

Eshbach Wins 191-lb Title In National YMCA Tourney

Shaffer Takes Second Place In 174-lb. Division; Both Qualify for Final Olympic Trials

In addition to its three Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling champions, Penn State now lays claim to a National mat crown. Parke Eshbach, substitute varsity heavyweight, won the National Y. M. C. A. Wrestling Championship title in the 191-lb. class at the Central Y. M. C. A., Wilkes-Barre, Saturday. Ross Shaffer won second place in the 174-lb. class and Johnny Calvin, although making a good showing, was unable to place.

Eshbach and Shaffer, by virtue of their work at Wilkes-Barre, have qualified for the final Olympic tryouts to be held at Lehigh University April 16, 17, and 18. According to Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, these two grapplers in all probability will be sent to Lehigh for the final matches by the College.

The Lehigh matches, being the culmination of the entire year's tryouts all over the country, will determine the group which will represent the United States on the wrestling mats in Germany this summer. First and second place winners at Lehigh will make up the U. S. team, and according to Coach Charlie Speidel, Shaffer stands a good chance of coming through with a second place at least and a trip to Europe.

Eshbach Wins Title
Parke Eshbach, after drawing a bye in the first round, threw Sokolof, of New Rochelle, N. Y., in his second round bout and then lost a close decision bout to Lewski, of West Side Y. M. C. A., New York. Although beaten by Lewski, Eshbach nevertheless won the title because under the system used in Olympic competition scoring is done negatively and after receiving five bad marks a contestant is eliminated from the tournament. Lewski won the bout, but since it was by decision, and not fall, he received one bad mark, which brought his total to five and eliminated him. In his final bout Eshbach added his third fall of the tourney by throwing Wells, of Allentown.

Shaffer was prevented from winning in the 174-lb. class by the same jinx which knocked the Eastern Intercollegiate crown out of his hands.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the intramural basketball championship when they defeated Pi Kappa Alpha, 21-to-18, in one of the fastest games of the tournament, Thursday night.

Making good on a foul shot, S.A.E. scored the only point during the first quarter. The Pi K.A. shooters knotted the score at seven-all at the end of the half and then both teams embarked on a scoring spree in the third period, with Pi K.A. remaining ahead by one point, when the period closed with the score at 18-to-16.

The white shoe boys sank a foul shot to tie the score as the last frame opened and then quickly pulled ahead with two field goals to make the score 20-to-16. With only two minutes to play, the Pi K.A. lads dropped a basket to make the score 20-to-18, but S.A.E. made good on a foul shot and widened the margin to 21-to-18 before the period closed.

Foulk, high scorer with nine points, played a good game for the winners, while Pi K. A.'s center, Wetzel, trailed off with eight points. Horsfall, S.A.E. center, scored seven of the winners' markers.

Volley Ball Starts
As the volley ball tournament got under way last week, five teams were eliminated, each having been defeated twice. Teams dropped from competition include Alpha Kappa Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Sigma Kappa, Theta Kappa Phi, and Unit No. 6.

The Nittanyman by falls. Both of Calvin's victims gained places, King getting second and Ferguson fourth.

A total of seventy-nine wrestlers, representing various Y. M. C. A. teams in fourteen states were entered in the tourney, which is an annual affair.

Not content with their records so far this season and in an effort to stay in top form for the Olympic finals, both Shaffer and Eshbach will journey to Harrisburg this week-end to compete in the all-State Y. M. C. A. mat tournament. Shaffer will fight at 165 and Eshbach at heavyweight.

20 Stickmen Will Practice Monday

Thiel Plans Two Daily Sessions; Emphasis On Stickwork.

Twenty lacrosse men will report to Coach Thiel Monday for two concentrated practice sessions each day until Thursday when they will resume their 4 o'clock schedule. At 10 a. m. each morning stickwork, pivoting, blocking, passing, and goal-shooting will be emphasized, while the afternoons will be devoted to scrimmages.

Selection of the twenty stickmen will be made from Gerber, Robeson, Rumbaugh, Jacober, Hasek, Conley, Douthett, Hoff, Eisenman, Hontz, McEwan, Fawley, Himmoff, Killfoil, Cohn, Simpson, Eddy, White, Macario, Snook, Byers, Foster, Proksa, and Lotz. The official list will be posted on the lacrosse bulletin board Tuesday afternoon.

Recent changes in the lineup include the shifting of Hoff from defense to first attack, while McEwan has been filling the goal for the second team. All positions have not been definitely settled as yet, but several new men will break into the starting lineup.

Thiel has changed the usual style of play by emphasizing the use of the homes to feed the ball to the attack men working in towards the goal and permitting them to pivot and take a "crack" at the cage. More block plays will be used, especially in near the goal. The "free man" maneuvering will be an important attacking device.

Al Mikelonis '35 has been selected assistant to Thiel, as coach of the freshman squad. In about a week a call for freshman candidates will be issued. Thiel will devote most of his time to the varsity, but will teach the game's fundamentals to the first-year men.

Speidel Orders Spring Practice for Matmen

With intercollegiate and "Y" competition things of the past, Coach Charlie Speidel's "wrasslers" are indulging in a bit of pre-season grunting. Not to be outdone by Bob Higgins' football drill, the wrestlers are having their spring practice, too.

Manager Robert J. Seigler '37 wishes to stress the fact that a new roll has to be made, and that all those who intend to devote their spare time to learning half-nelsons and the such should sign up immediately. Coach Speidel will have as a nucleus for next year's competition Captain O'Dowd, Krupa, Shaffer, Calvin, and Brood. Promising freshmen are coming up, notably in the featherweight divisions with the Craighead brothers.

Numerals to the freshman team and several intramural championships were awarded last week. Those getting them are Donald G. Bachman '39, Robert B. Blum '38, Paul C. Campbell '38, Frank C. Craighead '39, John J. Craighead '39, James E. Edroney '39, Victor Gentilman '39, Adolph Markel jr. '39, Edward K. Kraybill '39, Legh R. Myers jr. '39, and Benjamin H. Preston '38.

Alumni Ask Students To Attend Meeting

Students from Montgomery County have been invited by their county alumni organization to attend a dinner meeting which will be held at the Plymouth Country Club, Norristown, at 7 o'clock Monday, April 15.

Miles Horst, president of the College Alumni Association, Edward K. Hibshman, Alumni secretary, and Robert A. Higgins, head football coach, will speak. The latter will show moving pictures of the Penn State-Villanova game last fall.

Between The Lions

By WALT FREUNSCHE

Wrestling fans who have been entertaining any apprehensions about next year's wrestling team must be relieved somewhat as a result of the National "Y" championships last week. With Ross Shaffer able to go to 165 pounds, and Parke Eshbach ably taking his place at light-heavy, the Lions' point-scoring will be just as certain in the heavy weights as it was last year in the lower weight classes. In fact, next year's team ought to go to the Intercollegiate as top-heavy favorites.

Of course, most of the foregoing is contingent on Eshbach's ability to develop in accordance with the fond hopes of his backers. If he fails to come through the line-up will again consist of a very tough row including Krupa, Shaffer, and Captain O'Dowd. Frankly, I don't see how we can lose, even with the terrific casualties by graduation. I don't think Charlie is worrying, either, although he'll be the last to admit that.

50 Football Aspirants Hold Spring Practice

With about fifty candidates working out every night since March 23, football coach "Bob" Higgins has decided to hold no practice during the Easter vacation. About two weeks more practice will be held following the holiday.

In addition to Higgins, "Spike" Leslie, "Hym" Everhardus, and the squad, which is larger than usual "Mike" Mikelonis have been coaching for spring practice. Thus far the emphasis has been on the fundamentals of kicking, blocking, and tackling.

Most of this year's varsity squad, except for the men who are competing in spring sports, have reported for practice. In addition, about twenty-five members of last fall's freshman team are working out in an effort to fill the posts left vacant by graduation, or to push out some of the returning veterans.

Several scrimmages have been held and following the vacation there will probably be several "Blue and White" games played. A practice game with Lock Haven is also being planned.

Tanner Contributes Leading Law Article

The May issue of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review will contain a leading article by Professor Sheldon C. Tanner of the Department of Economics and Sociology, on the Statute of Limitations. It deals with the time within which to institute actions for injuries resulting in disability or death, and with intervening limitations which modify or abrogate the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

An article by Professor Tanner on industrial law, which appeared last fall in the Temple Law Quarterly, has recently been published in abstract form by Current Legal Thought, a journal devoted to the review of outstanding American Law Reviews. Professor Tanner is Vice President of the American Association of Teachers of Business Law.

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Lion Baseball Team Leaves For 3-Game Southern Trip

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Nineteen varsity baseball men leave at noon today for the annual spring baseball invasion of the South. The team meets Navy at Annapolis tomorrow, moves on to Washington Thursday to play George Washington University, and completes the trip with a game with Western Maryland at Westminster, Md., Friday. The Lions will play their first home game of the season with the West Virginia Mountaineers on New Beaver field Friday, April 17.

Cold, rain, sleet, snow, and mud have kept the Nittany batsmen from practicing on the local diamond. Until Friday the nine had managed to get five days of practice on the field and play a few practice innings. Saturday afternoon the team played several innings, and warmed up yesterday. For the past two weeks batteries have been practicing in Rec hall corridors.

Haxed by the weather, the team faces the same situation as it did last year, when cold weather kept the boys off the field.

Sophomore Man Infield
Coach Joe Bedenk is concerned chiefly with picking his batteries and infield, since first, second, and third basemen will be manned by sophomores. "These boys," Bedenk said, "will have to show what they can do under fire. There's no other way of picking them, because we haven't had any chance to try them all out."

With the addition of four sophomore pitchers and two sophomore catchers, the batteries look stronger this year than last. Frank Smith, co-captain-elect of the basketball team and football end, will head this season's pitching staff. George Slobodian, who saw service last year, is the other veteran. Four capable sophomores, who pitched for last year's freshman team and who will amply strengthen the mound staff this season are Boho, Ford, Hoffman, and Simoncelli.

Bedenk will probably start Frank Smith against Navy tomorrow, with Mike Kornick behind the plate. Simoncelli will probably start against George Washington University, with Ben Crossin, a sophomore, behind the plate. Al Ochroch, veteran catcher, and John Jageman, a sophomore, will probably catch for the third game.

Mel Vonax will cover first base, Fisher or Michoff both sophomores, will play second base, and Nick Wassel, who played last year, or John Waters, a sophomore, will cover third. Red O'Hara will return to his usual position at shortstop.

Left field will probably be covered by Palmer, a sophomore. Bedenk may, however, move Smith or Boho to that position and use Al Ochroch in the outfield as well.

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only slightly overshadowed by Martin's fine performance.

Weakest spot in the show, we thought, was Clara Jones as Josie Mansfield, the Opera star and innamorata of Fiske. Her acting was fair but her singing—a prime requisite in opera stars, we understand—did not get over. Whether it was the fault of her song's being pitched too low or lack of volume on Miss Jones' part, we don't know, rather suspecting the former.

The more or less minor parts were all done in good shape—with one outstanding exception. Barton Henderson's portrayal of the crazed stock manipulator, Speyers, was one of the high points of the show. Single handed he put over one entire scene and then provided an incident which was the real shocker of the evening. After busting the market wide open by his spectacular gold buying, Henderson goes crazy, reels drunkenly up three stairs and then pulls a spectacular dive face downward, to the boards, the suddenness and completeness of which caused an involuntary gasp to escape from the audience.

As is typical of Thespian audiences here, these receiving the biggest hand of the evening was slap stick. Under the leadership of Lloyd Larkins, six gentlemen cavorted about the stage in bizarre and grotesque women's ballet costumes, providing much sport and lots of fun.

We were particularly interested in the closing scenes because it's always lots of fun to see if the boys who wrote the show are able to tie their strings together with some motivation, grace, and ease. But honestly now, did Lucy Fiske, Jim's wife (Virginia Swart) have to be brought out in a uniform surrounded by a squad of soldiers before she could win back her husband completely?

As a whole the music was excellent, not one of the songs falling noticeably flat. Best of the lot we think, is Don Dixon's romantic "If You're in Favor," with "Champagne Waltz" a poor second. Costumes were gorgeous, lavish, spectacular. And, oh yes, the sets done with professional excellence.

—E. T. S.

P.S. Club To Announce New Heads at Dance

New officers elected by the Penn State club will be announced at the all-college Easter dance which the club is sponsoring in Rec hall Saturday night, April 18.

Elections are to be held at a meeting of the organization in the Old Main Sandwich Shop Friday evening, April 17.

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