

Lions To Open Gym Slate Against Spartans

Stout Looms As Major Foe In All Events

By BOB KOTZBAUER

A Pennsylvania young man who took Horace Greeley's "Go West" advice is expected to cause most of the rumpus when the Spartans meet the Lions in a gymnastic battle of state colleges at Rec Hall tomorrow afternoon.

Michigan State's Mel Stout, a Philadelphia product, will be Lion Coach Gene Wettstone's main headache and Spartan Coach George Szypula's hope in almost every event.

Stout, who is good enough to be number one man in five of the seven events carded, won the NCAA runner-up award for all-round performance last year. He was also NCAA champ on the parallel bars.

PLENTY OF POWER

Backed by Bob Feldmeier, Stout gives Michigan State plenty of power on the sidehorse, horizontal bar, and parallel bars; the Spartans will be tough on the rings with Ken Cook helping Stout and in tumbling, where John Robuck, of Ellwood City, Pa., backs up the all-round star.

Wettstone expects Stout to be the man to watch in every event he enters. The Lion coach called the meet a "tossup," however. The first event starts at 1:30.

Penn State will attempt to slam the rope-climb, and should if Lee Perna, Sal Postich and Al Christie come through with their usual performances. At the same time, the Lions will be after an even break on the trampoline, an event not usually included in Eastern competition. Cal Folmsbee is expected to surprise the westerners with his prowess on the unfamiliar "flying carpet."

INTERESTING EVENT

One of the most interesting events should be the horizontal bar where Captain Mike Kurowski will vie for honors with Stout. The Michigan State ace will have his hands full with Dick Spiese and much-improved Joe Mirenzi on the parallels, and Rudy Valentino in tumbling.

Though an accomplished ring star, Stout will be handicapped tomorrow on Penn State's low rings, and Lion Bill Hendrickson is given a very good chance to slip into the winning role. Dave Benner will give Stout competition on the sidehorse.

Track Team To Run In Millrose Meet

By JOE BREU

Two individual performers and two relay teams will represent Penn State's track team at the Millrose Meet Saturday night in New York.

Captain Jim Gehrdes and high-jumper Vic Fritts will be the single entrants for Coach Chick Werner's Nittany crew. Jumpin' Jim will go after his fourth straight victory against as powerful a hurdles field as has ever been assembled for an indoor meet. Fritts will be attempting to repeat his win in last week's Philadelphia Inquirer Meet.

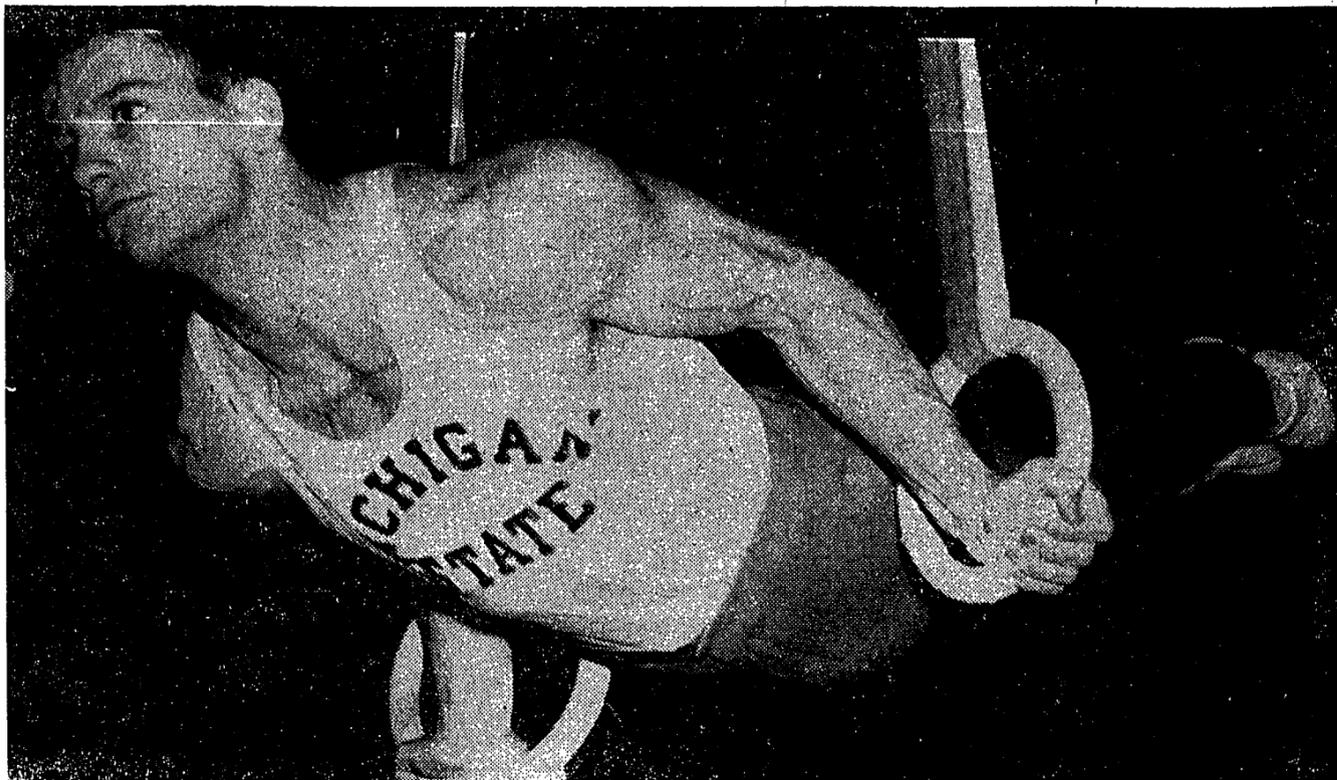
SAME RELAYS

Coach Werner has also entered the same one and two mile relay teams that he has used in the three meets thus far this season. The one mile quartet will consist of Wil Lancaster, Guy Kay, John McCall and Bill Lockhart and the two mile team of the Ashenfelter brothers, Don and Bill, Bob Freebairn and Bob Parsons.

In the mile, the Lions will run in the second of seven sections, meeting Manhattan, Villanova and Morgan State. Cornell and NYU are the favorites in the field that includes 29 colleges. The winner of the Anderson Cup will be decided on a time basis, the winning team turning in the fastest time winning the Cup.

The two mile foursome will be one of 12 colleges in the event. It will meet Brown, Princeton, Fordham, NYU and Syracuse in the second of two sections. Villanova which has turned in the favorite.

He Flies Through the Air With the Greatest of Ease



MEL STOUT, Michigan State's all-around star gymnast, demonstrates his ability as he swings into a flying handstand.

Stout will be the Spartans' big gun when the green and white clad visitors tangle with Gene Wettstone's Lion gymnasts in

the first dual meet of the season at Rec Hall tomorrow afternoon. The meet will begin promptly at 1:30.

Stout performs on the parallel bars, the horizontal bar, the sidehorse, and tumbles as well as working the rings. He was NCAA champion on the parallel bars last season.

Lions Sharpen Claws For Panther Grapplers

By ED WATSON

A winless Pittsburgh wrestling team makes its first appearance in Recreation Hall tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock when it challenges the ferocity of Penn State's rampaging Lion wrestlers.

Coach Charlie Speidel's Nittanians seek their sixth straight win over a two-year span in the battle with the Panthers. The Pitt matmen are after their initial victory of the campaign, having suffered four consecutive reversals thus far.

Gettysburg, Ohio State, Indiana Teachers and Lock Haven Teachers, the perennial S.T.C. champions, have captured wins at the expense of the Panthers. The Lions have trampled Virginia and Cornell and edged Lehigh this season.

FIRST YEAR

This is the Panthers' first taste of intercollegiate competition, for it is the first year of wrestling at the school. Coach Rex Peery was secured from Oklahoma and opposing teams can expect plenty of trouble in future engagements with the Pitts.

Captain Jim Conklin of Waynesburg brings an undefeated slate into tomorrow's meet. The Pitt leader was a four-year champion in high school. His match with the Lions' unbeaten Bill (Rusty) Santel at 165 pounds should be one of the high lights of the afternoon's program.

THREE UNBEATEN

Three Speidelmen in addition to Santel will be out to protect their unbeaten strings. Don Maurey, 136 pounds, tackles Frank Clark, while Musclin' Mike Rubino will fight it out with Al Mantini at 175 pounds. Both Maurey and Rubino are after their fourth victories.

Heavyweight Homer Barr, the "Peoples' Choice" lays his dual meet log of ten straight triumphs on the line when he tangles with John Masarik.

Johnny Reese will be at his usual 121-pound post, and he will meet Dan Richards. Reese apparently has hit his winning stride once again, as evidenced by his upset of Mike Filipos, Lehigh's Eastern champion last week.

The 128-pound division is scrambled at present, but Dean Harbold will probably don the blue and white mat togs against Pitt's Ray Cappelli. Harbold has a 1-1-1 record.

Captain Jim Maurey and Frank

Shirpan will meet at 145 pounds, and Maurey will try to get back on the winning side of the ledger after his surprise defeat by Lehigh's John Mahoney. Maurey has lost only three times in seventeen bouts for the Lions, losing to Navy's John Fletcher twice his sophomore year—in the dual meet and in the EIWA finals. Fletcher, incidentally, was named the "outstanding wrestler" of the 1948 tourney, and went on to place second in the Nationals that same year.

At 155 pounds, Cec Irvin, winner of one out of two bouts, faces off with Morris Shratter.

The wrestling meet will begin immediately after the gymnastics team goes against Michigan State.

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Tankmen Meet Seton Hall Team

Penn State's swimming team, rated as one of the most promising in recent years in pre-season reports, will have to go all out to bring its season record to the .500 mark this afternoon at 3:30 when they meet the Pirates of Seton Hall in Glensland pool.

The results of time-trials earlier in the week show that not only will approximately the same team that swam last week be representing the Lions, but also that their times are improving steadily. The Pirates, in beating CCNY early in the season, turned in some excellent times.

Seton Hall promises to be strong in the sprint events and relays. State should come back strong in the diving and possibly the backstroke and 440 yard relay. Much depends on the condition of Bill Schildmacher, who lost some valuable practice time and missed the first two meets because of illness.

If he is back in top shape, he could thwart the Pirates' strength in the 100 and 220 yard freestyle events and help the relay to victory. Cas Borowy, who, like Schildmacher, hails from Erie, meets tough competition in the sprints from Bob Koslow, Pirate ace.

The facilities of Glensland pool do not permit spectators at the meets. The pool was recently remodeled slightly to make it conform more nearly to most pools throughout the East. A barrier was erected at one end which makes the actual course of the race 25 yards in length. The pool is 40 by 90 feet.

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