

Lions' Cohen Wins EIGL All-Around Cagers End Regular Season Against Rutgers

Four Seniors Make Final Appearance Before Home Fans

By JOHN LOTT

Collegian Sports Editor

While the strains of "Sweet Georgia Brown" echo through the Rec Hall rafters, Penn State's swingin' basketball combo offers its final home concert tonight before departing to Philadelphia for a one-night stand Monday.

The team facing the Lions' music will be Rutgers,

Shooters To Enter N.Y. Meet

By LEW THOMPSON

This season began for the Lion rifle team on Jan. 9 when Indiana State failed to show for a match at Rec Hall. Eight weeks and some 1800 competitive shots later, the finish came the same way—with a simple phone call yesterday notifying coach Rodney Washburn that Lafayette could not make the match scheduled for 2 p.m. today due to bad weather.

In those two months, the Lions had to endure the Indiana forfeit victory, "no-contest" cancellations by Lehigh and Villanova, and the postponement by the Leopards.

Despite these interruptions in the 1965 slate, the State shooters still compiled a respectable 5-3 record, but coach Washburn was not really pleased with the results.

"Our record was good," Washburn said, "but it could have been better. We had the potential to do better than we did."

"However, I don't think that you can truly put all the blame on the team," the coach added. "With all the trouble we had in scheduling matches, the boys never knew from one week to the next when they would be competing."

"Losing those four matches by cancellations reduced the competitive experience the team received, and this hurt us in the big matches."

Rather than dwell on the past events however, Washburn is now looking to next week's N.I.R.A. Eastern Sectional meet at King's Point, N.Y.

Four-man teams compete in this competition, and Washburn has entered three quartets of Lion sharpshooters. The dozen designated by the coach includes Wayne Dunlap, Bob Luhrs, Gary Dunning, George Brown, George Hill and Bill Wilcox. Others competing will be Mike Beckmeyer, Ray Oswald, Don Stoner, Richard Meyers, Larry Tobin and Phil Kivlin.

Washburn believes the Lions have an excellent chance to take the sectional title. "We're shooting in our category," he said, "so we should do well. The Merchant Marine Academy is the toughest team we'll have to face and they're a 1420 team like us. I think we may just win this meet."

Duke Beats W. Forest, 101-81

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Top-seeded Duke hit 15 of 18 shots in just over 10 minutes to start the last half and went on to trample Wake Forest 101-81 last night in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship basketball tournament.

Duke ranked eighth nationally and gunning for its third straight conference crown, had a stiff first half fight before going on to beat Wake Forest for the fourth time this season. The half ended with Duke on top 42-37.

Then came the explosion. Steve Vaccandak, Jack Marin and Hack Tison each scored four baskets as Duke rolled for 35 points and missed only two of 18 shots to take a 77-59 lead with just under 10 minutes to play.

North Carolina State defeated Maryland, 76-67 in the second game. The Wolfpack faces Duke tonight for the conference championship.

Martindale Leads Pensacola Open

and the 8 p.m. game offers fans their final opportunity to take in State's lively pre-game "Globetrotter" warmups. This feature, long a part of the team's practice sessions, was unveiled to the home crowd in mid-season and has been a regular attraction ever since.

With Bob Weiss (see photo) and Carver Clinton sharing the spotlight in the pivot, and the rest of the team throwing in various splashy passing antics, the drill has become a real crowd-pleaser in recent weeks. And coach John Egli believes it has its benefits to the team, too.

Last night's practice session was the most recent example. As he watched the team warm up, Egli said he has noticed the tension mounting as the Lions' NCAA tourney game with Princeton draws closer. "We're going to have to loosen up," he said.

As Egli walked back to the locker after practice, he wore a big smile. "They all look pretty loose now," he said.

The "post" drill seems to always do the trick. Last night the chatter was louder than ever, the passing crisp, and the clowning of Clinton and Weiss at its best. More of the same is in store tonight.

Clinton's travel-worn record player also helps keep the team loose. Before and after each game, at home or away, the phonograph blares out pop tunes of the past and present.

"You know, I really think it helps loosen us up," Egli said last night. "I used to sit in the locker room and fidget and fume before a game and the players felt the same way. But everybody's a lot more relaxed now."

Tonight's regular season finale winds up what is probably the Lions' best season ever. State will be out to match the all-time victory total of 20, accomplished only once before.

The Lions are now 19-3 and have won their last 12 in a row.

This year's squad also is the first in 10 years to reach tournament status. The Lions leave campus tomorrow morning for Philadelphia, where they'll battle Princeton in the NCAA Eastern regional game Monday at 8 p.m.

Making their final appearance before the home folks will be co-captains Bob Weiss and Ron Avillion in addition to Terry Hoover and Dan Carn.

Weiss, averaging 16 points per game, has been a savior for three years and this week gained honorable mention on the Associated Press' All-America team.

Avillion, a rugged rebounder and defensive stalwart, has an 8.2 mark. Hoover started for the injured Ray Saunders during one stretch this season and filled in capably. Carn has been a reserve for three seasons.

Egli indicated last evening that Hoover might well get a starting spot in his final home game. Saunders sprained his right ankle in practice Wednesday and although he has improved, Egli wants to rest him for the big one in the Palestra Monday.

Egli said Saunders' spot could go either to Hoover (6-7) or 6-9 sophomore Paul Mickey.

The rest of the lineup remains the same, with Weiss, Avillion, Clinton and Jim Reed getting the opening nod.

Although assistant coach Joe Todici scouted Princeton Wednesday, and Tiger coach Bill van Breda Kolff and several players are supposed to be here tonight, Egli said the immediate worry is Rutgers.

"We're not even going to talk about Princeton until Sunday," he said. "But we aren't going to get fancy tonight, either. We're just going to go out there and try to beat them with hard-nosed basketball."

Rutgers' big gun is Bob Lloyd, a 6-1 sophomore who's averaging 25.1 points per game. The other Scarlet starters are Roger Shutack (6-1), Dennis Earl (6-1), Phil Robinson (6-4), and Jim Clark (6-5).

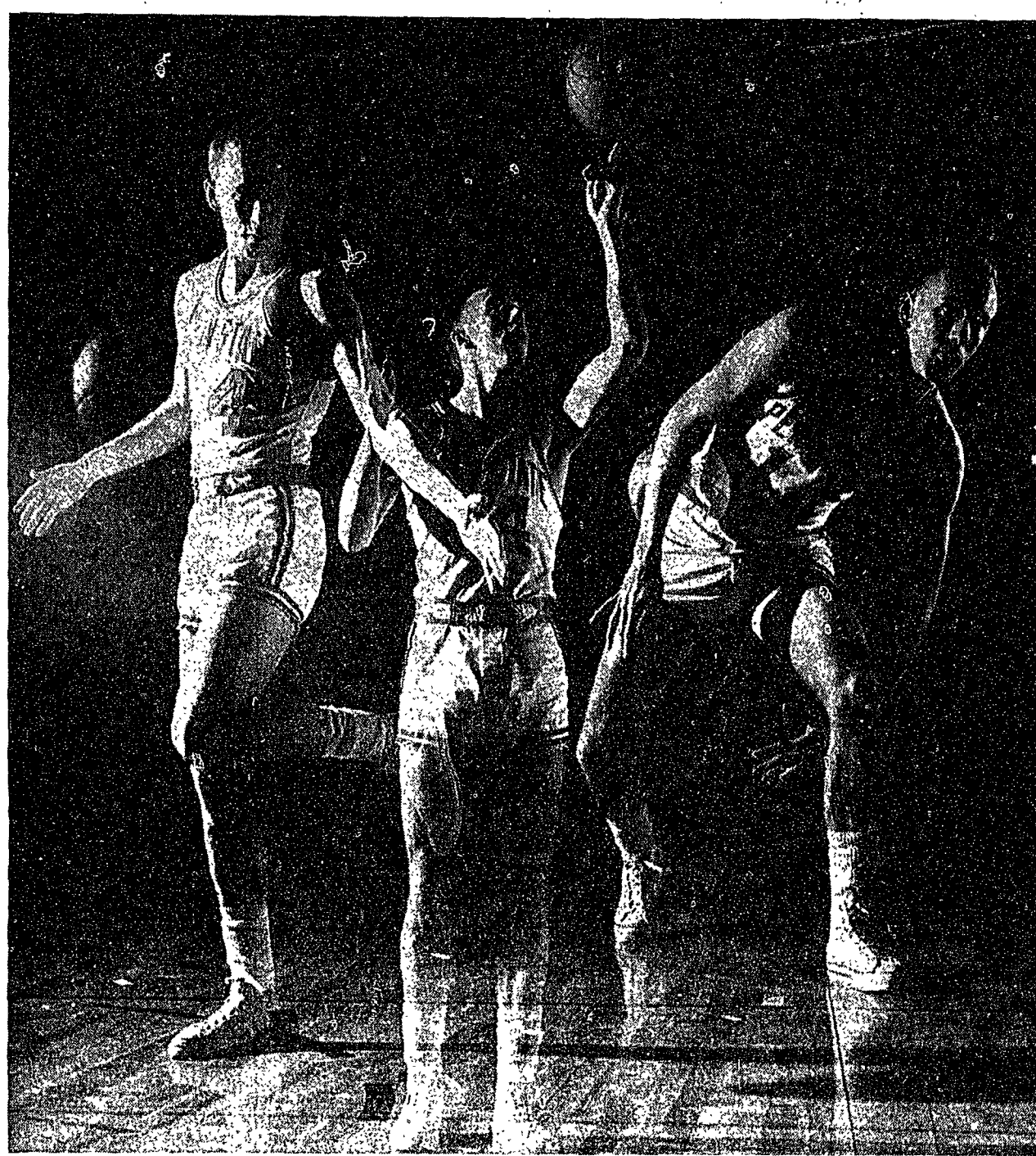
Robinson, who weighs 220 pounds, is a rugged rebounder and owns a 14.8 scoring mark. Earl has a 12.2 average.

NITTANY NOTES: State will be shooting for its ninth win without a loss in Rec Hall this season. Should the Lions beat Princeton Monday, they'll face the Atlantic Coast Conference champion in College Park, Md., next Friday.

Win or lose, the Lions' record will give them the best percentage since the 1923 team went 13-1. Princeton's All-Everything, Bill Bradley, reportedly will be at tonight's game.

Clinton's record-player has been in basketball traveling company since his first round, shot a one-under par 71 in the first round of the 1965 Pensacola Open.

Martindale capped his hot round with a 40-foot putt on the 18th hole for a birdie. It was his fifth birdie and gave him a 137 total, seven under par.



BALL-HANDLING WH.2: Penn State's Bob Weiss gives a preview of what's in store for fans during pre-game warmups tonight. The Lions (19-3) take on Rutgers in Rec Hall to wind up the regular season. They move on to Philadelphia Monday night to open NCAA tournament competition against Bill Bradley and his Princeton mates.

Strayer, Windfelder, Erber Bow Out Matmen Host Rutgers

By ALEX WARD

As far as dual-meets are concerned, Penn State's wrestling team will call it a season today and three of the Lions' top performers will call it a career.

State, (5-4-1) will still have a chance to show off its stuff in post-season tournaments but a successful season depends on how it fares today at 2:30 p.m. against Rutgers.

Lion fans will get their last look at Marty Strayer, Jay Windfelder and Steve Erber, a trio of seniors who have been the team's most consistent wrestlers all year long.

Their combined record of 25-4 has been a major in what success the Lions have had.

Coach Bill Koll's team has been unexpectedly stung a few times this season but a win today would certainly ease some of the pain.

Rutgers comes in with an impressive record of 6-2-1, but the calibre of competition the Scarlet has faced cannot match up to that of State's opponents. Lehigh is the only squad that both Rutgers and the Lions have met.

The Engineers whipped State, 17-11 and Rutgers, 20-9.

Rutgers' wins have come against Yale, Princeton, UCLA, Colgate, Harvard and Columbia. Besides Lehigh, they lost to Temple and the tie was with Hofstra.

State, on the other hand, has run in with some real powerhouse. Their losses were dealt by Michigan, Army and Maryland. But the Lions have beaten some good ones too.

Syracuse, Pitt and Cornell have been victimized by State along with VPI and West Virginia.

Koll will rub the dust off a couple of his wrestlers for today's clash. Dick DeWalt and Roger Olesen, starters in the 147 and 177-pound berths will be seeing their first duty in some time.

DeWalt (3-2) has not started

since the Army meet and Olesen (4-1) has been idle since Maryland.

The rest of State's lineup will be unchanged. Windfelder (8-1) will be at 123, Erber (7-3) at 130, Glenn Thiel (0-4) at 137, Jerry Seaman (5-3) at 157, Strayer (10-0) at 167, Ellery Seitz (2-5-1) at 191 and Don McKenna (1-2) at heavyweight.

Rutgers, like State, is not strong all the way through their lineup, but the Scarlet boasts some strong individuals who have been able to offset the lack of depth.

One of these individuals, John Welch (8-1) will go at it with Strayer in what points up to be the best bout of the afternoon.

Other good matches will pit Ron Geiser (7-0-2) against Olesen and Paul Goble (1-1) with McKenna. Similar performances against big John Hlleng-warth of Lehigh indicates a good scrap at heavyweight.

McKenna lost to Hlleng-warth (3-2) while Goble dropped a 4-1 decision to the giant Engineer.

The remainder of the Scarlet starters will be John Brennan (2-7) at 123, Sam Gramiccioni (5-2) at 130, Gunnar Askeland (2-2-3) at 137, Gene O'Donnell (4-3) at 147, Tony Peters (5-3) at 157, and either Ron Grimm (0-2) or Jim Hackett (2-1) at 191.

This year has been a strange one for State. A few of the wrestlers have done outstanding jobs but a shortage of

overall team strength has proved too much of a burden to overcome. An inability to win in the heavier weights cost the Lions wins against Army and Navy and possibly a tie with Lehigh. As a result, a 5-4-1 record might well have been a 7-2-1 mark.

A win in today's match, though, could go a long way toward healing those wounds.

MAT BRIEFS . . . Strayer, working on a 22-match winning streak, closes out one of the most illustrious careers in Lion mat history. . . Lehigh's paper, the Brown and White claims that the school has got not only the best, but the TWO best 125-pounders in the East. Both of them, Mike Caruso and Rich Warnke, will have a hard time proving that to Windfelder in the Easterns. . . After last week's exciting, come-from-behind win over Pitt, maybe there will be a few more fans out today. There were only 2200 on hand to witness the Panther clash.

Pepper Martin Dies at 61; 13-Year Star for Cardinals

MCALESTER, Okla. (AP) — John Leonard (Pepper) Martin, 61, firebrand and base-stealing member of the St. Louis Cardinals' Gas House Gang of the 1930s, died yesterday of a heart attack.

The former baseball star was stricken at his ranch near here Thursday night and died a few hours after being admitted to a McAlester hospital.

Martin, called the Wild Horse of the Osage because of his daredevil recklessness on the baseball field, vaulted from obscurity to fame by a dramatic one-man show in the 1931 World Series.

His hitting and base-running exploits were responsible for an upset victory over Connie Mack's great Philadelphia Athletics.

Martin pounded out 12 hits, tying a Series record, against such Athletics' pitching aces as Lefty Grove and George Earnshaw. He hit

four doubles and a home run, scoring five runs and batting in five — four in one game.

He stole five bases against Mickey Cochrane, the Athletics' catcher who was rated one of the best of all time.

The Cardinals won the Series, four games to three.

In 13 seasons with the Cardinals, from 1926 to 1944, Martin had a lifetime batting average of .298. He never made baseball's Hall of Fame.

The tough, raw-boned son of a Temple, Okla., prairie farmer, never lost his aggressiveness. He was constantly in hot water with baseball officials during his managerial days, receiving fines and suspensions for his conduct.

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Soph Standout Nips Jacobson by .65 to Take High Honors

By ED CARPENTER

PHILADELPHIA — For the 14th straight year a Penn State gymnast has won the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League all-around title, and the way things looked here yesterday there could be a 15th and 16th year before the string runs out.

State's senior co-captain Mike Jacobson, who was the defending Eastern all-around champion and who many felt was the man to beat, came away with a 55.75 total for the six Olympic events—7 higher than he scored last year.

But it wasn't good enough. The major title for the two-day competition went to Lion sophomore Steve Cohen. The 5-8, 140-pound Cohen completed the six events with a score of 56.4 for a 9.40 average per event. The total is the best all-around score by a Lion performer this year, the previous high being Jacobson's 56.00 against Army.

It was a nip and tuck battle between both competitors and it wasn't until Cohen's fly-away full twist dismount from the still-rings that the title was decided.

The evening competition began with the pointspread between the two States closer than the next second. The Nittany sophomore led his senior teammate, 28.30 to 27.85, and the eyes of the capacity crowd were focused on the battle.

Many will contend that Cohen won the title in the long horse event where he beat Jacobson 9.25 to 9.00. This may have been the case, but the latter picked up some valuable ground in the parallel bars, winning by .15 of a point, 9.65 to 9.5.

That then set the stage for the sixth and final event, the still rings, from which Cohen came away with a .1 victory, 9.35 to 9.25.

The immediate future is nothing but bright for Lion coach Gene Wettstone and his contingent, for junior Ed Isabelle finished the first day's competition with a third place finish in the all-around.

Last year's runnerup in the event, Isabelle scored a 53.70, more than two points ahead of Army's Tad Ono, who recorded a 51.30. Those will be the four all-around performers who will represent the E.I.G.L. in next week's regionals against the four top all-arounders from the Southern League. That meet, which will also pit Penn State against the S.I.G.L. team champion, is scheduled for the University of Virginia.

The Lions showed the fans early that they intended to live up to their billing as one of the top teams in the nation. Their first showing came in the afternoon preliminaries where in the four events — floor exercise, side horse, high bar and trampoline they had a total of twelve qualifiers. State's best events came in the free ex and high bar where all four entrants qualified for today's finals.

Without a doubt, the best event for the E.I.G.L. team champion during the afternoon competition was the horizontal bar, where the Lions swept the top four places. Jacobson, who is the defending Eastern champion in the event, came through with a 9.55—.1 of a point ahead of teammate Jim Culhane. Both Cohen and Isabelle tied for third with a 9.4.

In the free-ex Jacobson, and Cohen paced all competitors with identical scores of 9.55. Isabelle finished sixth with a 9.30, while co-captain Pete Saponaro just made the cut-off with a score of 9.25 to tie with Army's Gerry Dufour.

The Lions came to town billed as one of the best all-around teams in the nation so the final results didn't surprise too many people. The performances of some of the 111 entrants, though, weren't quite what everyone expected.

Temple's Jim Petrino, who is the defending Eastern champion in the free-ex, finished only in a tie for third place with Springfield's Jay Otto. The Temple senior suffered a deduction from his total for stepping off the mat but still finished with a 9.4.

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