

Nittanies Romp Over Gettysburg

Weiss Scores 23 in 72-54 Triumph; Cagers Enhance Tournament Chances

By DEAN BILLICK
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GETTYSBURG, Pa., Feb. 12—On the blackboard in the Penn State locker room before tonight's game at Gettysburg, someone scribbled the following words: "PS 12-3, NCAA-NIT here we come! Beat Gettysburg." Exactly two hours later it changed to "PS 13-3, NCAA-NIT here we come!"

That pretty much told the story as Penn State simply over-powered Gettysburg, 72-54, and convinced 1,900 Bullet fans that the Lions have their best team in years.

Led by sophomore flash Bob Weiss, who scored 23 points, the Lions bounced back from a sloppy first half and pulled to us much as a 22 point lead.

The Nittanies trailed throughout most of the first half but gained the lead for good with 1:30 remaining on a jump shot from the key by Earl Hoffman.

"This is the best State club I've seen since I've been here," Gettysburg coach Bob Hulton said after the game. "They are tough and have good personnel. This is the first time I've seen Weiss and he certainly impressed me."

WEISS INCIDENTALLY set a new Gettysburg field house scoring record for an opposing player with his 23 points. The field house here has been used for only 1 1/2 years but the old high was 21 points.

Lion coach John Egli was pleased with his Lions' performance although he admitted they were sluggish in the first half.

"It took us a while to get going but we started working well in the second half," Egli said. "Hoover really made a big difference. When he got in there he started scoring and did a good job. Malinchak also helped on the boards. We shouldn't forget these two big boys."

HOOVER HIT for six points but he had two timely baskets and many key rebounds.

The win put State one-fifth closer to the tournament bid it is seeking. The Lions, now 13-3, meet Army at West Point Saturday and are off to their best start since 1954.

High-scoring Earl Hoffman was



EARL HOFFMAN



JOHN EGLI

held to 15 points, six under his season average. Gettysburg played the Lion senior with a pressing man-to-man defense and Hoffman was repeatedly forced to hurry his shots. He hit on only 5 of 15 attempts.

Co-captain John Mitchell got a good test of his leg and the senior guard put on his best performance of the season. Mitchell entered the game late in the first

half and stole three passes that State quickly converted into baskets.

AGAIN IT WAS the fast breaking and close ballhawking of State in the second half that gained the victory. With Mitchell, Weiss and Bob Donato stealing the ball and fast breaking, State pulled to a 64-42 lead before Egli cleared his bench.

Donato had 15 points to tie with Hoffman for second-high scoring honors.

PENN STATE		GETTYSBURG	
FG	FT	FG	FT
Hoffman	5 5 15	Gaeckler	1 1 3
Avillion	4 1 9	Kepler	7 4 18
Malinchak	0 0 0	Koerner	6 0 12
Weiss	9 5 23	Ecker	0 0 0
Donato	6 3 15	Strouse	3 7 13
Hoover	2 2 6	Szekda	4 0 8
Mitchell	1 0 2		
Carr	1 0 2		
Totals	28 16 72	Totals	21 12 54

Only a triumph by Jim Hicks in the free style prevented a clean sweep by Fayette in last night's other meet. Hicks nipped Fayette's Tom Kelanic in 38.5.

FAYETTE scored with Brian Giersch in the backstroke (41.5), Jerry Weaver in the breaststroke (54.6) and Jack Yocum in diving. Fayette's relay quartet of Kelanic, Giersch, Paul Gackebach and Joe Conley won in 1:08.9.

Lehmer, Pollock Advance

Dave Lehmer of Sigma Chi and Andy Pollock of Pi Lambda Phi advanced to the finals of paddleball in fraternity action last night. Lehmer beat Val Djurdjevic of Alpha Sigma Phi, 21-5, 21-9, and Pollock bumped Bill Shoop of Sigma Phi Epsilon, 21-5, 21-13.

Wrestlers Eye Win Over Eastern Power

By JIM BUKATA

Penn State's chances of upsetting highly ranked Syracuse in wrestling this week seem mighty slim, but the Lions aren't making the trip to New York just to put in an appearance.

"We're going to beat them and that's it," captain George Edwards said yesterday. "In fact we're going to win our last three matches."

THE ENTHUSIASM of the entire squad is high and even coach Charlie Speidel is hopeful.

"Although they have really whipped powerhouses like Pitt and Lehigh, most of the wins in the individual bouts were real close," Speidel said. "With a little luck, some of the the matches could have gone the other way and the team scores would have been close."

However, the veteran Lion coach said that the Orange are still a powerful team.

"They have a great squad with a strong corps of wrestlers," Speidel added. "They have good balance and their heavyweights are tremendous."

SPEIDEL SAID that his Lions could go to Syracuse and get beaten badly. However, he also added that the team is lucky in that the strong wrestlers from both teams will meet each other.

"If we can sweep these bouts, then we stand a good chance," Speidel said. "Of course, it's hard to hope for something like that."

Key bouts Saturday will find undefeated Bob Haney meeting unbeaten but once tied Bethel "Sonny" Greenhalgh at 130 pounds. Greenhalgh handed the Lion wrestler his only loss of the dual meet season last year. He owns a tie with Pitt's great sophomore Mike Johnson this season.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT bout will have captain George Edwards (6-0) meeting Dick Slutsky (5-0). The two didn't wrestle in last year's meet as Edwards dropped to 137 for the bout. Slutsky lost, 5-4, to Ron Pifer.

At 191 pounds, the Lions' Ed Pohland will risk his unblemished 3-0 mark against footballer Gerry Everling. The Syracuse wrestler owns five straight wins this season.

IM Results

Bowling	
Independent League A	
Head Pins	8 Beaver 0
Tornadoes	6 Allegheny 2
Cumberland	6 Centre 2
Erie	8 Nittany 36-87 2
Viceroy	8 Indiana 0
High Game	—ED DE WITT, Erie, 220
High Series	—BOB ORMSBY, Head Pins, 577
Independent League B	
York	6 Owls 2
Lovers	8 Venango 0
Hi-Lo's	6 Balsam 2
Lawrence	4 Butternut 4
Chestnut	8 Poodles 0
High Game	—MURRAY POPKAVE, Hi-Lo's, 214
High Series	—MURRAY POPKAVE, Hi-Lo's, 541
Basketball	
Fraternity	
Pi Lambda Phi	27 Delta Tau Delta 14
Phi Kappa Psi	37 Delta Chi 11
Phi Delta Theta	45 Lambda Chi Alpha 17
Pi Kappa Alpha	38 Alpha Chi Rho 14
Independent	
Sycamore	31 Butternut 31
Juniper	24 Watts II 20
Jordan I	28 Jordan II 15
York	22 Chester 19
Northampton	21 Washington 20

Allegheny, Fayette Swimmers Win

David Bryant's two first places paced Allegheny to a 27-13 IM swim victory over Lyons IV in Glennland Pool last night. In other action, Fayette crushed Cumberland, 33-7, and Washington forfeited to Lackawanna.

BRYANT WON the backstroke in 45.0 seconds and the breaststroke in 58.6. Allegheny scored 1-2 sweeps in both events with Pat Mallery and Lou Kaplan following Bryant in the backstroke and breaststroke, respectively. Mallery was also second to teammate Jack Miller in the diving.

Lyons IV's Stan Lipkin won the free style in 37.4 seconds and anchored the winning relay team. Rick Mistifer, Mike Chervenak, Lee Davis and Lipkin swam the relay in 1:16 for Lyons IV.

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