

Undefeated Matmen Face Lehigh In Crucial Meet

Victorious In 15 Consecutive Bouts, Engineers Hold Eastern Diadem; Captain Masem Is Powerful Threat

Contest Marks 24th Encounter Between Rivals; Wrestlers Trounced By Opponents Last Year

By BOB LANE

Eight determined Lehigh Engineers, minus their slide rules, but nevertheless still able to calculate with the maximum scientific efficiency in the art of wrestling are calmly awaiting an invasion of an undefeated Nittany Lion grappler juggernaut in Taylor Gym tomorrow night.

SPORTS MENU

TODAY
Varsity swimming, Pitt. away.

TOMORROW
Varsity swimming, Carnegie Tech. away.
Freshman swimming, Carnegie Tech. away.
Varsity wrestling, Lehigh, away.
Varsity gymnastics, Temple, home 2.30 p.m.
Freshman gymnastics, Temple, home 3.45 p.m.
Varsity fencing, Rutgers, home 2.00 p.m.
Varsity basketball, Army, away.
Freshman boxing, Syracuse, away.

When the "Spartans of Spedel" enter Bethlehem to meet Lehigh for the 24th time in a series which is one of the oldest in intercollegiate grappling annals, they will be facing a rival which has chalked up 15 consecutive victories, and which last year walked away with the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling diadem.

Victorious over Yale and Kansas State in its two meets this season, Lehigh will provide the "acid test" for the Blue and White matmen. The winner of this crucial tilt will rank as the leading contender in the scramble for the Eastern Intercollegiate crown.

Masem Leads Lehigh
Leading the assault on the Nittany Lions will be Captain Harold Masem, Eastern champion at 135 in 1937, and 145-pound titleholder last year. Masem was one of the "big guns" in the 25-3 trouncing the Lions received at the hands of Lehigh here last year.

The Brown and White captain manhandles his opponents from the 155-pound slot this season, and Coach Spedel will send either Joe Scalzo or Ralph Sayre against Masem in an attempt to smash the 19-match winning streak compiled by the Engineers.

In the opening 121-pound bout Clau Hess will face Engineer Tony Carcione, who scored impressive victories against Yale and Kansas State.

Waite Meets Bailey
Frank Bailey of Lehigh will tangle with Dave Waite in the 128-pound clash in Taylor Gym. Both grapplers hold unblemished records so far this season.

Fresh from his startling victory over Captain Dick Harding of Princeton, Frank Gleason will be pointing for his fifth straight victory of the season when he tackles Harry Boyer, Engineer 136-pounder.

At the 145-pound post Coach Bill Sheridan will send Joe Quinn, sensational sophomore star, who earned a victory in the Kansas State match, last week battled two overtime periods with Captain Dave Gerber of Yale in a match which ended in a draw.

Bob Alexander or Joe Scalzo will tackle Quinn in the 145-pound bout with the Lions' chances of winning this tilt almost a toss-up.

Senior Chuck Rohrer will be in for his toughest match so far this season when he encounters Ben Schrader, powerful 165-pound Engineer, who also has scored two wins for the Brown and White this year.

Bortz Is Favorite
Lion Captain Ernie Bortz will be a favorite to take his 175-pound bout with Bill Lehr, who has lost both matches by falls, although both were against outstanding opponent matmen.

Dick Brenneman, P I A A high school mat titleholder, will be carrying the Lehigh hopes against Nittany Lion Warren Elliott in what should be a very spectacular heavyweight clash.

Although Lehigh lost Mattes, Haggerman, and King via the graduation route from that all-powerful 1939 aggregation the Engineers have definitely established themselves as contenders by their stunning triumph over Kansas State, which manhandled the strong Franklin and Marshall matmen.

Lions, Lehigh Will Battle For EIWA Title, Ref Says

A referee, who goes under the alias of "Saula Elrem," (because that is not his name) and who, incidentally, handled the State-Princeton wrestling match Saturday, claims that the Nittany Lion grapplers are in the best condition of any mat outfit that he has seen this season.

Elrem, who has handled meets for Yale, Harvard, and Princeton, stated that the battle for the Eastern Intercollegiate two schools, Lehigh and Penn wrestling title will be between State

TWO MAT MASTERS



Captain Harold Masem, 155-pound Lehigh Eastern Intercollegiate champion, who will be gunning for his 20th straight victory against the Nittany Lions at Lehigh tomorrow night.



Ben Schrader who will face Penn State's Chuck Rohrer in the 165-pound clash in Taylor Gym. Both grapplers hold unblemished records so far this season.

Freshman Mitmen Box At Syracuse

Lost First Match, 5-3, At Army Last Saturday

While the varsity rests up for its meet with Virginia on February 17, the Nittany Lion cub matmen will take over the week-end boxing stage with a freshman dual meet at Syracuse tomorrow afternoon.

Defeated, 5-3, in their first start at Army last Saturday, the Lion cubs will be seeking their first victory and revenge for a 5-3 defeat which last year's Orange freshmen handed State. It will be the last dual meet for the State freshman until they wind up their season against Cornell here on March 2.

Only one change is expected in the freshman lineup from the squad that faced Army last Saturday. In that, Jimmy Metzler will take over the 127 pound berth from Bill Donovan.

The three fighters who won at Army will again battle in the Nittany cub lineup: Bill Mazocco, 135, Henry Savino, 143, and Paul Richards, 155.

Freshman who will complete the lineup for the Syracuse trip, all of whom lost bouts to the Coeds are Al Berseth, 120, Phil Zepor, 165, Emer Kasprzyk, 175, and Len Fiescolin, heavy.

Soose Will Box Abrams In Pittsburgh Monday

Billy Soose, Penn State's gift to professional boxing, will seek to push aside the largest present obstacle in the way of a middleweight title shot when he meets George Abrams, of Washington, D. C., in a 10-round headliner at Pittsburgh Monday night.

Abrams, who took a close decision from Soose last September, is one of the only two men to beat him since he turned professional. The other defeat, from Johnny Duca, has already been avenged.

Since losing to Abrams in Pittsburgh Soose has won impressively from seven lesser fighters and won a spot above Abrams in the National Boxing Association quarterly rankings last December.

Between The Lions

With BOB WILSON

Try, Try Again

The little fellow stood in his corner, his back to his opponent. His gloved hands tugged nervously at the adjacent ropes. His feet shuffled restlessly on the resin. His forehead dripped with perspiration.

He had just boxed three terrific rounds with an old opponent—an opponent who had beaten him on close eyes, even questionable decisions four times before, an opponent who had taken two intercollegiate championships from him.

Now, both in their senior year and both captains of their respective teams, the two little men had just met again for the fifth time. It had been a fiercely fought bout, typical of their past fights. Both men had given everything they had. Both had taken plenty.

They were waiting for the decision—the little fellow in blue and white and his opponent in blue, gray and gold.

Surely this time he would be declared the winner, the little man in blue and white thought to himself.

Hadn't he pounded his opponent all over the ring? Hadn't he taken everything the other little man threw at him? And hadn't he come back for more?

This time he must have won. He felt almost certain that he did. Then came the announcement: "The winner—Army!"

The little man had lost again for the fifth straight time. Crestfallen, he wheeled around and ran to the center of the ring to congratulate his opponent.

"Nice game," he choked. "Nuts!" came the reply. "You were robbed!"

The little man felt better. As he left the ring he thought about the intercollegiate tournament in March. If only.

Chlorine Drama
Act I—Because he once neglected to give varsity swimming a 72-point headline, the sports editor was ruthlessly accused by the coach of being allergic to water to the degree that he was afraid to take a bath.

Act II—The sports editor is cordially invited by said coach to visit the pool and watch the varsity work out.

Act III—The sports editor goes to the pool, is duly baptized (soaked to the bone) by each and every swimmer on the team, is defeated by the cack of the coach's starting gun in his ear and is sent home without a story.

Finale—The sports editor, who heretofore wouldn't have given a glass of bilge water and an old inner tube for all the swimming teams in the country, sincerely wishes the coach a successful season and ropes the team knocks him out of both Pitt and Carnegie Tech this week-end.

Dog Fight
Tomorrow night in the little town of Bethlehem (pop 55,000), Penn State's wrestling Lions meet the eastern intercollegiate champs—the Lehigh University team that humiliated them last year, 25-3.

If the fact that they will be wrestling on their own mats has anything to do with it, Lehigh will have a psychological advantage over State.

If past performances mean anything, the Nittany Lions with 18 out of 22 victories over the Engineers will have a decided edge.

Personally, I doubt if there will be such a thing as an advantage when the two teams meet. From all indications it will be a fight-to-the-finish affair with the best team winning.

And whichever team wins, you can feel fairly sure that that team will sweep the intercollegiate at Syracuse in March.

Little Quiz
1. What Penn State runner was the first to defeat Paavo Nurmi, famed Finnish distance star, in a scratch race?
2. What former Penn State student became National Open Golf champion?

3. What Penn State faculty member was the first American to defeat Paavo Nurmi in the mile?
4. Who is Penn State's most recent All-American?

5. What Penn State track star was a member of the Olympic team BEFORE he went to college?
6. How old is the College golf course?

7. What football game did Penn State win after the final whistle blew?
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Gymsters Face Temple Here

By DICK PETERS

All that glitters ain't milk and honey—that's the way Gene Weston views tomorrow's gymnastic warfare between the potent Temple Owls and his Nittany Lion acrobats.

When his varsity performers take on the Owl seniors at 2.30 p. m., things aren't going to be so hot, Gene will tell you, because the Philadelphians, Eastern intercollegiate champs for the past three years, boast a lot of power in all events.

"You can't hope for much when a team has so many champs," says Gene, "but I'm a little more optimistic about my freshmen." Gene speaks about his freshman squad as a two-year-old talks about an all-day sucker.

Fresh Match Even
Gene figures the freshman affair, which begins at 3.45 p. m., will be mighty close, since both cub outfits are strong all down the line. The Lion yearlings made an

auspicious debut last Saturday when they wound the Navy Middies around the mast to the tune of 42-12.

Counting heavily on Johnny Wolf and Lou Bordo to pluck most of the feathers from the baby Owls, with a little help from other performers, John Teti, Sol Small, and Ed Trybala, Gene believes his Cubs can edge the Temple freshmen.

In the varsity encounter, nothing short of massacre can be ex-

pected, as the mighty Birds boast what is known as "it" in every department. Led by Danny Danset, Norm Boardman, and Stan Fogel, the Philly aggregation looks unbeatable unless something unusual and lucky, like Hitler being assassinated, occurs.

However, Gene thought yesterday that Chuck Gillespie would stand a chance in the varsity rope climb, with George Terwilliger, another possible scorer on the bars.

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