

Lions Open Defense Of Eastern Gym Title

Slated to begin defending the Eastern Intercollegiate crown they captured last season, twelve Lion gymnasts will leave today for Syracuse, N. Y., to engage Syracuse University at Archbold gymnasium, 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

The Lions will be seeking their second win of the 1949 season and first against an Eastern Intercollegiate opponent.

They copped their inaugural meet against Michigan State by a 61-51 count at East Lansing Monday night.

Tomorrow's meet looms as a contest between two evenly-matched teams, each of which figures to be strong in at least one event.

MINOTTI

In the rope climb event Leo Minotti, who tied the Eastern record for the rope climb when he scaled the 20 feet in 3.8 seconds against Army two weeks ago, should give the Orangemen an edge in that competition.

To balance their superiority on the ropes, however, the Lions' Bill Meade and Rudy Valentino are

rated a good chance to come out ahead of their Syracuse opponents, Captain Jim Cumming, Norm Matthews and Tink Bean.

Matthews however, has defeated all comers in the tumbling event against four opponents, three of them Eastern Intercollegiate foes. Last year Meade barely nosed out the tumble-happy Syracusan.

The side horse event should provide some close competition. Gene Rabbit, sensational Syracuse sophomore, is expected to hook up in a duel with Lion Captain Bill Bonsall for high scorer.

BAR

Cumming and Bonsall will vie for top honors on the horizontal bar, with Mike Kurowski, who performed well against Michigan State Monday, also in the running. Joel Baba, the all-around man of the New Yorkers' squad, will be hard to beat in his two specialties, the rings and the parallel bars. Baba is undefeated in both these events so far this year.

Bonsall, Jesse Fehl and Bill Wamel will work on the rings for Coach Wattstone's crew, and Kurowski, Meade and Joe Mirezni will perform on the parallel bars. Syracuse, too, will be out for its second win of the gym campaign. The Orange downed Navy last week for its only win in four meets.

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BILLY SHERIDAN

Gehrdes Faces Top Hurdlers In NYAC Meet

A quintet of Penn State athletes will appear in Madison Square Garden this Saturday night. No, not the basketball team, but five Nittany Lion trackmen are scheduled to run in the New York Athletic Club's invitational meet tomorrow night.

NO DILLARD

For the first time in the five-week-old indoor track season, Jim Gehrdes will compete in the hurdle event without facing his nemesis, Harrison "Bones" Dillard. The former Baldwin Wallace ace who has nipped Gehrdes in four consecutive hurdle races, has not sent his entry in for the New York race.

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All in Knowing How...

Casual Fans Find Scoring Hard; Mathematics Easy

By Ed Watson

Wrestling scoring to the average fan is a highly intricate system. But to the rabid mat follower, the procedure is fairly simple.

This year, for the first time, the boxing and wrestling teams are printing programs for home meets which explain the scoring methods of each sport. The first of these was put into circulation at

the boxing wrestling double-header with Western Maryland and Army January 29.

LENGTH

A collegiate wrestling match is nine minutes in length, and is divided into three periods of three minutes each. If a fall occurs during either the first or third period, the bout is ended. However, if a fall takes place in the second period, only the amount of time that the fall accounted for will be allowed in the third period.

For instance, in the Army meet, Lion heavyweight Homer Barr pinned West Point's unbeaten Bennie Davis in 1:41 of the second period. That meant only 1 minute and 41 seconds were to be wrestled in the third period. But two seconds before that time was

up, Barr pinned Davis for the second time.

A fall adds five points toward the team score. Even though Barr threw the Cadet twice, Penn State still only received five points. But if a fall has not been scored at the end of nine minutes, the winner is determined by using a point system in scoring.

SCORING

A decision win tacks three points to the team total, but two points are awarded each team if the combatants finish with the same number of points.

A takedown, gaining a position of advantage or control from a neutral or free position, means two points in the individual bout. If the grappler on the bottom moves to a point of control, he is awarded two points. This is known as a reverse.

An escape, which counts one point, occurs when a wrestler breaks away from his opponent's advantage and gains a neutral position.

NEAR FALL

Two points is also given the wrestler who manipulates a near fall by holding his foe's shoulders to the mat for less than two seconds, or near the mat for two seconds. In contrast to this, a fall—which gives the team total an addition of five points—takes place when an opponent's shoulders are held to the mat for the prescribed time of two seconds.

If a fall has not resulted after three full periods are wrestled, time advantage is taken into consideration in determining the individual winner. Time advantage is the difference between the total time each contestant has been on top of his foe. If one to two minutes time advantage is earned, one point is awarded. If more than two minutes of time advantage is procured, two points is given that wrestler.

In addition, the referee may penalize a wrestler for the use of illegal holds, or for stalling. He may award one or two points depending on the specific violation.

PENALTY

In the Johnny Reese-Jim Fogarty match at Syracuse, neither matman could gain an advantage in the first period. At the beginning of the second period, Reese was on top. Fogarty earned one point by escaping shortly afterwards, and neither could obtain a takedown.

Reese began the last period on the bottom, but was soon in a neutral position after escaping. Again, no takedown took place. As a result, the match ended in a 1-1 tie, for there was not enough time advantage by either grappler to warrant any additional points.

Mermen---

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ing race of the day was the 150-yard backstroke won by State's Rod Waters in 1:51.6. Until the last turn he fought evenly with Dickinson's Jim Hopkins but on the last length, Waters pulled ahead and finished first. Bob Conrad, swimming in his first competitive race—the backstroke event, placed third, a length behind Hopkins, who had previously won this event against Lehigh and Franklin and Marshall.

Penn State scored heavily, registering a first in the 400-yard free-style relay in addition to the 50, 100, diving and backstroke events.

Besides piling up points in the five events in which they won first, the Blue and White natators scored heavily by taking second and third places in the other events.

Next Wednesday the Nittany tankmen will try to add victory number three when they take on Franklin and Marshall in Glenn and pool at 8 p.m.

IM Hoopsters Play Tonight

Intramural basketball rounds out the week's action with nine independent games on the Rec Hall boards tonight. Play starts at 8:45 p.m. The schedule follows:

8:45 p.m.—Penn State Club vs. Gazelles, court one; Murgas vs. Architects, court two; Cody Manor vs. Ceramics, court three.

9:25 p.m.—Womers Roamers vs. Section 10, court one; Ath. Hall Men vs. Lions, court two; Century Boys vs. Ramblers, court three.

10:05 p.m.—Warriors vs. Team X, court one; Shrimps vs. Golden Eagles, court two; Indians vs. Watts Stars, court three.

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