Orange Poses Big Task For Nittany Gym Squad

A flurry of last-minute drills and smoothing-out operations is the key-note in Rec Hall today as Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts round out preparations for their biggest order of the season—trying to stop the high-flying Syracuse Orangemen tomorrow afternoon.

The Orange has established itself as one of the strongest outfits in the East, already having clinched at least a tie for

the Eastern Intercollegiate championship.

Coach Paul Romeo's charges have romped over three climbing the hemp and Rudy opponents — Cortland State Teachers, Temple and Navy—

So far this season, Spiese, a

TALENT SHOW

Whether the show will go according to odds, or whether the 'til now mediocre Nittanies will be able to rewrite the script, gym fans are in for a top-notch muscle-talent show.

In the starring role will delighted the st

muscle-talent show.

In the starring role will de Syracuse's scintillating Joel Baba of Philadelphia, performer delbars and flying rings. Backing him up are Gene Rabbitt, NAAU and Eastern Intercollegiate sidehorse champ, Leo Minotti, and Captain Norman (Bud) Matthews, pretty fair actors in climbing the long stars remains to be seen, but event for event the Phi Sig. Kap. 2 Acacia 1 Alpha Ep. Pi. 0 pretty fair actors in climbing the cut out for them. rope and tumbling, respectively.

SIDE-HORSE

Against this visiting array, Wettstone will pit his top-flighters, Dave Benner on the horse, Dick Spiese and Captain Joe Mirenzi on the P-bars, Lee Pernal

SIDE-HORSE

Syracuse's Rabbitt and Baba give Romeo a well-calculated edge in the first event, the side-horse, where the Lions will use (Continued on page seven)

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So far this season, Spiese, a and last week tied Army, and they'll be favored to add the Lions to their string when two squads meet at 2 o'clock.

TALENT SHOW

So far this season, Spiese, a sophomore, and Valentino a junion, have been the Lions' outstanding performers. Spiese took firsts against Michigan State, with 266 points, and against Navy, with



-Photo by Sam Vaughn

RECEIVE EQUIPMENT—Two of Coach Nick Thiel's lacrosse standouts, Jack Wilcox (1) and John Hagerman (r) are shown receiving their equipment as the lacrosse forces prepare for the coming season. Last year the stick Lions won 5 of 9 starts. This year's home season opens against Western Maryland, April 29.

Lacrosse Veterans Few, Thiel To Stress Youth

With only three returning lettermen in the fold, Coach Nick Thiel will be concentrating on the youth movement in his 16th year as guide of Penn State's lacrosse fortunes.

Despite the loss of 15 of last year's lettermen, Thiel is still his usual smiling self as he runs more than 90 candidates through the first week of formal practice on the rain-soaked golf course. Last

year. Thiel had 13 lettermen at the start of the season, yet his concentrating on the youth disquad only managed to shave vision, working toward 1951 and

Co-captains Ed Belfield, Co-captains Ed Belfield, at- juniors who saw action with the tack, and Bob Louis, midfield, jayvees last year and 13 sopho-and defense-man John Hager- mores, products of freshman cenman are the only lettermen Thiel ters. will have to work with through a nine-game schedule. Jim Wor-ley, another award winner last year, is not able to play because fer; defense-men Charles Junker,

Copelin, and Bud Pierce; attackmen Ken Kaye and James Case; and midfield-men Jack Long, Burt Raymond, and Larry At-

LACK EXPERIENCE

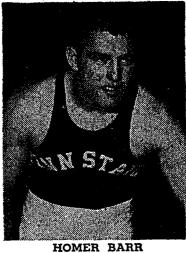
.500, winning five and dropping 1952 with a squad of promising four.

of an injury.

Eleven other men on the squad saw action last year, six of them are seniors and two juniors. Goalie Phil Benedetti and midfield man Jay Stone are juniors. The seniors are defense-men Joe Owens, Joe Drazenovich, Don Copelin, and Bud Pierce; attack
ler; defense-men Charles Junker, Milo Kasonovich, Robert Rodli, Roy Hagy, Joe Phileromo and Mervin Snyder; attack-men Richard Bailey, Jack Cook, Steve Meisel, John Neff and Don Watkins; and midfield-men Tom Jack Wilcox, Bill Forrest and Bill Hickey. Bill Hickey.

SOPHOMORES

Thiel has an exceptionally goodlooking crop of sophomores. The list numbers goalies Bob The squad will be short on experience; therefore these veterans are sure to see plenty of action. Thiel, however, will be The list numbers goalies Bob Koons, defense-men John Amber, Vance Scout, Bud Pedley, and Al Seithers; attack-men Jim Reed, Harold Wolfron and Jim (Continued on page seven)



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These standings do not include games
yed last night.
* Double forfeit games in this league.

One of the Few

Only two Penn State boxers—despite the loss of Bob Tierney.

160-pound Allie Wolff and 115Burt Pariser and Charlie Starpound Johnny Criswell—ever
wald are rated by their coach as the best divers in Central New
triangular meet with Pitt and tr ing Association titles in a row. Heavyweight Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich, 1950 captain, will Heavyweight Charles (Chuck)
Drazenovich, 1950 captain, will
be seeking this distinction when
the Eastern championships are
held at Syracuse, N. Y., March 10-11

Gym Meet

Gymnastics coach Gene Weitstone announced that the nym meet with Syracuse, scheduled for 7 o'clock tomorrow night has been advanced to 2 o'clock tomorrow after-

The rescheduling took place to accomodate a request by Syracuse that would allow oth their swimming and gym teams to leave Saturday instead of staying over until Sun-

State Grapplers Test -Strong Navy Mat Crew

Coach Charley Speidel and his once-beaten Lion wrestling team leaves State College at noon today for their annual jaunt to Annapolis, Md., the site of he United States Naval Academy. Tomorrow afternoon, the Nittanies will lock horns with the Middies in the final away-meet of the season for the Blue and White.

Navy will be gunning for an upset over the Speidelmen, for last year a make-shift State crew ripped to a 20-10 win

Lion Tankmen

Meet Syracuse

The Lion mermen stroked to a

37½-37½ tie with the Diplomats of Franklin and Marshall Wednes-

day night in Lancaster. A victory

in the 300 yard medley marked the first time in recent years that a State team had won this event

The tie resulted from a dead heat for third place in the 440 yard freestyle between Gene Kol-

LOSSES
Coach Ted Webster's veteranpacked team is minus only three

man on the squad.

AAU CHAMPS

The two men swim the 100, 220

strong in the fancy diving event, despite the loss of Bob Tierney.

Penn State's ace backstroker, will

York.

Fred Raphael.

Big Boys Exciting

All-Time High

hit an all-time high in 1949.

in dual meet competition.

repeater.

Tie F and M,

over the future Admirals. It was Navy's first dual meet

loss since 1942.

Speidel plans at least one change in his lineup from last week. Bill Corman, varsity 175-pounder the past two seasons, will get his first taste of competition this season at 165 pounds, replacing Bill Santel. Coach Speidel ordered Santel to take a rest after he defaulted to his Army opponent last weekend be-Army opponent last weekend because of a head injury.

155 POUNDS
At 155 pounds, both Cec Irvin and Bill Slabonik are still in line for the right to wrestle against the Middies. The final choice rests on the outcome of yesterday's elimination bout between the

two.
Otherwise, John Reese will be at his 121-pound position, with Jack Dreibelbis slated for duty at 128 pounds. Don Maurey, 136; Captain Jim Maurey, 145; Mike Rubino, 175, and Homer Barr, heavyweight, complete the Lion lineup. lineup.
The Middies won three straight

second in the 440 freestyle, and swam in the winning 400 yard relay team.

Rod Waters and Ken Conrad scored a one-two punch in the 150 yard backstroke. Cas Borowy took second in the 50 and third in the 100 yard freestyles.

The mermen meet Syracuse in Glennland pool Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Orangemen and Cornell's Big Red were the only two teams to be sweet to be seen the work of the limit before losing.

The Middies won three straight matches this year before falling victim to Michigan of the Western Conference, 20-6. Navy's early-season triumphs were over Columbia, 24-6; Penn, 20-6 and Yale, 16-11. The following week Coach Ray Swartz's Gold and Blue matmen edged powerful Rutgers, 15-14. Rutgers forced Syracuse's EIWA champions to the limit before losing.

Last Saturday, a good Lehigh

Last Saturday, a good Lehigh team ran roughshod over the Tars, 24-7.

MIDDIE CAPTAIN

Leading the Navy grapplers is Captain Wayne Smith, an experienced performer. Smith, who dropped down to the 136-pound class for the Lehigh battle, won that weight title in the 1947 EIWA of last year's swimmers. The biggest loss is record-smasher Paul McCabe, who broke 20 records during his varsity years. Steve Rubeck, former Orange breast-stroke ace, was also graduated last spring.

Opening the season against Columbia, the Orange stroked its way to a 69-6 win over the Lions. Only roommates Brent Clark Only roommates Brent Clark that weight title in the 1947 EIWA tournament. He was upset in the semi-finals of the 1948 tourney, but still managed to place third. He was out last season because of injuries. A former Michigan grappler before entering the Naval Academy, Smith will likely remain at 136 pounds and his fight with Don Maurey should be the highlight of the meet: Since way to a 69-6 win over the Lions. Only roommates Brent Clark and Hal Auer are left of Syracuse's triple threat, which included McCabe. But these two are not to be taken lightly. Clark is currently rated the most valuable man on the squad.

Ight with Don Maurey should be the highlight of the meet. Smith is unbeaten, but has wrestled five matches at 145 pounds.

Other Middle standouts are Dick Neff, 128-pounder, and heavyweight Jim Hunte. Neff will match holds with the Lions' Drei-

match holds with the Lions' Drei-During the past summer Clark and Auer teamed up to win the trophy in the Senior Men's Division of the New York state AAU meet, despite the fact that all the other teams, comprised of upper New York state and Canadian collegiate, swimmers, had become the close with the Lions Dreibelbis, while Hunte will once again take on Eastern champ Barr. Hunte lost by decision to Barr in last season's dual meet.

NAVY STARTERS

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meet, despite the fact that all the other teams, comprised of upper New York state and Canadian collegiate swimmers, had three men per team.

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and 440 yard freestyle events.
Clark can fill in at any position his coach wants him to, a valuable asset to any team.
The New York staters are still to a tie with Pete Murphy.

West Virginia, highlight the 1950 Penn State track and field schedule. H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, says the trackmen also will compete in the Penn Relays and IC-4A championships. The season opens run into strong competition in Ken Heller, Skippy Mullin and April 22.

The Lion natators will host Virginia March 4, in the last dual meet of the season.

Bouncing Rudy
Penn State's best honors when the Bouncing Rudy Penn State's best bet for title honors when the Eastern inter-collegiate gymnastic championships are held here March 11 is Heavyweights promise exciting competition in the National Collegiate boxing championships at State College, March 30-

21-Game Card

A 21-game card will mark the Penn State football attendance 1950 Penn State baseball schedl ule,

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