

Ithaca's Marella, 300-Pounder, Held to Draw by Benson

★ Bob Benson didn't have a sling but the Lock Haven State Teachers College heavyweight battled Ithaca's Goliath, Bob (Tiny) Marella to a 1-1 draw last night in the feature attraction of the Bald Eagles' 24-7 triumph over the Bombers. It was a moral victory for the 180-pound senior. Tiny, a 300 pounder and one of the heaviest heavyweights in collegiate ranks, found the Mighty Mite too cagy to tame.

A capacity crowd of nearly 1,200 fans jammed Thomas Field House to witness the romp over the New Yorkers. Victory was the second straight and gave the rapidly improving but re-shuffled Bald Eagle lineup a 2-1 record after three meets in four days. For the Bombers it was their third loss in four battles.

Marella Held in Check

Marella, a 4-1 runnerup last season, and winner of his three bouts this season by falls, found Benson both clever and strong. Tiny needed only five seconds to gain his point on an escape in the second period, but Benson, who was making his season debut, required only two seconds to tie the bout in the third period.

Benson rolled out with the blast of Referee Art Weiss' whistle. In all but seven seconds of the nine-minute bout both wrestlers were on their feet, but neither came close of scoring a take down. In the second period Tiny grew angry over his inability to score a take down, and the referee had to separate them to simmer their soaring tempers.

Gallucci's 10th Straight

Don Gallucci (137) and Larry Sinibaldi (157), both sophomores, stretched their winning streaks to three with impressive decisions. Sinibaldi, a varsity rookie and former PIAA runnerup from South Williamsport, came up with the second biggest surprise. The sophomore easily decided the veteran Dave Whitlock, 7-2. Whitlock entered the meet with a 2-1 record, and the senior has been one of the Bombers' most consistent winners in the past three seasons.

Sinibaldi came close to scoring a pin in the first period with a double reverse arm bar and reverse body press. Aside from a point for time advantage, the four points were the difference.

Gallucci, a former Johnstown High grappler, ran his consecutive dual meet winning streak to 10, tops for the Bald Eagles.

At Shippensburg Saturday

Freshman Ed Abrahims, who competed at 103 pounds in the PIAA semi-finals last March, was inserted at 123 pounds and registered a workmanlike 9-4 decision over Jim Valentine.

Ithaca forfeited the 130-pound bout, and before the Bombers dented the scoring column the Bald Eagles had the meet safely tucked away. Coach Herb Jack's promising Maroon held a 19-0 lead before Ross Violi, 167-pounder, pinned Glenn Davis. Ithaca's other two points came on the draw in the final bout.

Saturday the Bald Eagles will journey to Shippensburg, seeking their 28th consecutive Teachers College Conference victory.

MAT BITS—Benson was the lone senior in the Bald Eagles' lineup last night. Abrahims, Bailey and Mumford are freshmen and the other three are sophomores . . . Benson is expected to wrestle at 177 pounds at Shippensburg with Boyd Wasilko moving in at heavy-weight. It will be either Mumford or Davis at 167. . . . Ithaca lost its 130 pounder for the meet earlier in the day when the married wrestler became a father. . . . Ralph Clark,

sophomore 157-pounder STC champ who'll compete this year at 147, received permission from his physician to resume training next Monday. Clark, a two-time PIAA champ while at Clearfield, suffered pulled ankle tendons in the Wilkes tourney. He is hopeful of returning to the lineup for the Purdue meet on the 27th. . . . Ithaca had six regulars from last season's team in the lineup. . . . Coach Jack inserted Abrahims and Vaux when Charlie Jackson and Ted Stinner encountered weight problems, plus semester exams. It was their collegiate debuts. As for Benson, Coach Jack was playing a hunch. He believed that Benson's experience would give him a better chance against Tiny Marella, and it paid off. . . . The next home meet will be against Purdue University on the 27th. . . . The Bald Eagles do not have a meet scheduled next week due to mid-term exams. . . . Last night's summary:

123 — Ed Abrahims, Lock Haven decided Jim Valentine, 9-4. (LH 3-0).

130 — Bill Bailey, Lock Haven won by forfeit. (LH 8-0).

137 — Don Gallucci, Lock Haven decided Ed Sullivan, 4-0. (LH 11-0).

147 — Tom Vaux, Lock Haven pinned Weldon Canough, 7:26 with half nelson and crotch. (LH 16-0).

157 — Larry Sinibaldi, Lock Haven decided Dave Whitlock, 7-2. (LH 19-0).

167 — Ross Violi, Ithaca pinned Glenn Davis, 8:00 with half nelson and body press. (LH 19-5).

177 — Bob Mumford, Lock Haven decided Roy McFarlane, 4-1. (LH 22-5).

Heavyweight — Bob Benson, Lock Haven and Bob Marella, 1-1 draw. (LH 24-7).

Referee — Art Weiss, Clearfield.

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Today's Schedule

Detroit at Philadelphia

St. Louis at Syracuse

Minneapolis at Cincinnati

Yesterday's Result

Boston 131, Detroit 113

Tomorrow's Schedule

New York-Philadelphia at Boston

Syracuse at Boston

Minneapolis-St. Louis at Detroit

Cincinnati at Detroit.

BASKETBALL

LOCK HAVEN HI

vs.

STATE COLLEGE

Central State Basketball

League Game

Tomorrow, 8 p. m.

Jr. Varsity Game, 6.45 p. m.

LOCK HAVEN HIGH GYM

Admission

ADULTS 75c

STUDENTS 30c

ELEMENTARY 25c