

# 46th Annual Eastern Mat Show Draws 128

## Syracuse Favored to Retain EIWA Crown; Barr, Hunte, Gebhardt Seek to Repeat '49 Wins

(This is the second annual preview on the forthcoming EIWA tournament. The material used in this pre-meet story was obtained from Ridge Riley, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association.)

By ED WATSON

The keenest competition in the history of the oldest athletic conference in the United States—the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association—is expected this weekend. Princeton, N.J., is the site of this year's 46th annual EIWA tourney.

Evidence of the close competition that is expected is shown in the season's records of the 128 grapplers entered in the two-day mat circus. Only three men—Syracuse's Ken Hunte and George Gebhardt and Penn State's own Homer Barr—went through the regular dual meet season undefeated and untied, and all three are defending champions.

Syracuse, the 1949 kingpin, is the team favorite, but both the Lions and Lehigh are expected to give the Orange a bitter battle for the crown. Rutgers and Franklin and Marshall, other well-balanced squads, are capable of upsetting the dope chart and must be ranked as dark-horse entries.

### OTHER TEAMS

The eleven other teams in the Association, including Navy, Princeton, Army, Brown, Temple, Cornell, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Virginia, each have one or more strong contenders for individual titles, but are not considered strong enough to win the team trophy.

Under Association rules, the runner-up for each title automatically receives second place, while the losing semi-finalists duel for third and fourth places. Under this system, the four entries with the best records in each weight are seeded. Thus the "luck of the draw" often goes a long way in eventually determining the team champion.

Syracuse boasts three defending champions and at least three grapplers who have outstanding records. Coach Joe McDaniels' Orange is the only undefeated aggregation in the Association.

Lehigh, always a powerful tournament team, will be in the running if Dick Kelsey, 136-pound king for the past two years, and John Mahoney, unbeaten 145-pounder, can shake off the injuries which have dogged them the last couple of weeks.

### LION HOPES

The two Maurey brothers, Don and Captain Jim, Barr and Mike Rubino, the Dormont Dandy, are the reasons for Coach Charley Speidel's wishful thinking. These four wrestlers have dropped a total of only three bouts among them.

Seven 1949 champions will be back to attempt to retain their titles. Bart Downes, Navy's 145-pounder, is the only absentee. The returnees are Mike Filipos, Lehigh, 121; Dave Poor, Princeton, 128; Kelsey, Lehigh, 136; Hunte, Syracuse, 155; Pas Perri, Syracuse, 165; Gebhardt, Syracuse, 175, and Barr, Penn State, heavyweight.

In addition, three former titleholders are among the competitors. Wayne Smith, Navy, won the 136-pound championship in 1947, while Bobbie Schell and Stan Mousetis, both of Franklin and Marshall, won crowns at 121 and 128 pounds, respectively, in 1948.

### HEAVY GUNS

The heaviest artillery is loaded in the first three weight classes. At 121 pounds, Filipos, Schell, Bob Gerbino of Syracuse, and Lou Bowers of Rutgers are outstanding men. Bill Morse, Virginia, and Dave McAlpin, Princeton, are strong contenders. The Nittany representative, Johnny Reese, is the only wrestler to defeat Filipos this year, but only owns a 5-and-3 record.

Despite the presence of two former champs at 128 in Poor and Mousetis, George Feuerbach, Lehigh's sophomore sensation, is the favorite at that weight. Dom Procopio, Rutgers, is a possibility, while Captain Bob Stedje, Cornell; Captain Bob Debono, Yale

### Football Call

All students interested in a second assistant football managership are urged by Manager George Avery to sign up in 107 Old Main. All managers are requested to report to the team locker room Monday afternoon.

and Stan Glossner, Temple, also have good logs.

### BATTLE-ROYAL

The battle-royal of the tournament is expected at 136 pounds, where no less than ten men have better-than-average records, and no less than five men are possible champions. They are Lehigh's Kelsey, Smith, Navy; Don Maurey, Penn State; Joe Settanni, Syracuse and Pete Bolanis, Cornell. Maurey has beaten both Kelsey and Smith and lost only to Settanni on a last-second take-down.

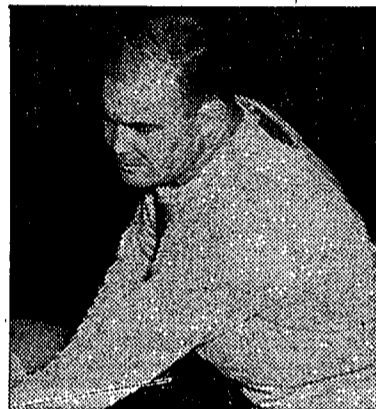
Penn State followers believe that Jim Maurey will have things his own way at 145 pounds, but Lehigh fans play up the fact that Jim's only loss was via the fall route to the Engineers' John Mahoney. Lion backers, however, are confident and have the "wait until the next time" attitude. These two appear to have the situation pretty well in hand.

### STANDS ALONE

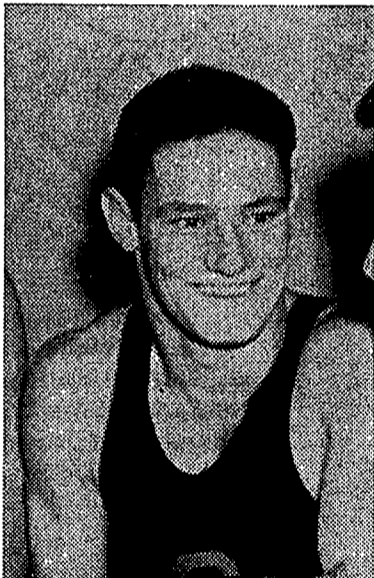
Hunte stands alone at 155 pounds, but the NCAA runner-up can expect some trouble from Eric Erikson, Lehigh; Frank Mansell, Yale; Gene Manfrini, the blind Columbia wrestler; Dean Mulder, Army, and Bill Cope, F & M.

Two-year titlist Perri carries the Syracuse hopes at 165 pounds. Perri lost a decision to Rutgers' Mike Perona this season, and the latter looms as a threat to Perri's two-year domination. Other front-runners are Lou Scalzo of Army, a brother to Penn State's Joe, who placed in the NCAA's in 1939; and George Graveson, Yale, while Bill Santel of the Blue and White is conceded an excellent chance at placing.

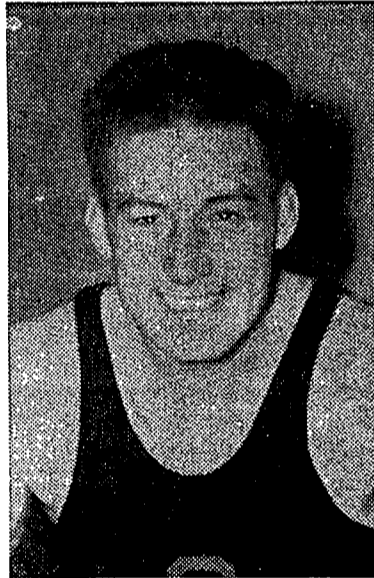
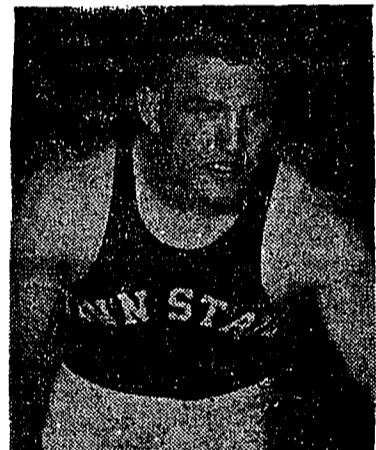
Only the Lions' Rubino has given



CHARLES SPEIDEL, who will pilot Penn State's grapplers in Eastern Meet.



KEN HUNTE, Homer Barr, and George Gebhardt, only three defending champions who went through the regular dual meet season undefeated, will have the chance to retain their titles in the Intercollegiate at Princeton tomorrow and Saturday.



## Barr's Record Best of Matmen

Homer Barr, who recently completed his second straight unbeaten wrestling season by decisioning Princeton's Redmond Finney, owns the best record on the 1950 squad.

The Nittany heavy, who won 8 times this year, has won 15 straight dual meet matches and his record against Eastern competition is 19 straight victories. This includes the four triumphs which earned him the EIWA heavyweight title as a sophomore in 1949.

### TOTAL WINS

However, Barr takes a back seat to Captain Jim Maurey in total number of wins during his collegiate career. Maurey has won sixteen battles and dropped but 2 in three seasons. He was injured last season and failed to wrestle in most of the meets. This season, Captain Jim won 7 and lost 1.

Johnny Reese, Lion 121-pounder, is next in line. Reese, holder of a 5-and-3 log this season, has a total of 8 victories to his credit. He won three and tied 1 before bowing out because of an injury in 1949.

Following closely behind Reese are newcomers Don Maurey, 136-pounder, and 175-pound Mike Rubino. Both ran up records of 7 wins and 1 loss in their first collegiate season.

	1950			TOTAL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Jim Maurey	7	1	0	3	16	2
Homer Barr	8	0	0	2	15	0
John Reese	5	3	0	2	8	3
Don Maurey	7	1	0	1	7	1
Mike Rubino	7	1	0	1	7	1
Jack Dreibelbis	2	1	0	2	6	1
Bill Santel	5	2	0	2	6	4
Cec Irvin	3	3	0	2	4	5
Bill Corman	0	1	0	3	5	0
Dean Harbold	2	1	1	1	2	1
Mickey Silverman	1	0	0	1	1	0
Jack Waters	0	1	0	1	0	1
Bill Slabonik	0	1	0	1	0	1

## Dorms 3 and 12 Capture IM Basketball Titles

Dorm 3 and Dorm 12 captured titles in Leagues A and B, respectively, Tuesday night as both leagues closed out their intramural basketball season.

Dorm 3 downed Dorm 43, 12-7, for its sixth win while Dorm 13 was taking a forfeit game from Dorm 41 in the League A contests.

Dorm 12 had to come from behind to dispose of Dorm 6, 18-12.

en Gebhardt of Syracuse any trouble at 175 pounds this season, bowing by 5-3 to the Eastern king in a dual match. Gebhardt is a heavy favorite to retain his crown. Rubino, with a 7-and-1 record, should be seeded second. Other contenders are Brooks Naffziger, Yale; Bob Claflin, Harvard; Herb Agocs, Penn; Charley Taft, Cornell; Bill McLarnin, Virginia, and Russ Schelling, F & M.

### "PEOPLES' CHOICE"

Barr, "The Peoples' Choice," enters heavyweight competition with a string of 19 straight wins in Eastern mat battles, including the four triumphs which earned him the crown as a sophomore in 1949. Barr, however, will probably run into Gus LaSasso, Lehigh, the only man to come near him for two seasons in the East. Other contenders are Rutgers' Dave Whinfrey, who tied LaSasso, 0-0, and Reddy Finney of Princeton, who upset LaSasso in

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In the league finale, Dorm 4 whipped Dorm 42, 18-14, in the same league.

Nittany Co-op dropped from the top spot in League J when the Whiz Kids surprised with a 14-10 upset. Also in J, the Shrimps knocked off the Bullets, 19-17, and Jordan Hall dropped a forfeit game to the Barons.

In the fraternity half of the tournament, Phi Kappa Psi won game number six, 16-14, from Sigma Phi Sigma to again deadlock Alpha Phi Alpha for the lead position in League B. Phi Gamma Delta downed Sigma Phi Alpha, 13-9, in the same league.

League D ended the season with Alpha Gamma Rho and Theta Chi tied for first place. AGR forced a playoff by edging Phi Sigma Delta, 16-13. Sigma Phi Epsilon dropped the other League contest to Theta Xi, 32-24.

Kappa Delta Rho 20, ATO 12  
Beta Theta Pi 18, Phi Kappa Sigma 13  
Chi Phi 19, Delta Theta Sigma 10  
Alpha Sigma Phi 22, Sigma Chi 4  
Phi Kappa Tau 18, Delta Tau Delta 17  
Lambda Chi Alpha 21, Kappa Sigma 11  
Phi Kappa 21, Phi Sigma Kappa 18

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