

The basketball team learned again Saturday that Jeff Miller (15) can't win basketball games alone.

Miller not able to do it alone

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Amidst Pitt's 82-65 humbling of the cagers Saturday night at Rec Hall, one fact concerning the remainder of Penn State's season stuck out like a sore thumb.

If John Bach's ball club is going to break its current seven-game losing streak — or more realistically, win another game during this dismal season — it must get significant production from someone besides star guard Jeff Miller.

Miller, who drew raves from yet another opponent for his shoot-em-from-anywhere-and-hit-em-act, collected 26 points. However, 20 came in the first half which Pitt carried, 39-36.

"We sort of let him go in the first half," Panther senior forward Larry Harris said. "But in the second half we started watching him. Coach (Tim Grgurich) told us before the game he could shoot but not that good."

"I never saw anybody shoot like that," Miller, telling it like it is and by no means sounding conceded or cocky, perhaps best summed up the Lions' continuing saga. "We ran more in the first half and I was getting some quick

shots off the break but in the second half we were dead.

"You can't build a team around one person, that just won't work. Everyone has to get their shots."

Pitt guard Wayne Williams was credited by both coaches for the shut-down of Miller, after the Lions captain riddled the Panthers, now 10-6 with a nine for 11 first half shooting entourage.

"The second half was the Wayne Williams show," Grgurich said. "Not only did Wayne run our offense beautifully but defensively he shut down Miller in the second half."

Bach, who saw his squad's record plunge to 5-13, attributed challenging defensive assignments to his team's downfall.

"I wasn't pleased with the matchups that we were forced into," he said. "I think Wayne Williams hurt as a great deal as did (Terry) Knight and (Dave) Olinger."

Williams and Knight, the two Panther guards, had a field day shooting over shorter State guards Miller, Tom Wilkinson and Mike Power. The duo teamed to play string music with the net to the tune of 35 points, 18 above their combined norm.

Said the undersized Power: "There's no excuse for the penetration they got." But center Carvin Jefferson wasn't impressed.

"I don't see anything great about them," he said. "Harris is a good ballplayer but if they want to have any

kind of a season they'll have to get better backup. Take away Harris and they'd be another Muhlenberg."

CLOSE-CALLS: State guard Rob O'Connor made a token appearance in the first half, his first in Rec Hall since Jan. 3 of last year... Kuhn on Pitt's ferocious freshman forward Sam Clancy: "He's strong to the basket. I'd say look out for the future."... A 30 percent shooting performance killed State, while Pitt was hitting at 50.8 percent... Kuhn and Walt Young fouled out for eighth time... Pitt's Wayne Talbot was ejected for minor melee with State's Frank Brickowski in the first half... Next game tonight at West Virginia. Game time 8 p.m.

PITTSBURGH (82)		FG	FT	R	A	T
Clancy	6-11	4-4	8	2	16	
Harris	0-16	2-3	10	2	18	
Scheurman	0-7	3-6	8	1	3	
Knight	7-9	2-2	3	0	16	
Williams	7-11	5-5	4	5	19	
Talbot	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	
Olinger	4-7	2-2	5	1	10	
Strickland	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	
Haygood	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	
Nedrow	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	
Landy	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Underwood	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Totals	32-43	18-24	41	13	82	

PENN STATE (65)		FG	FT	R	A	T
Young	3-8	0-3	4	3	6	
Kuhn	6-11	1-1	7	2	13	
Brickowski	1-4	0-0	3	0	2	
Miller	12-20	2-2	4	4	26	
Wilkinson	1-9	2-5	5	4	4	
Power	1-5	1-2	1	0	3	
Jefferson	2-6	3-3	10	0	7	
Kirkowski	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	
O'Connor	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	
Ice	1-5	0-0	4	0	2	
Totals	27-71	11-18	43	14	65	

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Attitude sparks Pitt turnaround

By PETE DOUGHERTY
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At least there's hope for Penn State basketball fans. Those Lion faithful who started to lose hope that a sagging team can turn things around in a short period of time could take solace after the University of Pittsburgh's 82-65 thrashing of the Penn State cagers Saturday night at Rec Hall.

The Panthers of a year ago were in a worse state than even the Lions, if such a predicament is possible. After all, there were not many teams that lost to Penn State twice last season.

But all that has changed now. The Panthers are 10-6, own a victory over nationally ranked Syracuse, and are starting to look a little like the Panther team that made the NCAA tourney four short years ago. What has transpired in one year?

"Attitude. There's a lot more of a positive attitude now," said senior forward Larry Harris, who by himself generated most of Pitt's offense the last two years. "We started going out on the court thinking we could beat anybody. We looked at our conference and said we can win it, and we still think we can."

Coach Tim Grgurich claims "the kids themselves did it. I also like to give credit to the coaching staff. We could have folded our tents after going 6-21 last year."

"Last year was really a tough year," Grgurich said. "Give the players themselves credit for turning it around. There's

been the maturity of Larry Harris, and the play of Terry Knight, who we didn't have last year (due to injury)."

Knight, the brother of National Basketball Association and ex-Panther star Billy, credits balanced scoring for Pitt's newfound success.

"There's more of a scoring attack this year," he said. "We've got five and six guys averaging 10 or more points. They can't isolate on Larry like they could last year. We were always hoping somebody would pick up the slack last year, but nobody ever did."

What the Panthers found especially pleasing, though, was the ease with which they handled Penn State despite having three players — Sonny Lewis (last year's second leading scorer for Pitt), Terry Peavy, and Gary Smith — quit the squad earlier in the day.

"We felt the players that quit really didn't want to play, anyway," Harris said. "We're better off without them. We're a lot more united in comparison with last year."

Grgurich's assessment was, "I don't like to say they just quit. It's a combination of a lot of things, responsibilities they had to meet outside the team."

"There are things like you have to go to class everyday, you have to pass, and you have to play with the team. We hated to see it happen. The kids have really worked hard. We were 6-21 last year




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