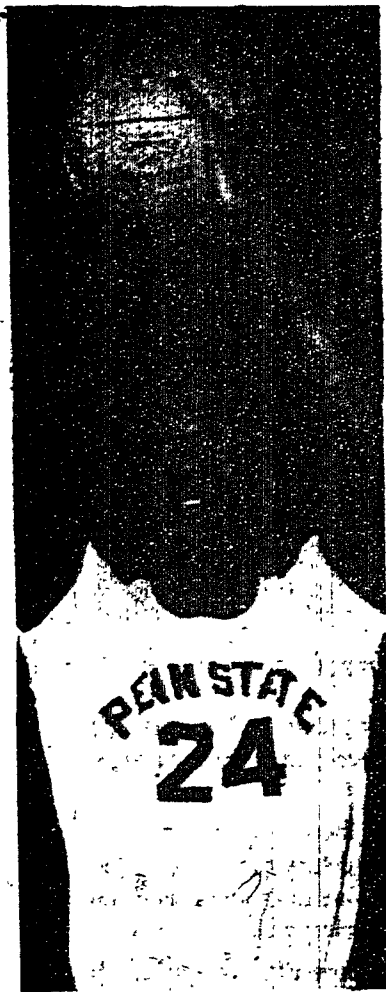


Bisons Kill Cagers' Tourney Hopes, 69-68



LOSING CAUSE: John Mitchell (left) and Gene Harris netted 19 and 17 points respectively for the Lion cagers last night against Bucknell, but it went for naught as State dropped a 69-68 decision at Lewisburg.

Last-Second Basket Gives Bucknell Win

By JIM KARL
Sports Editor

LEWISBURG, Pa., Feb. 13—Bill Fry, showboat sophomore who bothered Penn State all night long, dropped the Lions out of a possible NCAA Tournament berth when he hit a 30-foot push shot with eight seconds left here tonight to give Bucknell a 69-68 victory.

Fry's shot capped a hectic game that at times resembled a barroom brawl.

More than once Fry and Lion captain Gene Harris eyed each other with mayhem in mind.

HARRIS COULDN'T find the bucket early in the game and didn't get his first field goal until 31 minutes remained.

State fell behind 51-45 with 10 minutes left. The Lions pecked away and with seven minutes left tied the score at 53 all.

The lead see-sawed back and forth the remainder of the game, with neither team gaining more than a two-point advantage.

Harris regained his touch and

Frenchman Wins Ski Games Slalom

CHAMONIX, France (AP) — Charles Bozon of France sped through a howling blizzard in masterly style yesterday to win the special slalom race of the World Ski Games.

Bozon was wildly cheered by hundreds of supporters who braved the worst weather at a major international ski race in many years.

THE SNOWSTORM got worse from minute to minute as the 29 racers ran the two successive heats.

Bud Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Charles Ferries of Houghton, Mich., were in third and fourth places after the first heat. But in their second run they missed gates and were disqualified.

Billy Kidd, the 18-year-old newcomer from Stowe, Vt., was eighth and Jim Heuga of Tahoe City, Calif., 12th. It was an outstanding showing for the two considering the world calibre of the 22-nation field.

his 15 points in the last 10 minutes kept the Lions in the game.

STATE TOOK a 32-27 advantage into the dressing room at halftime—but Bucknell with Fry and Joe Steiner hitting consistently kept pecking away and took the lead at 43-42 with a little over 14 minutes left.

Fry won the home town fans' approval early in the game with his aggressive play, but he almost turned into the goat when he came up against State's half-court press.

He threw the ball away more than once enabling State to get layups and keep close to the Bisons.

Mitchell was the high scorer for State with 19 points followed by Harris with 17 and Hoffman with 16.

STEINER HAD 21 for Bucknell, 15 of them coming in the second half.

The Lions are now 10-8 and have a game against Army at Rec Hall Saturday. Bucknell is 5-12.

PENN STATE 61			BUCKNELL 69				
FG	F	TP	FG	F	TP		
Harris	5	7-12	15	Steiner	10	1-3	21
Hoffman	4	6-9	16	Fadden	4	1-2	9
Kart	1	6-3	3	Lampson	5	0-2	10
Mitchell	5	5-5	19	Fry	7	1-3	15
Phillips	6	1-2	13	Gentile	2	0-0	4
Hutchison	6	1-2	1	Hester	5	0-1	10
				Sedler	0	0-0	0
Totals	27	14-24	68	Totals	33	3-11	69

IM Handball Doubles

Competition in the IM fraternity handball doubles gets underway tonight on the Rec Hall courts.

A total of 122 fraternity and 48 independent men have registered for the four week, single-elimination tournament. Rules are the same as for handball singles.

Swordmen Outsmart Themselves

By IRA MULLER

Penn State's fencers were just a little too cagey for their own good Saturday and therein lies the tale of the Nittany swordmen's 14-13 loss to Syracuse.

"We outfoxed ourselves," Lion coach Dick Klima said yesterday. "We knew that they would be expecting our pressing game. So, we switched at the last minute to a slower game, attacking and then retreating and trying to pick them up coming in. Unfortunately, it didn't work out."

KLIMA WAS especially pleased with the performance of Chick Poole, State's number three sabre man, who won two of his three bouts. Poole, a sophomore, lost only to Marty Dako, son of the Syracuse coach.

"Poole fenced very well," Klima said. "He showed a big improvement from last week (Poole went 1-2 in State's opening triumph over Johns Hopkins). I expect him to really do well in the future."

Syracuse coach Alexander Dako was pleased with the strong performance of his veteran epee team. Ed Siedlick and Art Hacker, the top Orange epee men, won five of six bouts between them. Last year Siedlick won the North Atlantic Conference epee title. Hacker was sixth in the same competition, missing third place on a count of touches.

THERE WERE just three seniors—all the rest were sophomores—on Syracuse's squad. The seniors were Siedlick, the Orange captain, Hacker and Mike Shepard, who won two of three foil bouts. Larry Chamberlain and Art Fuller will take 3-0 records into State's next meet against Cornell Feb. 24. The Lions were originally slated to meet Pitt Saturday but the meet was cancelled because the Panthers failed to field a team this year.

Schedule Opens April 3

Penn State's spring sports schedule will get underway on April 3rd when the Lions entertain Gettysburg in a baseball game.

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Lack of Team Depth Hampers Gymnasts

By JOHN MORRIS

Saturday's 54-42 loss to Army at West Point has probably eliminated Penn State from the race for the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League championship, but the Lions are still one of the favorites for the national title.

The EIGL crown is awarded to the league member with the best record in league competition, whereas the national title will be decided in the national championships at Albuquerque, N.M. next month.

Army and Syracuse, who tied in their encounter at Army two weeks ago, are the front-runners in the EIGL now. A Penn State win over Syracuse this Saturday would practically clinch the eastern championship for the Cadets.

To win a dual meet, a team must have depth as well as one or two outstanding performers. But a good showing by a small number of performers can earn a national championship.

PENN STATE HAS illustrated this fact, winning the national crown for the last three years while winning the EIGL title only one time.

Coach Gene Wettstone's Lions always boast the top gymnasts in the East, but not always the team depth necessary to take eastern honors.

Not since 1959, and the gymnastics triumvirate of Armando Vega, Lee Cunningham and Jay Werner, has Penn State been able to earn eastern and national crowns in the same year.

SOME OBSERVERS felt that this might be the year for the Lions to turn the double trick, but it was the same old story at Army Saturday.

Team captain Greg Weiss and junior star Tommy Seward turned in their usual brilliant performances, but Army triumphed as several of State's second-line performers failed to hit their routines.

Seward continued undefeated in



TOM SEWARD-

the free exercise and Weiss remained unbeatable on the side horse and parallel bars, but the Lion stars couldn't do it alone.

Besides Weiss and Seward, only Bud Williams on the still rings scored as high as third against the Cadets.

WEISS WITH 15 points and Seward with 14 accounted for over two-thirds of the Lions' 42-point total.

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