

# Speidel Picks Oklahoma Aggies To Win Mat Tourney; Lions Enter Meet

## SELECTS PROBABLE TITLE CONTENDERS

Lion Coach Believes Oklahoma University Good Choice For Second Place

By Charlie Speidel  
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I pick the Oklahoma Aggies to repeat their triumph of last year and carry off the national collegiate team title by a good margin. There are five prospective champions on the Western team and the other three members are championship threats. The University of Oklahoma with one title-holder and several other prospects, appears to be a good choice for second place.

The problem of selecting favorites in the various classes is especially complicated this year. Although some of the 1929 champions are back again, there are a number of good men coming up the ladder who are "unknown quantities." Some foxy last-minute shifting on the part of the coaches also may knock many predictions away off.

Any predictions must necessarily be made on the basis of past performance, hence the "unknowns" are merely the "big fish in little oceans" who have come out into the open sea to tackle the sharks and whales.

**Some Lightweight Favorites**  
The bantamweight class is crowded with outstanding men this year and Joe Sapota of Illinois, the champion, will be hard pushed to maintain his crown. The favorites in this class are Bobby Pearce, Oklahoma Aggie, Sapota, and Leach of the University of Oklahoma, last year's runner-up.

Another champion will be up against stiff opposition in the 125-pound division. Robert Hewitt of Illinois, a member of the United States Olympic team, Mantooth, present champ from Oklahoma university, Lyle Morford of Cornell college, Iowa, and Cole of Iowa State rate high in this rank.

Although the lightweight class is crowded with entries, the material is rather poor this year. L. Miller of Oklahoma, U. Bousie of Illinois, and Grant Stern of Penn State should come out on top in this weight.

Plenty of action may be afforded in the 145-pound bouts. Arlie Tomlinson, the Aggie's A A U. title-holder, H. Lewis of Oklahoma, Sappington of Missouri, Charlie Dyer of Chicago, and Kaiser of Penn State are the best entries in this class.

With the exception of three outstanding performers, the 155-pound division is another weak class. Berry, sectional champ for the University of Oklahoma, McQuirk of Oklahoma A, and M. Watkins of Central S T C, and Kelly of Michigan are good bet-horses.

Van Bebbet, one of last year's kings who moved up a weight, Ray Parker of Michigan, and Embank of the Oklahoma Sooners should place near the top in the 165-pound battle. Still another Aggie is a good bet among the light-heavies. The best men entered include Caldwell, Paul Long of Penn State, and von Robbin, Missouri.

This year's list of heavy men is exceptionally large and full of good talent. Since George of Michigan is out of the running, my bet, in this class would be placed on McCleddy.

## Oklahoma University Team Boasts 1 Champion, 2 Runners-up



The Oklahoma university team has its best man in Lawrence Mantooth, National Collegiate 125-pound champ, who will defend his title here. Leach, last year's 155-pound runner-up, will also fight, but Miller, the lightweight runner-up, will not compete as he was injured during practice recently. These three men are undefeated so far this year. Phillip Berry, although listed as a 165-pounder, will battle for the 155-pound title. Neither Dauforth or Bass will see action here. The Oklahoma team is the "Big Six" champion for this year.

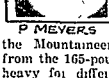
## WEST VIRGINIA SENDS 2 TOURNEY ENTRANTS

Paul Myers, Bernard Levine Strive For National Honors

Paul Meyers, 155-pounder, and Bernard Levine, light heavyweight, are the two entries from West Virginia university who will compete in the national wrestling matches here today and tomorrow.

Meyers, a Pennsylvania boy, is captain-elect of next year's mat team. The West Virginia entry won six straight bouts at the opening of this season only to break his record by falling before a Navy foe.

Although only entered in three meets this season, Levine is expected to place high in the tourney. During the past season, the Mountaineer has been shifting from the 165-pound class to the light-heavy for different meets.



P. MEYERS, captain-elect of next year's mat team.

## Matmen Traveling to National Meet Cover One-fifth Distance to Moon

"One-fifth the distance to the moon" has been covered by the wrestlers coming from fifteen states of the Union to compete in the national tourney here. The 61,700 miles travelled by the roaming athletes would be equal to a small portion of the lunar trip, according to figures supplied by a member of the mathematics department. The tip at an ordinary automobile speed would take forty-two days.

This distance would extend more than twenty times across the continent or about two and half times around the world. At least twenty tips across the Atlantic ocean would be required to run up an equal record of mileage, amateur statisticians declare.

Oklahoma university was the crown for coming the greatest distance to the meet. The western matmen travelled about 1500 miles or nearly 100 miles farther than their closest opponents from Oklahoma A and M. The lone representative from Central State Teachers' college, Edmond, Oklahoma, is a close third.

The Illinois entries cover the largest area of the country as two members of the team are from Pennsylvania, while two more are from Washington. On the other hand, the Oklahoma Aggies with the exception of one man are natives of the state. Pennsylvania and Illinois hold the record for sending the largest number of representatives with four institutions each. Ohio, Oklahoma, and Massachusetts are each represented by three schools.

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## 4 MATMEN CARRY PENN STATE HOPES

Maize, Long, Stein, and Kaiser Compete in Preliminary Matches Today

Maize, Stein, Kaiser, and Long will be the four men to represent Penn State in the national intercollegiate wrestling tourney, which will begin in Recreation Hall this afternoon.

Although it was hoped that the Lou, intercollegiate title-holder, would be entered in the contest, neither Captain Hulder nor Paul Campbell will compete. The Nittany leader is kept out of the meet because of injuries, while the supple 155-pound champion is held back by parental objection.

Roy Maize will be the blue and white entry in the bantamweight bracket. Although comparatively inexperienced, the sophomore tackle made a good showing in the intercollegiate and reached the semi-final round.

Long and Kaiser enter the 145-pound class in the lightweight division. Long is a promising matman who has pushed Hulder all this season for the team berth. This will be Stein's first test under the fire of intercollegiate competition.

Karl Kaiser, Coach Speidel's 115-pound candidate, will see his first action this afternoon since the close of the dual meet season. Although he had run up a good record in dual contests, the Lion entry did not compete in the Cornell tourney. It is expected that he will make a good showing in this meet.

The fourth Nittany contestant, Paul Long, in the light-heavyweight division, probably will not go into action until tonight. Ringside critics believe that Long has a fair chance of setting a good record in the tourney, although his season's record is unimpressive.

Coach Speidel is entering these men in the national meet as the nucleus of next year's team. He had expected to enter a complete team, but injuries to the men made a reduction necessary. Ted Reytin, the expected 155-pound entry, is on the injured list with a dislocated knee.

## V. M. I. TO SEND CHAMPIONS

Three Southern Conference champions will represent V. M. I. in the Collegiate wrestling tournament here today and tomorrow. George Field, Samuel McCarty, and Woods Talman will wear the colors of the Virginia institution.

## IOWA "IRON MAN" Seeks 175-Pound Mat Crown



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## March Winds Drive Aggies to Flannels

The red flannel to which father used to lay smoking claim need no longer be classed as garments relegated solely to "colts" and museums.

Eight stalwart Oklahoma A and M wrestlers felt the biting cold of a central Pennsylvania March and marched calmly into a local men's furnishing establishment to emerge the proud possessors of eight suits of long underwear.

The sudden change from the "hotties" of the weather of Oklahoma to Pennsylvania's unsettled climate led Coach Dad Gallagher to fear for the health of his charges—hence the red flannels.

## WRESTLERS BEGIN MAT MEET TODAY

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University of Oklahoma, third-place winner in 1929, is on hand with a squad of six men.

In addition to the title-holder, Oklahoma university has entered Leach, 1929 runner-up in the 155-pound class, and two Missouri Valley champions. Michigan also has among its entries, Captain Bob Hewitt, Otto Kelly, and Ray Parker, all second-place winners last year.

Among other notable winners of the 1929 contest entered is Furrall of Ohio State university.

Penn State will be represented in the 115-pound class by Roy Maize and in the lightweight division by Grant Stern. The other two Lion entries are Karl Kaiser, 115-pounder, and Paul Long, light-heavyweight threat.

Illinois, fourth-place holder, stands high in the number of representatives with five men entered. Four men have been entered by the University of Indiana, Keet, and Sylvanese.

Institutions with three men entered are Chicago, Virginia, MIT, and Missouri. Iowa State college, Harvard, Wayneburg, Michigan State, and Ohio State. Other schools competing are Cornell college, Iowa, Northwestern, F. and M. Morton Junior college, Cicero, Ill., Central State Teachers' college, Edmond, Okla., West Virginia, North Carolina, Brown University of Kansas, and Missouri.

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