

Gymnasts Battle For Solo Honors

With the 1948 Eastern team title tucked safely in Nittanytown, the varsity gymnasts entrained today for West Point to try their skill in tomorrow's Eastern Intercollegiate Championships.

Coach Gene Wettstone's proteges copped the team championship by downing Temple, Navy and Army in dual meets, and will compete individually tomorrow with gymnasts from these teams for Eastern individual crowns.

Although the Lions will encounter keen competition, they are rated a good bet to annex championships in several events.

Defending Eastern Intercollegiate side horse champion is the Blue and White's Steve Greene, who remained undefeated throughout dual meets this season and should maintain his crown won last year.

NO SPECIALTY

With his sights trained on winning an Olympic berth in May, Lion Ray Sorenson has been working out all season in several events, with no concentration on any particular one.

His all-around ability on the four apparatus events — side horse, flying rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar—may win him the Eastern all-around championship and could yield an individual title on either the horizontal bar or p-bars.



GREENE

Last year Sorenson lost the all-around toga to Temple's Bob Stout, whose adeptness in tumbling was a deciding factor. Since this year's all-around scoring will omit tumbling, Sorenson and Stout are expected to battle on even terms in the four apparatus events.

Another all-around Nittany competitor will be Bill Bonsall, who finished third last year. His forte, the flying rings, will include top-notch competition from Temple, led by Chick Ackerman, whom Bonsall topped in last week's contest.

ROPE CLIMB

To cop the Eastern rope climb title, Joe Linn will have to defeat the defending title-holder, Navy's George Hoffman. He has already accomplished this in a recent meet. Lawler, another Nittany climber, is expected to place in this event.

A tumbling battle looms between the Lions' Bill Meade and Temple's Bob Stout. The latter defeated Meade by a close margin in last week's meet in Philadelphia and is the defending champ, but Meade holds an excellent chance to beat the Owls at West Point.

Other Nittany gymnasts making the journey to West Point include Mike Kurowski, who may place on the horizontal bar; Dick Klatz, rings performer who placed second to Bonsall in last week's Temple meet; Bill Morris, who will enter the flying rings event; and Pete Howachyn, tumbler.

Correction
The Daily Collegian mistakenly reported yesterday that Charles Ryder defeated Jerry Wolf in an IM handball singles match. Wolf topped Ryder 21-15, 21-17.

Eight Nittanymen Seek Miff Honors In EIBA Tourney

Coach Leo Houck's boxers entrained yesterday to seek honors in the twenty-fifth annual Intercollegiate Boxing Association Tournament at the University of Virginia. The Lions will compete against five of the East's king powers — Virginia, Syracuse, Army, Coast Guard and Western Maryland.

The Nittany men loom as strong contenders to wrest the team crown from Syracuse, last year's champion. Coach Leo Houck sports two former Eastern champions in his lineup, Jackie Tighe and John Benglian. These two are rated as likely crown winners at 155 and 130 pounds, respectively.

A third prospective titlist is husky heavyweight, Chuck Drzenovich.

Freddie Smith, regular Lion 125-pounder, was unable to make the trek to Virginia because of an elbow injury received in last week's bout against Allen Hollingsworth. John Deck will represent the Lions in the 125-pound class.

Bob Keller, 165-pounder who last week made a triumphant debut to the Blue and White varsity ranks, will seek honors in that weight class.

Representing the Lions in the 135-pound class will be Curt Crooks. Crooks, a hard-stabbing stylist, has made good showings in his last ring performances. Jack Sheehe will don gloves in

Hetrick, Arbuckle Out as ...

Injuries Hamper Lions Hopes In Eastern Wrestling Trials

Penn State's chances of a good showing in the intercollegiate wrestling tournament at Lehigh today and tomorrow were jolted severely when it was learned that two regulars, Don Arbuckle and Bob Hetrick, are sidelined with shoulder injuries.

Coach Charlie Speidel was still undecided as to who would take Arbuckle's place in the 136-pound class when the team left yesterday. Speidel indicated that two men, Harry Smith and Mickey Silverman, were traveling with the team, and either of them might start. Silverman is the potential starter in that weight class, but in order to grapple, he must take off five more pounds.

CORMAN FOR HETRICK

Spider Corman, who wrestled most of the season in the 175-pound division, where he won two and lost four, will replace Hetrick. Hetrick was out for a short time a few weeks earlier.

In the 145-pound class, Sheehe is considered by Houck one of his most improved boxers.

Lanky Paul Smith will step into the ring in the 175-pound division.

but wrestled against Cornell two weeks ago.

The remainder of the Lion lineup will find Georgie Schautz at 121 pounds; Al Vigilante, 123; Jim Maurey, 145; Laird Robertson, 155; Earl Long, 175; and Wally Chambers, heavyweight.

Robertson is the only new face among the starters. The ex-PIAA champion is wrestling in place of Grant Dixon, EIWA 165-pound king in 1946.

Navy and Lehigh are the favorites to cop the team title, with Navy holding a slight edge by virtue of its dual meet victory over the Engineers. Franklin and Marshall is considered a dark-horse. The Diplomats are well-balanced and strong in every weight class.

126 entries have been received from 16 member colleges for this year's tournament, which is the largest turnout in the 43-year history of the meet.

Six defending champions will be on hand to vie for 1948 titles. They are Pilgrim McRaven and Ed Erickson, Lehigh; Wayne Smith and Johnny Fletcher, Navy; Stan Thevenet, Army; and Hank O'Shaughnessy, of Columbia.

Mermen Compete Against 19 Teams

Coach Bill Gutteron and seven members of his team will leave today for the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming Tourney to be held at Rutgers University Saturday afternoon.

The Lion tankers will compete against representatives from 19 of the top swimming teams in the East, including Temple, victor over the mermen earlier in the season. Army, Columbia, and undefeated Navy.

Cal Folmsbee and Michael Kutzenkow will participate in the diving competition. John McGrory and Bill Schildmacher will swim in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events, and captain Don Peck will vie for the 220-yard freestyle title. Dave Hughes and Irv Tenzer round out the Nittany entries.

Gutteron's natators are tentatively scheduled to compete in five of the events: the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle, the 220-yard freestyle, the 400-yard relay, and the diving competition.

Collegian Sports Staff Forecasts 1948 Eastern Tourney Champions

Predictions for the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing and Wrestling Tournaments have been made by the sports staff of The Daily Collegian. The EIBA meet is being held in Charlottesville, Va., while the wrestling tourney is taking place in Bethlehem.

Wrestling	Boxing
121 lbs—McRaven, Lehigh	125 lbs—Auclair, Syracuse
128 lbs—Raabe, Army	130 lbs—Benglian, Penn State
136 lbs—W. Smith, Navy	135 lbs—Heistand, Army
145 lbs—Fletcher, Navy	145 lbs—Jim Miragliatto
155 lbs—Mansell, Yale	155 lbs—Tighe, Penn State
165 lbs—Perri, Syracuse	165 lbs—Levine, Syracuse
175 lbs—Jackson, Lehigh	175 lbs—Shoaf, Virginia
Unlimited — O'Shaughnessy, Columbia	Unlimited — Drzenovich, Penn State

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