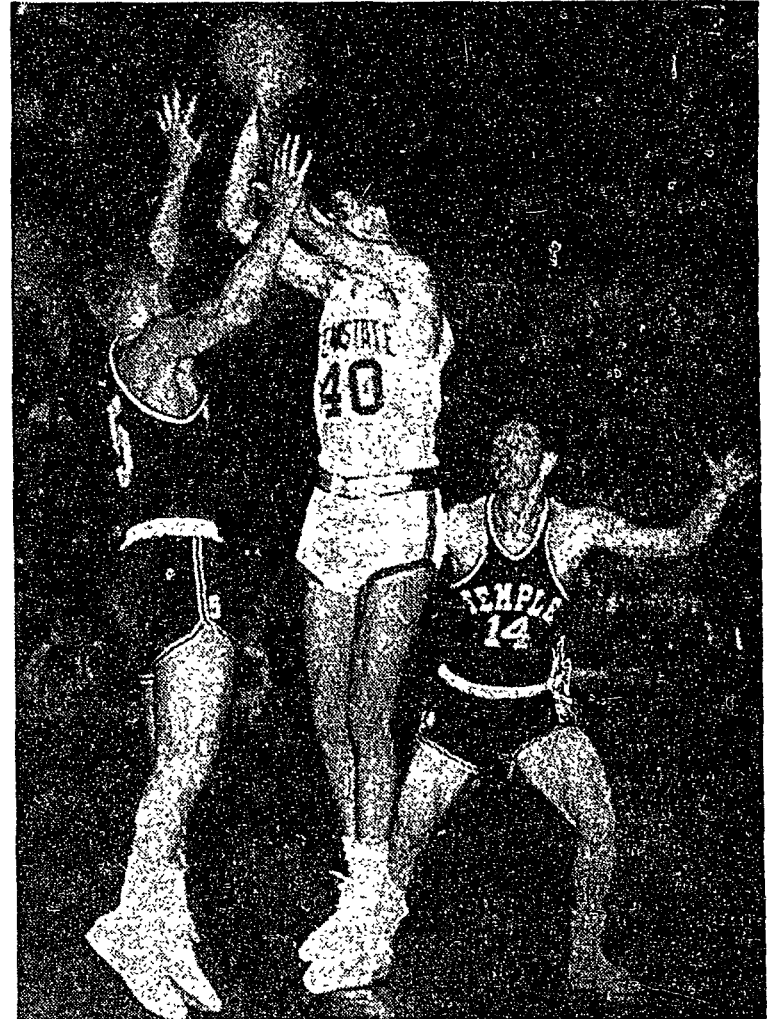


CLEAN SWEEP: Temple's Joe Krisciunas (21) pulls down a rebound in Saturday's Penn State-Temple game won by the Lions, 78-51. Others in the picture are Charlie Lodge (15), Tom Malinchak (50) and Ron Avillion (40).



UP AND IN: Sophomore guard Bob Weiss drives past Howie Turnoff of Temple to score an easy lay-up in Saturday's game at jam-packed Rec Hall.



SWISH: That was the outcome of a Ron Avillion jump shot against Temple. Guarding the Lion sophomore are Frank Bishop (5) and Gary Kasmer (14). Avillion scored 14 points in the 78-51 win Saturday night in Rec Hall.

Cagers Upset Temple, 78-51

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The word of the day for the Penn State basketball team might well be Hoffman. Earl by first name, forward by position, leading scorer by ability and amazing shot "by-golly."

At least that's the impression the 6-5 senior co-captain left with the nearly 6,000 fans that filled Rec Hall until it was bulging Saturday night to watch a rejuvenated Penn State team upset heavily favored Temple, 78-51.

And if anyone isn't taking Hoffman or his State teammates seriously, the Lions are ready to challenge them. Bucknell could be State's seventh victim in nine starts tonight when the Bisons host coach John Egli's cagers at 8:30 in Lewisburg.

ALL HOFFMAN did to the Owls was shoot a cool 62 per cent from the field as he chalked up 26 points, haul in 11 rebounds and bounce right into the top 40 scorers in the nation. The outburst upped Hoffman's average to 20 points a game and the hot

shooting hand drove his field goal percentage to 46 per cent.

"He's an amazing shot," Temple coach Harry Litwack said in the dressing room following the game. "He played a wonderful game."

All the talk wasn't about Hoffman though.

"This is as good a Penn State team as I've ever seen," Litwack said quietly while smoking a cigar. "They really outthusted us. We just got a real, old fashioned, humiliating pasting. I have no excuses. The officials were good and Penn State was good."

A happy Egli agreed with Litwack.

"THE BOYS really wanted to play ball tonight," Egli said after his 104th coaching victory. "This was our best game by far. If we had hustled like this in all our other games, we wouldn't have had any trouble being unbeaten."

For Temple the game was a nightmare as the nation's fourth best defensive team saw its man-to-man defense riddled by the sharp-shooting off Hoffman and the driving play of Ron Avillion, Bobby Donato and Bob Weiss.

State surprised the Owls by using a full court man-to-man

press every time the Lions scored a foul shot. The alert Nittanians picked off several stray passes, converted them into baskets and then dropped off the press as the bewildered Owls dropped their third game in ten starts.

State drew first blood when Donato converted a foul shot and then battled back and forth with Temple until gaining the lead for good at 7-6 on a drive by Weiss with 4:27 gone. Two minutes later, the Lions had built the lead to 16-6 and the rout was beginning to take form.

The Cagers took a commanding 37-24 lead to the locker room at halftime mainly on the shooting of Hoffman, Weiss and Avillion.

IN THE SECOND HALF the Lions lead climbed to 60-38 with 11:30 left and Litwack cleared his bench. Two minutes later Egli emptied the State bench. Unable to crack the tough State zone defense, Temple fell behind 68-41 on Hoffman's next-to-last goal with 7:15 left.

Bucknell will be gunning to even its second record at 5-5 tonight. The Bisons have beaten Maine, 66-64, and Brown, 82-69, to win the Downeast Classic, and Washington & Jefferson, 53-49, and Cornell, 67-59. They lost to Temple, 61-53, Buffalo, 78-72, Gettysburg, 77-64, La Salle, 105-55, and Navy 67-58.

Center Lorry Hathaway leads the Bisons in scoring with an 16.6 average followed by guard John Matthews with 14.2 and forward Sam Penrose with 13.2. The other Bucknell starters are forward Don Hester and guard Tom Johnson.

Egli plans to go with the same lineup that handled Temple, but if he runs into trouble, center Terry Hoover may get the call. Hoover, who broke his finger in the Syracuse win, has recovered and has been given the OK to play.

Besides Hoffman and Avillion at the forwards, State will start Weiss and Donato at the guard spots and Tom Malinchack at center.

PENN STATE			TEMPLE		
	FG	F T		FG	F T
Donato	8	9	Bishop	3	7
Avillion	7	14	Fitzgerald	1	4
Malinchak	3	9	Kasmer	1	6
Hoffman	13	26	Snethen	2	4
Weiss	5	11	Harrin'on	2	7
Kurt	0	2	Richardson	3	6
Ludwig	0	1	Boyle	1	2
Marin	2	4	Turnoff	0	2
Hutchinson	0	0	Lodge	1	2
Carr	0	0	Lang	0	0
Jones	1	0	Kramer	5	8
			Adams	0	0
			Kric'nas	0	1
Totals	34	107	Totals	19	51

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Frosh Cagers Open Season

Snowy Simpson's highly touted Penn State freshman cagers will open their 7-game schedule at 6:45 tonight, meeting Bucknell at Lewisburg in a preliminary to the Lion-Bison varsity contest.

Given considerable scholarship aid for the first time, the Lion brass has assembled what they considered a fine squad.

Simpson said that he would start Tony Neumayr of Attica, Ind., and Carver Clinton of Selma, Ala., at the forwards; Ray Saunders of West Mifflin, Pa., at center and Jim Reed of Richland Twp., Pa., and Jerry Roseboro of Hickory, Pa., at guards.

Bucknell's two big guns, both Pennsylvania boys, are Walter Narcum and Larry Kozalla. The Bison frosh are 3-2.

7 Coaches Defy ECAC Edict

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven college track coaches, headed by George Eastment of Manhattan, said yesterday they would defy the Eastern College Athletic Conference and send teams to AAU-sanctioned meets during the indoor season.

The ECAC, in a letter mailed to its 130-member schools last week, "strongly urged" that they boycott the indoor meets unless they were sanctioned by the United

States Track and Field Federation. The (USTFF) with the backing of the NCAA, has been trying to wrest sanctioning power from the AAU. The ECAC, in turn, is a member of the NCAA.

The indoor season gets under way Saturday with the Boston Knights of Columbus Games. The meet has not sought USTFF sanction.

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3 Lions Ink Pro Grid Pacts

Three Penn State football players have signed professional football contracts.

End Dave Robinson, first draft choice of the NFL Champion Green Bay Packers, agreed to terms in a taxicab just outside the Gator Bowl stadium.

Halfback Roger Kochman and tackle Chuck Sieminski were

signed by the Buffalo Bills and San Francisco 49ers respectively.

Three other Lion gridgers are still considering pro offers. Halfback Al Gursky is considering an offer by the New York Giants, guard Joe Blasenstein is negotiating with the Hamilton Tiger Cats, and fullback Dave Hayes is talking with the Baltimore Colts.

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