

# The Lion's Lair

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While Penn State's basketball team was finishing its most successful season in history over the past weekend and the Lion boxing team played host to the EIBA tournament, many people overlooked the fact that Coach Charlie Speidel's wrestling team concluded its second straight undefeated season.

By swamping Princeton Saturday, the Lion matmen captured their 20th straight dual meet—a Penn State record. Congratulations are in order for one of the top wrestling coaches in the country, Charlie Speidel, and for a Penn State wrestling team which should reach its peak in the forthcoming Eastern and national tournaments.

This weekend at Lehigh, the Lion grapplers will go after their second straight Eastern wrestling crown. By virtue of their perfect dual meet record the Speidelmen will be favorites to continue their Eastern mat supremacy.

Two Penn State grapplers will go into the tournament with perfect dual records while three more have but one loss against them.

Dick Lemyre has won nine straight matches and will undoubtedly get No. 1 seeding in the 130-pound class. Jerry Maurey has five straight wins to his credit, and should get a seeded berth in the 137 pound bracket.

Lemyre's toughest opposition would normally come from Lou Tschirhart of Syracuse but there is a strong possibility that the Syracusean won't compete in the tournament. We understand that Tschirhart hasn't wrestled since the Penn State match when he was decisioned by Lemyre. Jim Mahoney of Lehigh, whom Dick beat 6-1, should be the only hurdle.

Jerry Maurey has his work cut out for him at 137 pounds, where he will attempt to defend brother Don's crown. If Jerry can get by Lehigh's George Feuerbach, defending 130 pound champion, he can do it.

Lion 123 pounder, Bob Homan, has but one loss, and the man who defeated him, Bob Gerbino of Syracuse, will be the boy he'll have to beat to capture the 123-pound title.

Don Frey, Nittany Lion 147



pounder, also has lost only one. Don, runner-up in both the Eastern and national tournaments last year, was defeated by Ed Rooney of Syracuse, but his toughest opposition should come from Frank Bettucci of Cornell. Frey did not wrestle Bettucci in the dual meet season this year, but it was Bettucci who beat him in the Eastern final last season. Don had already beaten the Cornell matman in a 1951 dual meet and later defeated him in the nationals.

Lynn Illingworth, Penn State heavyweight, lost his only match against Syracuse by default when he reinjured his ribs. Lynn's big test will be Eastern and national champ, Brad Glass, who defeated Dick Waters, Lynn's replacement, 8-0, in a dual meet Saturday.

Lion 157 pounder, Doug Frey, after a slow start, has built up a winning streak and might be considered a dark horse in the Eastern tourney. However, Doug will have to get by Don Swygert of Army, who pinned him in a dual meet this year and Emil Perona of Rutgers. Swygert was a third place finisher in the Easterns last year. Perona won the Eastern title. There is also a possibility that Gene Manfrini, Columbia's blind wrestler and fourth place finisher last year will also wrestle in that class.

Joe Lemyre, 167 pounder, will face tough opposition in Gerry Tebben of Army and possibly George Graveson of Yale. Tebben defeated Joe this season in a dual meet. Graveson was 167 pound champ last year, but may wrestle in the 177 bracket this weekend. In last year's tourney, the Yale grappler was named outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Hud Samson, Lion 177 pound grappler, had a rough hurdle in Army's Al Paulekas, who finished third in the Eastern's last season. Paulekas has already scored a fall over Samson. Should Graveson decide to wrestle at this weight, the 177 pound class could turn out to be a real battle.

# High School Cagers Prepare For District Playoff Contests

HARRISBURG, March 11—(AP)—The smaller schools take over the PIAA basketball playoffs tomorrow night as the Class A quintets prepare for the weekend district championships.

### Farrell 48 McKeesport 35

Eight Class B teams seek district titles tomorrow night while four regional finalists will be determined in Class B.

Only Class A activity before Friday night is the Meadville-Erie Tech clash Thursday night for the District 10 title. Meadville pulled a stunning upset last night in knocking out defending champion Sharpville, 51-49, in overtime.

Class B titles will be decided in

Districts 2, 3, 10 and 12 tomorrow night, leaving only the District 4 and 7 championships undecided. Inter-district play starts Saturday night.

Defending state champion Kutztown has a big assignment ahead tomorrow night as the Cougars meet a strong Middletown team in District 3 at Hershey.

Freeland and Shickshinny meet at Kingston for District 2 honors. Freeland downed Harter, 46-38, and Duryea, 53-44, to gain the finals while Shickshinny eliminated Wilkes-Barre Township, 73-67 last night.

Cranberry, a 64-57 winner over Conneaut Valley, takes on Harbor Creek, the Erie County champion, at Edinboro for the District 10

title. Harbor Creek drew a bye into the finals.

Saturday night's Class B inter-districts send District 11 against 3, 2 against 12, 7 against 6, and 9 against 10. Districts 1, 4 and 5 drew byes.

Tomorrow night's Class C schedule has Jenkintown (District 1) vs East Berlin (3) at Lancaster and Pringle (2) vs Freeburg (4) at Wilkes-Barre township in the east. The west has McConnellsburg (5) vs Roaring Spring (6) at Huntingdon and Coudersport (9) vs Stoneboro (10) at Brookville.

Of all the persons mentioned in the Bible, 80 per cent are men.

## 27 Matches Open IM Mat Tourney Tonight

Ten fraternities have entered full teams in the annual IM wrestling tournament which opens tonight at Rec Hall with 27 matches scheduled. The matches will begin at 8.

Those fraternities entering full teams include defending cham-

pion Phi Kappa Psi runner-up Delta Upsilon. Other houses with a complete list of eight men are Alpha Chi Sigma, Chi Phi, Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Epsilon Pi, Sigma Nu, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Pi Kappa Phi. Only Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Phi Alpha failed to enter a single contestant.

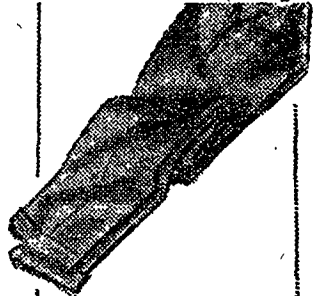
Heaviest opening night action will take place in the 155 pound division where 20 wrestlers will seek the title won last year by Phi Psi's Al Pancerev, who, in accordance with the rules, has moved up the 165 pound class.

Other defending champions who are entered in tournament are John Allison, Phi Psi, and Bob Hamilton, DU. Allison has moved up to the 135 pound class while Hamilton has advanced to the 145 pound class. Hamilton is scheduled to wrestle tonight against Austin Marts, Theta Xi.

In addition to the ten bouts slated tonight for the 155 class, there will be seven bouts in the 145 class; six for the 165 pound division; three in the unlimited division and one in the 135 pound class.

The tournament will go a long way in deciding who wins the IM cup, which is based on all IM sports. Five points will be awarded for a fall, three for a decision, and three for a forfeit win. A wrestler, however, must wrestle at least once to receive credit for any forfeit wins.

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