

# Cagers Win in Overtime, 88-83

## Lions Extend Season Mark To Nifty 7-2

By DEAN BILLICK  
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LEWISBURG, Pa., Jan. 8—Penn State and Bucknell played a game of Ripley's Believe It or Not basketball here tonight in a fantastically close game and when it was over State had pulled off an 88-83 overtime victory over an inspired Bison squad.

Led by senior co-captain Earl Hoffman, who dumped in 30 points, the Lions led for most of the game, then fell behind near the end of regulation play, only to come charging back to a 74-74 tie with just 44 seconds remaining.

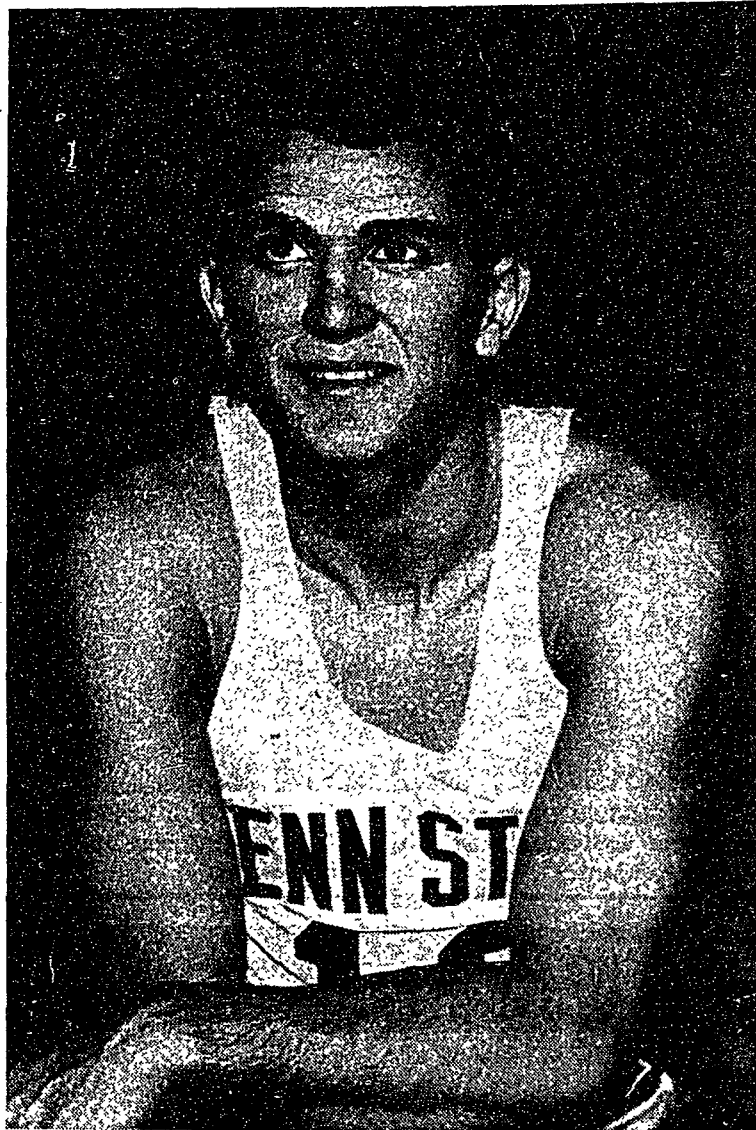
WITH A SMALL but nearly riotous crowd on its feet, Hoffman stole the ball for the Lions and was fouled. He calmly dumped in two foul shots and State held a 76-74 margin.

With just five seconds remaining, Bison Lorry Hathaway, who had the best night of his career with 34 points, drove for a layup that tied the game at 76-76 and sent the game into a five minute overtime period.

Bucknell scored first with a foul shot, but Hoffman put the Lions into a 78-77 lead on two foul conversions. Tom Johnson hit a jumper from the corner to regain the lead for Bucknell, 79-78, but Hoffman returned the favor and State led, 80-79.

HATHAWAY then hit on another of his patented corner jump shots and with 3:29 left in the overtime period, the Bisons led 81-80. Ron Avillion got two foul shots for State and with 1:30 remaining, the Lions once again had the lead, 82-81.

State got the ball under the Bison basket and then Bob



BOB DONATO  
... shifty Lion playmaker

Donato and Bob Weiss put on a Globetrotter-like freezing act. Finally Weiss drew a foul and calmly dumped in two points to make it 84-81. With 17 seconds remaining, Sam Penrose put the Bisons within one point at 84-83 with a jump shot.

With eight seconds left Donato drew a 1-1 foul and converted both to make it 86-83.

DONATO THEN stole the ball as the Bisons brought it upcourt

and as the buzzer sounded the peppery little field general drew another foul. As the fans swarmed over the floor, Donato converted both shots to make the final score 88-83.

Besides Hoffman's 30 points, Avillion had 15 for State and Weiss was next with 14. It was State's seventh win in nine starts. Bucknell is now 4-6.

Bucknell coach Gene Evans called his team's performance the best of the season. Evans singled out the play of Hoffman as the big difference.

"He's one of the best shots I've ever seen," Evans said in the gloom of his locker room.

State led throughout most of the first half but took only a 38-37 lead into the locker room at half-time.

### Ashburn Leaves Mets

TILDEN, Neb. (AP) — Richie Ashburn, a member of a select group with 2,500 or more major league hits, has retired from baseball for the broadcasting field.

The veteran outfielder said yesterday he had been hired as a member of a three-man team which will broadcast the Philadelphia Phillies games next season.

## Gymnastics Season Appears Promising

By JOE GRATA

Three things perennially common to Penn State gymnastics are (1) a strong squad of performers consistently ranked among the nation's best, (2) an educated, partisan and enthusiastic audience and (3) Gene Wettstone, the Lions' excellent coach.

This season a nucleus of seven lettermen return to give Wettstone another highly-ranked team. And again State's gymnasts promise to give a favorable account of themselves in six scheduled dual-meets and the EIGL and NCAA Gymnastics Tournaments.

Among the returning monogram winners are seniors Bud Williams, Tom Seward, Gene Harlacher and Bill Schlegel, Ray Cherry, John Bruning and F. P. Sforza, all juniors, are the other lettermen returning to perform before the enthusiastic Rec Hall crowds.

ONLY THREE regulars are missing from last year's contingent which racked up a respectable 5-1 record, but those three leave a large gap to be filled before the Nittanians' opener at Springfield on Jan. 19.

Among those graduated veterans is the incomparable Greg Weiss, twice Easterns All-around champion and once NCAA All-around crown winner.

Weiss was long a favorite performer of State followers. Last year the versatile star executed a near-perfect routine on the parallel bars which earned him a school record-breaking score of 296 points and thrilled an estimated 6,200 fans in Rec Hall to no end.

Also graduated from last year's squad were Lew Capetola, a long horse vaulter, and Larry Yohn, a standout on the still rings. Yohn

is presently doing graduate work at the University.

BUT WETTSTONE and his gymnastics proteges are well aware that meets aren't won on past reputations and performances. For years, the Nittanians have rated as one of the top five teams in the nation. This year promises to be no exception.

Besides Springfield, State will compete against Temple, Navy, Syracuse, Pitt and a strong Army squad. Last year the Cadets handed the Lions their only setback in six starts and shoved them out of the running for Eastern honors.

In the EIGL Tournament last year, State's delegates finished in a runner-up spot for the second consecutive season. In the 1962 NCAA's, held at Albuquerque, N.M., the Lions dropped to a disappointing ninth place ranking following a 1961 season as national title holders.

WHEN THE Nittanians failed to recapture the NCAA crown, it marked the first time a State entry hadn't won the championship since 1958.

Wettstone feels confident that the 1963 season could prove to be a most pleasant one.

"Our outlook is very promising with a number of veterans and plenty of reserves to battle for positions in the lineup," Wettstone said recently. "This should also ease the situation when injuries crop up."

## NCAA, AAU Await Kennedy's Word

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Amateur Athletic Union are ready to begin arbitration of the raging amateur sports dispute as soon as President Kennedy gives the word.

The step toward at least temporary peace in the 2½-year disagreement developed at the NCAA convention here yesterday, when the colleges announced they were ready to begin arbitration as a member of the U.S. Track and Field Federation and the AAU

said in New York that it was agreeable to them.

The President called for arbitration last month, and appointed Gen. Douglas MacArthur as referee, when the battle over administration of amateur sports flared again after disagreement over terms of a coalition plan worked out in New York in November.

He urged both sides to submit to binding arbitration before U.S. sports prestige was wrecked by a squabble that was affecting eligibility of U.S. athletes for the Olympics.

## Frosh Cagers Win Opener, 76-59

LEWISBURG, Pa., Jan. 8—The Penn State freshman cagers overcame first-half jitters here tonight to soundly trounce Bucknell, 76-59, in a preliminary battle to the Lions-Bison varsity contest.

After being held to a 34-33 halftime lead, the frosh, behind the shooting of Carver Clinton and Ray Saunders, slowly pulled away to record an easy win.

Great defense in the second half by the entire squad was instrumental in the win.

Clinton and Saunders paced State with 20 and 18 points respectively. Bucknell's John Fuehrer led all scorers with 22 points.

This was the opening game of

the season for coach Snowy Simpson's highly-touted frosh. Bucknell is now 3-3 for the season.

State will again see action Saturday afternoon when they travel to Altoona to face the Altoona Center.

The summaries:

PENN STATE				BUCKNELL				
	G	F	M	G	F	M	T	
Neumayr	2	0	0	4	Friend	0	0	0
Clinton	9	2	3	20	Kozella	5	1	1
Saunders	9	0	1	18	Narcum	5	1	4
Reed	5	2	3	13	Douglas	1	0	2
Roseboro	2	0	0	4	Fuehrer	6	10	22
Tedrow	2	2	3	6	Son'eman	5	1	2
Schiff	4	0	0	8	Sloper	1	0	0
Getnick	1	0	0	2				
McClure	0	1	2	1				
Reilly	0	1	2	1				
Bossman	0	0	0	0				
Totals	34	8	14	76	Totals	23	13	59

Score by halves:  
 Penn State ..... 34 42-76  
 Bucknell ..... 33 26-59

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