

Matmen 'Squeak' Over Rutgers, 20-9 3 Swim Teams Advance To Flight Quarter-Finals

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There is a theory called the "Law of Averages" which states that the good eventually balances the bad and that Lady Luck, who sometimes seems to turn her face, will eventually smile.

This Law of Averages, which had eluded Penn State's wrestling team in losses to Pitt and Lehigh and a tie to Syracuse, finally caught up with the Lions and helped them to a 20-9 victory over a strong Rutgers team Saturday night in New Brunswick, N.J.

SOMETIMES A SCORE doesn't begin to indicate the real story of an athletic event and that certainly was the case Saturday. The Lions, who ended the season with a 6-3-1 mark, rode to victory on the strength of two one-point decisions at 123 and 130 and a last second victory at 147.

These wins broke the back of any Rutgers hopes for a win and gave State too great a lead for the Scarlet to overcome in the heavier weights.

"I knew if we were to win, we'd have to come out on top at 123 and 130," Dick Voliva, Rutgers' disappointed coach said after the match.

At 123 State's Denny Slattery won his first of the season when he scored a two-point takedown with 31 seconds remaining and



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then hung onto Don Pike to win 7-6. Pike, who wrestled with a broken nose, almost reversed with eight seconds to go, but Slattery rolled with the attempt and held on to win.

After the standing room only crowd of better than 2,000 had quieted down, Bob Haney and Rutgers' Dick Janish hooked up in a thriller that was even closer.

HANEY SCORED an escape with 1:28 to go, but Janish re-

turned the favor with 15 seconds remaining. The Lion sophomore won his ninth of the year, 2-1, by having 1:12 riding time. (It takes a one minute advantage to receive a point.)

Mike Leta, Rutgers' 130-pound eastern champ two years ago, took care of Dick Campbell at 137, 6-3, with three take-downs, an escape and riding time.

With State leading, 6-3, George Edwards pulled off a big win when he scored a three-point maneuver with two seconds remaining to beat Hank Mazzoni, 6-3. Trailing 3-2, Edwards worked for an escape and then dove into his man for a takedown with two seconds left. Riding time advantage gave him the final point.

RON PIFER ENDED his brilliant dual meet career at State by pinning Bob Nelson with a double leg grapevine at 5:32.

At 167 Bill Polacek won his first match with a 5-0 rout of Rutgers' Kevin Leary. Phil Myer closed out the Lions' scoring with an 8-2 win over Carl Skuba at 177.

Dennis Focht and Ed Scharer remained unbeaten for Rutgers with 6-4 decisions over Ed Pohland and Dick Walker respectively.

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123—Slattery, (PS), dec. Pike, 7-6.
130—Haney, (PS), dec. Janish, 2-1.
137—Leta, (R), dec. Campbell, 6-3.
147—Edwards, (PS), dec. Mazzoni, 6-3.
157—Pifer, (PS), pinned Nelson, 5:32.
167—Polacek, (PS), dec. Leary, 5-0.
177—Myer, (PS), dec. Skuba, 8-2.
191—Focht, (R), dec. Pohland, 6-4.
Hwt.—Scharer, (R), dec. Walker, 6-4.
Referee: Pasqual Perri.

Intramural director Dutch Sykes salvaged a diving board from storage at White Hall to keep IM swimming competition moving at Glennland Pool last night.

The old diving board was broken during warmups for the event last week. Sykes scouted around campus and promptly came up with the "slightly used" spring-board.

ALL ACTION TOOK place in the fraternity division last night with Phi Gamma Delta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Beta Theta Pi winning their meets to join Chi Phi as quarter-final competitors in Flight 2. In its last outing, Chi Phi edged Delta Phi, 17-16. Phi Gam defeated Delta Tau Delta, 30-10. Delta Tau Delta swept the backstroke for its only first and second places of the meet. Art Pangburn copped first place honors with a time of 46.8

seconds, followed by teammate Art Reynolds.

Dick Barton won the freestyle with a time of 34.5 seconds, Jay Stormer garnered the breast-stroke, Tom Parry won diving, and a relay team consisting of Barton, Chris Mader, Jim Bruce, and Bob Cole led Phi Gam's scoring.

ONLY ONE MEMBER of Alpha Sigma Phi showed up for the meet against Tau Kappa Epsilon and TKE won the meet, 32-6. Alpha Sig forfeited the breast-stroke, diving, and relay to give its opponent the overwhelming victory.

In the other meet of the night, Beta Theta Pi swamped Alpha Tau Omega, 29-10. For Beta Theta Pi, Herm Weber took the freestyle in 32.6 seconds, Lee Smith won the backstroke, Chuck Chaser copped the breaststroke, and the relay team won.

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Weiss Earns Praise: 'State's Best Ever'

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Penn State gymnastics coach Gene Wettstone isn't a man to throw praise around loosely. The tall, slim mentor has seen too many outstanding gymnasts to exaggerate the abilities of any one of them.

In his 23 years of coaching at State, Wettstone has produced 19 individual NCAA champions, 49 individual Eastern champs and five Olympians. A Penn State gymnast has won the Eastern All-Around title for ten years in succession.

But of all the stars Wettstone has coached to greatness, he has accorded Greg Weiss the highest praise: "He is the best."

ALL WEISS DID to earn this lofty praise was turn in the greatest one-man show in the history of Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League competition.

The stone-faced captain completely dominated the EIGL individual championships at West Point, N.Y., Friday and Saturday, winning his third straight Eastern All-Around and sweeping three of the individual titles.

"His performance in the East-erns proves that he is Penn State's greatest gymnast ever," Wettstone enthused.

In addition to his All-Around title and three firsts—on the side horse, still rings and parallel bars—he finished second on the horizontal bar and fourth in the floor exercise. His 194.5 on the p-bars was the highest individual score in the tournament.

WETTSTONE ALSO praised the showings of Tom Seward, F. P. Sforza and Bud Williams.

Seward finished second to Weiss in the All-Around competition, second to Pitt's Earl McConnell in the free exercise, third on the horizontal bar, fourth on the side horse and eighth on the still rings.

Williams, a converted rope-climber, was second to Weiss on the still rings. The Lion junior totaled 176.5 points in his first year of rings competition.

Sforza also turned in his best performance of the year, finishing third to Ron Orlick and Corky Voas of Syracuse in the long horse vault.

Dave Heilbrun and Gene Harlacher also placed for the Nit-

tanies, Heilbrun was eighth in the long horse vault and Harlacher finished eighth in the free exercise.

SUMMARIES:

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. McConnell, Pitt, 188.5; 2. Seward, Penn State, 187.5; 3. Voas, Syracuse, 184.5; 4. Weiss, Penn State, 178; 5. Perikstein, Temple, 172.5; 6. Orlick, Syracuse, 171.5; 7. Day, Navy, 168.5; 8. Harlacher, Penn State, 165.5.

SIDE HORSE: 1. Weiss, Penn State, 185; 2. Grimaldi, Syracuse, 175; 3. Wallace, Army, 171.5; 4. Seward, Penn State, 164; 5. Haldeman, Syracuse, 167.5; 6. Leininger, Syracuse, and Wiley, Temple, 164.5 (tie); 8. James, Pitt, 148.

STILL RINGS—1. Weiss, Penn State, 186.5; 2. Williams, Penn State, 176.5; 3. Mooring, Army, 175.5; 4. Silver, Navy, 174; 5. Grey, Army, 169.5; 6. Worthington, Army, 169; 7. Leininger, Syracuse, 163.5; 8. Seward, Penn State, 159.5.

LONG HORSE VAULT: 1. Orlick, Syracuse, 183.5; 2. Voas, Syracuse, 181.75; 3. Sforza, Penn State, 178.5; 4. Mooring, Army, 174.75; 5. Ischinger, Army, 174.25; 6. Lehner, Pitt, 173.75; 7. Black, Springfield, 172.75; 8. Heilbrun, Penn State, 171.5.

PARALLEL BARS: 1. Weiss, Penn State, 184.5; 2. Henderson, Army, and Poplar, Syracuse, 176.5 (tie); 4. Koch, Navy, 173; 5. Balderson, Army, and Zamernik, Pitt, 169 (tie); 7. Franchuk, Pitt, 167.5; 8. Tunc, Navy, 161.

HORIZONTAL BAR: 1. Coats, Army, 188; 2. Weiss, Penn State, 178.5; 3. Seward, Penn State, 178; 4. Heit, Army, 173.5; 5. Hutchinson, Navy, 164; 6. Alt, Springfield, 163; 7. Voas, Syracuse, 161; 8. Wright, Temple, 148.

TUMBLING: 1. Voas, Syracuse, 96; 2. McConnell, Pitt, 89; 3. Orlick, Syracuse, 87.5; 4. Black, Springfield, 82.5.

FLYING RINGS: 1. Slet, Navy, 87.5; 2. Poplar, Syracuse, 81; 3. Lehner, Pitt, 76.5; 4. Androusova, Temple, 54.5.

ROPE CLIMB: 1. Pfingstag, Navy, 3.7 sec.; 2. Androusova, Temple, 3.8 sec.; 3. Gluck, Navy, 4.3 sec.; 4. Sartor, Army, 5.0 sec.

TRAMPOLINE: 1. Voas, Syracuse, 90; 2. Black, Springfield, 88; 3. Weiss, Temple, 82.5; 4. Slet, Navy, 80.

Zeit, Sky Give Phi Ep Handball Doubles Crown
Vern Zeit and Phil Sky of Phi Epsilon Pi teamed up to defeat Jim Bush and Bob Jones of Triangle for the handball doubles crown in intramural fraternity action at Rec Hall last night. Zeit and Sky won by scores of 21-20 and 21-18 over their Triangle opponents to eke out the close decision.

Colorado State Added to NIT

NEW YORK (AP)—It'll take one playoff, and maybe another, to fill the field for the National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden March 15-24.

The NIT added its 10th team, Colorado State University, yesterday. That leaves two spots open for the 25th version of the tourney.

ONE WILL GO to the loser of the Cincinnati-Bradley playoff for the Missouri Valley Conference crown.

St. Joseph's (Pa.) can produce a similar deadlock in the Mid-Atlantic by beating Lafayette tonight. The result would be an 8-1 league mark, the same as Temple's, and another playoff. The NCAA would grab the winner, the NIT the loser.

COLORADO STATE University wound up third in the Skyline. Winner Utah had to pass a tournament bid because it is in the bad graces of the NCAA. Runner-up Utah State got the NCAA nod, with Colorado State tapped by the NIT. The Rams were 18-8 on the season, and will be making their second appearance in the Garden classic.

Defending Providence, Navy, Dayton, St. John's (N.Y.), Duquesne, Loyola of Chicago, Houston, Wichita and Holy Cross make up the rest of the NIT field.

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