

A 'LOSING' SEASON

'A \$100,000 team doesn't prove anything'

Editor's note: This is the third in a four-part series on the Penn State swimming team.

What happened since last year? Only two years into its building program, Pitt pasted the Lion swimmers last month. Pitt coach Dick Bradshaw called the meet the biggest win in Pitt swimming history. The final was 99-16.

Penn State beat Pitt last year, although it was far from a rout. In fact, Penn State edged Pitt by an inch, one tenth of a second, in the final relay.

One year later Penn State could not win a first in any of the 13 events. What happened?

As complicated as these kind of analyses usually are, this one is basically simple. Pitt is in quest of national recognition for its swimming program.

That translates into money, something Bradshaw is getting and spending to put his team up with the top in the East—and to put his team far ahead of programs like Penn State's. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Bradshaw has developed the Golden Panther Swimming Association to attract friends who are willing to make a minimum annual contribution to his program. One of these contributions was a \$25,000 grant from the Sara Mellon Scaife Foundation for an electronic timing system which will allow Pitt to bid for the 1976 AAU Indoor Diving and Swimming Championships.

The money translates into swimmers who, even with a poor performance, could easily handle Penn State's people. Swimmers like Carlos Santiago, who Bradshaw landed on an extremely successful trip to Puerto Rico. Santiago broke the Natatorium record in the 200-yard backstroke by five seconds. Collegiate pool records were not designed to fall in five second clips.

Penn State coach Lou MacNeill could have saved some embarrassment for himself and his club by privately agreeing with Bradshaw to swim an exhibition race or two which would

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have brought the scores closer together, but MacNeill said no. "Usually when you get that far ahead you throw kids into exhibitions," Bradshaw said after the meet. "But Lou didn't want me to do that."

"The guys they would have put in the exhibitions probably would have beaten our best guys," MacNeill said. "They recruited their best people so they have to swim them. Exhibitions only keep the losing team and coach from being embarrassed in the papers. People who buy that don't know a thing about scores. Taking points is adding insult to injury. Those points, what do they mean? They don't mean a thing to me."

In an interview Monday, MacNeill explained some of the aspects of his program.

"We have about 90 people out in the fall, and there's not enough room when we go indoors for the Winter. So we make a 'cut' of sorts to 34 people who swim between 3:30 and 5:30 every afternoon. But the rest can challenge any of the others whenever they feel they have moved up."

"We try to schedule the toughest teams and forget about winning. We schedule some of our traditional football opponents, but beyond them we try to get top teams. You have to

remember that swimming is the number two winter sport at some schools, and this makes it hard for us. We discussed this in team meetings. The trouble is that there are no comparable teams to us anywhere that we can get."

Asked about his job as swimming coach and aquatics director, MacNeill explained his position in the University's Athletic program.

"If I thought I was the coach of a team geared to winning I would resign. Look at my record as coach here. If you look at my won-lost record, I'm a failure. But I accepted the job here as a total aquatic director, responsible for the total aquatic program. And I think our total program is the best in the country, surely one of the best. The University of Oregon is also very high in that regard."

"Coaching the team is not part of my job, it's not in my contract. But I enjoy coaching the team, it's the highlight of my day."

Back to the subject of money, MacNeill said he doesn't think it would be the best road for Penn State to take.

"Everybody asks me why I don't go up and jump up and down on Ed Czekaj's desk and demand more money," MacNeill said. "But it doesn't prove anything to put \$100,000 into the team. We could win, but all it proves is we have more money. The seniors usually ask this every year. But if we had scholarships they wouldn't be there."

"I think the benefits the kids get are immeasurable. But in college athletics, you can't win without recruiting. That's a truism. And you can't recruit without money. That's also a truism. I have no money to offer. I write letters and I answer letters and I call prospects every night but none of the really good people will come here."

"But you know, I think we're ahead of the game here. Costs keep going up and I think in ten or twenty years schools are going to start dropping their scholarship athletic programs, particularly for teams like swimming."

Tomorrow: Is the program the problem?



Lion coach Lou MacNeill doesn't want a blank check



Divers Jim Rightley (l) and Rich Maurone enjoy their first win

Psyched swimmers whip Owls

It took the power of positive thinking to stop the six-meet losing streak of Penn State's swimming team. That, and a few razors.

The swimmers (1-6) shaved down and got psyched up to entertain Temple yesterday, proving to be most ingracious hosts in a 69-42 victory, their first of the season. In doing so, they cracked four school records.

Two of those marks were shattered by diver Jim Rightley, a junior who became the second Lion to qualify for the Easterns (Rich Maurone was the first). Rightley put together what he called his "top effort" for new highs of 259.60 on the 1-meter board and 262.45 on the 3-meter board.

Rightley, who broke Maurone's 11-day old 1-meter mark of 258.20 and Tom Watson's 1972 record of 256.05 (3-meter), said, "They're basically the same dives I've done all year. I've been

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psyching up all day long for this."

Included in Rightley's repertoire are inward and backward 2½ somersaults as well as a double twist 1½ somersault.

"It was really great. We finally got together, it was really amazing," he said after the Lions took 8 of 13 events for win number one. "It seemed like the team we were last year. I liked it a lot."

Joining Rightley in the record-breaking spree was

Will Metzger, who whittled the old 50 yd. freestyle mark down to 22.48 from the 22.50 he set last year.

Another shaven swimmer who pulled his way to a new record was freshman Mike Noel, swimming in the 500 yd. freestyle. Noel rewrote the old mark of 5:04.9 with his 5:02.69. When Lane Schuckers, co-holder of the old record, came in second behind Noel, Penn State clinched the win with three events remaining. —JY

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1000 yd. freestyle — 1 Balderson PS 10 34 23, 2 Schuckers PS 10 35 16, 3 Howarth T 10 51 90	200 yd. backstroke — 1 King T 2 05 67, 2 Shoemaker PS 2 07 53, 3 McConnell PS 2 10 81
200 yd. freestyle — 1 Lawlor T 1 47 70, 2 Noel PS 1 50 00, 3 D'Ardenne PS 1 52 95	500 yd. freestyle — 1 Noel PS 5 02 69, 2 Schuckers PS 5 06 98, 3 Balderson PS 5 14 65
50 yd. freestyle — 1 Metzger PS 22 48, 2 Morrill PS 22 73, 3 Elliot T 22 83	200 yd. breaststroke — 1 Lonsdale PS 2 23 81, 2 Youmans T 2 27 35, 3 Jones PS 2 28 35
200 yd. ind. medley — 1 King T 2 06 10, 2 Volmans T 2 06 42, 3 McConnell PS 2 09 14	3-meter diving — 1 Rightley PS 262 45, 2 Camiel T 240 55, 3 Maurone PS 230 55
1-meter diving — 1 Rightley PS 259 60, 2 Maurone PS 244 70, 3 Camiel T 203 25	400 yd. freestyle relay — 1 Temple 3 30 29, 2 Penn State 3 30 66, 1 Penn State B 3 34 66
200 yd. butterfly — 1 Forshey PS	

Holtzman, Finley \$13,000 apart

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—For Oakland Athletics pitcher Ken Holtzman, first man through the baseball arbitration mill here, a \$13,000 chunk of 1974 salary rides on the decision promised within three days.

Owner Charles O. Finley of the A's said yesterday, "Holtzman is asking \$93,000... my offer in arbitration was \$80,000."

Holtzman and Finley made their respective cases in a six-hour session before arbitrator Howard S. Block, a Los Angeles attorney, Tuesday, and Holtzman returned yesterday for a 45-minute wrap-up session.

Also awaiting a decision is A's reliever Rollie Fingers. When he went into a less prolonged arbitration session Tuesday night, Fingers said, "We're still \$9,000 apart." Fingers is reported to be asking \$65,000 and has been offered \$56,000.

Yesterday's closed arbitration proceedings involved two more A's-relievers Darold Knowles, who reportedly wants a \$9,000 increase to \$59,000—and infielder Jack Heidemann, who played for Oakland's Tucson farm club in the Pacific League last season.

Heidemann was unable to attend because his wife is expecting a baby at their home in Brenham, Tex., and Reggie Jackson was his proxy.

Jackson, who won the Most Valuable Player honors in the American League and the World Series, will present his own demands—in the \$125,000 area—at the final arbitration session here Tuesday.

DUNKEL'S BASKETBALL INDEX

GAMES OF THURSDAY, FEB. 14	Ma v U* 66 3	28* Springfield 87 0
WITH TOP 30	N.Alex 51* 66 9	12* N.West St 35 1
Blue 73 8	St Louis* 62 0	1* Indiana St 61 4
U. Va. 72 3	S. Alabama 60 6	8* So. Miss* 31 3
U. Tenn 69 1	Syracuse 59 2	3* Rollins* 54 4
N. Miss* 62 6	Wichita* 59 0	9* W. Tex St 50 1
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North Carolina 58 5		
Penn State* 56 6		
Tenn. Tech* 55 8		
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OTHER MAJORS		
Ark. Tech 57 3	10* Samford* 47 3	11* Line Pa* 45 0
Clarkson 57 1	12* F. Dick* 44 4	7* Gettysburg 41 3
Georgetown DC 44 6	11* Loyola Md 33 0	3* F. A. M 31 5
Houston* 69 7	27* Biscayne 43 1	18* Del Valley 25 1

* 4.0 has been added to the rating of each team playing at home

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Team	G	PG-A	Pct	FTA	Pct	R	Avg	Asst	St
Brown	21	152-305	498	36-59	610	163	7.8	91	16.2
Mentzer	21	116-222	523	47-67	701	193	9.2	27	13.3
Marshall	21	69-174	385	28-47	596	238	11.3	58	7.9
Outlerkirk	17	55-130	423	22-28	821	17	1.0	21	7.8
Doaty	15	48-119	403	16-25	640	30	2.0	45	7.5
Burke	20	51-140	364	7-11	636	32	1.6	35	5.5
Preston	18	31-70	443	8-10	800	25	1.4	11	3.9
Angstadt	14	25-54	463	18-21	637	37	2.6	28	4.9
Chase	15	13-25	520	2-6	333	19	1.3	5	1.9
Erchen	6	5-15	333	0-0	—	8	1.3	1	1.7
McBermott	6	4-11	364	0-0	—	9	1.5	4	1.3
Cadle	10	0-10	000	0-1	000	4	0.4	5	0.0
Raffin	5	0-1	000	0-1	000	4	0.8	0	0.0
Botts	1	0-0	—	0-0	—	0	0.0	0	0.0
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PENN STATE	21	569-1281	444	185-276	670	892	42.5	331	63.0
OPPONENTS	21	516-1310	394	224-327	685	808	38.5	252	59.9

Maryland upsets North Carolina

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—Tom McMillen scored 26 points to lead sixth-ranked Maryland to a 91-80 upset of fourth-ranked North Carolina last night, ending the Terrapins' losing streak to the nation's better teams.

Maryland, 16-4, led throughout the second half while defeating the Tar Heels for the third straight time at home, but for only the third time in their last 17 meetings.

North Carolina, 17-3, overcame an early eight-point deficit to go ahead 23-20,

but the Terps rebounded for a 38-36 halftime advantage.

Maryland, which had lost earlier this season to the Tar Heels at North Carolina and also dropped two decisions to second-ranked North Carolina State and one to top-rated UCLA, put the game away with a 13-1 string to go ahead 74-61 with 6:02 remaining.

NEWTON, Mass. (AP)—Boston College playmakers Mel Weldon Jr., with 14 points and eight assists, and Jere Nolan, with 16 points and seven assists, led the Eagles to an 86-73 college basketball victory over St. Francis of Loretto College, Penn., last night.

Boston College, 16-5, hosts Penn State Saturday.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Freshman John Olive scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Villanova rallied to beat Duquesne 79-72 last night.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Jerry Baskerville scored 15

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