigh's undefeated Angell danced onto the mat, the Engineers led by just 9-6. Angell worked for a quick takedown and then increased his lead to 4-0 with a second-period reversal.

But Pifer came right back to cut Angell's lead to a single point with a second period escape and takedown. The Lion co-captain tied the score at 4-4 with an escape in the last period to set the stage for the final minute and a half of wrestling.

With time running out, Angell managed a takedown and his riding time advantage gave the Engineer a 6-4 decision. The win gave Lehigh a 12-6 lead and was



PHIL MYER
... wins third straight

the turning point of the match. Lion coach Charlie Speidel pulled quite a few stops in an attempt to bring home the victory, but perhaps the biggest surprise was the wrestling of 191-pounder Ed Pohland.

POHLAND MADE the first start of his varsity career at State and it was quite an auspicious debut. All he did was to completely dominate Lehigh's previously unbeaten Chuck Moore, 11-4. Moore had scored two falls in his four victories and last year was runner-up to State's Johnston Oberly in the eastern heavyweight finals.

BUT SATURDAY he was no match for Pohland. "He handled Moore like a baby and in fact even had him pinned once, but the referee wasn't quick enough," Speidel said.

Pohland wasn't the only Lion

to knock off an undefeated Engineer. Co-captain Phil Myer polished off heavyweight John Burns, 5-3, to give the Engineer his first defeat in four starts. It was Myer's third straight win and left him one of the three unbeaten regulars on the team.

The other two are sophomores who came through with impressive wins against Lehigh.

BOB HANEY, State's 130-pound entry, edged by Doug Baille with a last period escape, 5-4. Haney and Baille battled on even terms in the first period with an escape and takedown each. Baille worked for an escape in the second period but the Lion soph tied the score at 4-4 with a takedown. That set the stage for Haney's last period escape.

Haney's win tied the meet score at 3-3, after the Lions' Mark Piven had suffered his first loss of the season. Unbeaten Bill Merriam scored a takedown, reversal and time to stop Piven, 5-0.

The other unbeaten sophomore, George Edwards, beat Engineer Sterling Sowden, 7-4, on a takedown, two reversals and time. The win tied the meet at 6-6.

PRIOR TO Edwards' win, the Lions' Steve Erber dropped a 5-1 decision to Curt Alexander.

In the 157-pound class, John Barone lost an 8-1 battle to Kirk Pendleton, last year's EIWA champ. The loss gave Lehigh a 9-6 lead which upped to 15-6 with Angell's victory and Jim Detrixhe's 6-0 win over the Lion's Bill Polacek.

MAT SUMMARY
122—Merriam, Lehigh, dec. Piven, 5-0.
130—Haney, Penn State, dec. Baille, 5-4.
137—Alexander, Lehigh, dec. Erber, 5-1.
147—Edwards, Penn State, dec. Sowden, 7-4.
157—Pendleton, Lehigh, dec. Barone, 8-1.
167—Angell, Lehigh, dec. Pifer, 6-4.
177—Detrixhe, Lehigh, dec. Polacek, 6-0.
191—Pohland, Penn State, dec. Moore, 11-4.
Hwt.—Myer, Penn State, dec. Burns, 5-3.
Referee: Faocal Perri.

Frosh Grapplers Drop 19-12 Decision to Engineers

Penn State's freshman grapplers suffered a 19-12 defeat at the hands of perennial powerhouse Lehigh Saturday night in the Lions' first start of the season.

John Gladish pinned State's Matt Dunne at 7:23, and heavyweight John Illengwarth pinned Dwight Burd of State at 5:36 to account for the bulk of the scoring for the Engineers, who now sport a 2-0 record.

Sandy Gellis, Dave Ludwig, Rick Catalano, and Mike Gill won decisions to account for the Lions' 12 points.

Last year Lehigh edged the Lions by one point to give Coach Davey Adams' crew its only loss against three wins.

MAT SUMMARY
123—Warnke, Lehigh, dec. Ashbaugh, 15-3.
130—Ludwig, Penn State, dec. Kappler, 6-3.
137—Catalano, Penn State, dec. Tate, 4-0.
147—Gellis, Penn State, dec. Milligan, 3-2.
157—Lachenmayr, Lehigh, dec. Zabatta, 7-6.
167—Ferguson, Lehigh, dec. Kepler, 4-1.
177—Gill, Penn State, dec. Bushner, 5-2.
191—Gladish, Lehigh, pinned Dunne, 7:23.
Hwt. Illengwarth, Lehigh, pinned Burd, 5:36.

Ranting Wins Games—Coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis I'm capable of going out of character and joining this gang, even though I said I would after that Drake defeat, the toughest one of my life." Benington said most coaches seem to be gaining an advantage by ranting at officials. The thin, mild-mannered Billiken coach said, "I don't believe than in any college sport."

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