

The Lion's Lair

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Penn State can kiss its chances of winning the NCAA wrestling championship goodbye.

The old basketball slogan says, "You can't score if you don't shoot." By the same logic the wrestling adage might be, "You can't win national wrestling championships with three men."

A new ruling by the Senate committee on athletics allows only Eastern champions to represent Penn State in the national tournaments. That means only Bob Homan, Dick Lemyre and Joe Lemyre will wrestle in the NCAA tournament at Fort Collins, Colo.

It's a shame. Coach Charlie Speidel's mainmen rolled through their second straight undefeated season this year and captured their second straight Eastern mat crown. Many people thought this was the year for the Lions in the national tournament. But as the Raven would put it, "Never more, never more."

Last season, Penn State took a full team to the national tourney and finished 3d with four men scoring points. To take three men this year would be like Penn State's basketball team using two men against Kentucky.

Speidel has been pointing to that national title for a long time now and he feels that this could be the year. But now someone comes and knocks the props right out from under him.

What is the reasoning behind this new brainstorm? We understand part of it is economy.

So while Penn State saves the dough, Oklahoma saves the NCAA trophies.

With the new ruling in effect Jerry Maurey, Lion 137 pounder, won't get to make the trip. Jerry was runnerup to George Feuerbach of Lehigh in the Eastern tourney. The loss was only Jerry's second in his wrestling career and his first in collegiate competition.

State could use Jerry in the nationals. Even if he didn't win a crown, he'd be almost a sure bet for place points.

We can't understand the logic behind the policy of sending only three men. If the committee believes that we can win the title with three men they are obviously misinformed. Barring a minor miracle, it just won't work.

If they're sending them in quest of individual crowns instead of the team title, we have been going under a gross misunderstanding of college athletics for a long time. It has always been our belief that college athletics were to teach sportsmanship and team-play by team-play—playing to win as a team, not as individuals.

Why change for a tournament? We like to see Penn State athletes win individual titles as much as anyone. But we'd rather see Penn State win a team title. People are more apt to know what team is national champion than who won individual crowns.



Kutztown, Avalon 5's Set for B Semi-Finals

HARRISBURG, March 24 (P)—Kutztown and Avalon defend their regional titles tomorrow night in the semi-finals of the PIAA Class B state basketball championships.

Avalon (27-0), the only unbeaten public high school team in the state, will be a strong favorite to defeat Slippery Rock (21-3) at Pittsburgh's Pitt fieldhouse.

Kutztown (27-2), Class B state titlist for the past two years, is rated on even terms with Shick-shinny (25-7) at the new St. Joseph's court at Hazleton.

The two winners clash Friday night at Allentown's Rockne Hall for the state title. Kutztown won last year by edging Avalon, 51-48.

Kutztown's Cougars, with the natural confidence of a tournament-hardened combination, would be favored toforrow night were it not for the amazing scoring spree being put on by Shick-shinny's Jake Handzelek.

The flashy Handzelek has scored 180 points in five playoff games for the impressive average of 36 points per game. His season total for 32 games is near 1000. Against Wellsboro in last Friday's eastern semi-final, the 5 feet 11 Jake scored all his team's 18 points in the first quarter, and 24 of 25 in the second. Handzelek, who can hit with either hand equally as well, took it easy for the rest of the game for a total of 32 points.

The Cougars will counter with

a well-balanced attack that has won 18 consecutive games. Their most impressive victory was last Friday night when they downed a strong Darby quintet from the Philadelphia Suburban League, 34-32.

Meanwhile, the four remaining Class A contenders are working out for Wednesday night's regional finals in the big school division.

Coatesville (22-3) goes against Catasaqua (23-3) at Hershey's Sports Arena in the east while Farrell (27-1) meets Pittsburgh Westinghouse (18-4) at Pittsburgh's Pitt fieldhouse. The championship game is Saturday night at Philadelphia's Penn Palestra.

Finnegan Jailed

ST. LOUIS, March 24 (P)—James P. Finnegan, personal friend of President Truman, was given two years in prison and fined \$10,000 today by a federal judge who denounced him as a public official who sold his honor for a "dirty mess of dollars."

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tucky quarters Saturday afternoon and tied a funeral lily on the doorknob of Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp's room.

Many people were unimpressed by the performance of St. John's Bob Zawoluk in the North Carolina State game Friday night. But they had to eat crow after Big Bob's sparkling scoring output against Kentucky.

Zawoluk, who just couldn't miss against the Wildcats, is probably the shortest record holder in history. His 32 points broke the NCAA tournament record but approximately an hour later Kansas' Clyde Lovellette came through with 44 against St. Louis in the western regionals. Just the night before, Lovellette's 31 points had tied the record which Zawoluk later broke.

At a Tip-off dinner before the tournament got under way, all the coaches were presented with a four-leaf clover, a horseshoe, a rabbit's foot, and a southern ham.

Kentucky has a great ball team, make no mistake about it. Had the Wildcat's shooting been as good against St. John's as it was against Penn State, Rupp's boys would have been on their way to Seattle. The Wildcats move like a well oiled machine.

Cliff Hagan is a true All-American. He's a team player and although he isn't flashy he always manages to hit the 20 mark. He's the type of player you don't notice so much on the floor except when you purposefully watch him—and then you know why he's All-American.

Future All-American prospect: Gayle Rose of Kentucky. A sophomore, he's a dead shot and moves like a bolt of lightning.

Frank Ramsey is the cog around which Kentucky's basketball machine revolves, and not Hagan. Ramsey is the play-maker and trouble-shooter of the team.

Rookie Slams Homer; Yanks Beat Braves

BRADENTON, Fla., March 24 (P)—The New York Yankees used their old weapon, the home run punch, to defeat the Boston Braves today, 3 to 1, before 2933, largest crowd ever to watch the Tribe during their five-year stand here.

Bob Cerv, rookie centerfielder, snapped a 1-1 tie in the 7th by hammering his fourth homer of the exhibition season over the left field fence off Warren Spahn.

Cronstedt Gets Two 3d Places in NCAA's

Jan Cronstedt, Penn State's lone entry in the tenth annual NCAA gymnastic tournament at Boulder, Colo., grabbed third places in the calisthenics and parallel bars events and a fourth in the horizontal bar over the weekend.

Cronstedt, however, finished in the also rans in the all-around event where he was expected to make a fairly strong showing.

Riflemen Tie With Clarkson In Regionals

Bob Hess and Fred Wessman led the Nittany Lion Rifle Club to a tie with Clarkson College of Technology of Potsdam, N.Y., in the National Intercollegiate Rifle Association regional match held at Buffalo Saturday afternoon, although Clarkson was declared official winner.

Both Clarkson and the Lions shot a 1384, but Clarkson was declared winner by virtue of its 434 standing position score to the Lions' 433.

Pitt Third
In the team matches, Hess and Wessman shot 280. Don Plasterer was third with 279, followed by Walt Beers, 276, and Nelson Bevard 269.

The Pitt team placed third with 1383, only one point behind the winner. Then came Duquesne, 1365; Pitt's second team, 1356; Clarkson's second team 1296, and the University of Buffalo, 1248.

Hess won the third place medal in the individual matches Saturday morning with a 280. Bill Noroski and Sheppard, both from Pitt, were first and second with 284 and 281 respectively.

Hit 273
Men from the College also took fourth and fifth places. Wessman shot a 279 for fourth, and Bevard shot 278 for fifth.

In the individuals, Plasterer and Beers hit 273, and Dick White 259. The top five men in the individuals shot in the afternoon team matches.

These six men, who were members of the now disbanded Penn State varsity rifle team, did not represent the College, but were entered as independents.

Red Move Stopped

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 24 (P)—The UN Economic and Social Council choked off another Communist bloc attempt today to throw Nationalist China out of the UN.

In the all-around, John Beckner, Southern California, took top honors with 1486 points for the grueling six-event competition.

Wins Team Title
Teammate Charles Simms tied for second with Bob Sullivan, Illinois. Don Holder, Florida State, was fourth while Jack Miles, also of Florida State, was fifth.

Form went about as expected as Florida State repeated as team titlists with 89½ points. Southern California was third with 75 and Big Ten champion Illinois was third with 60½.

For Coach Hartley Price, it was the sixth NCAA gymnastic championship. He won four at Illinois before going to Florida State.

Florida State Rallies
Florida State, however, had to rally in the final night's action to beat the Trojans. The Trojans had a six-point lead at one time. Florida State, however, qualified 15 men in Saturday night's finals against USC's nine. Illinois also qualified nine men for the finals.

The big threat by Army in the tourney failed to materialize, even though it qualified eight men for the finals.

Claybrook Takes Rope-Climb
Only John Claybrook won for the Eastern kings. Claybrook, who traveled the distance in 3.6 seconds in the EIGA's and in 3.8 against State, was the lone champion to represent the east.

Other champions were Frank Bare, Illinois, sidehorse; Simms, horizontal bar; Beckner, parallel bars; Jack Sharp, Florida State, flying rings; Bob Sullivan, Illinois, tumbling; and Dick Gutting, Florida State, trampoline.

Lions' 1952 Grid Schedule

The five-game home, five-away schedule includes:
Sept. 20, Temple; Sept. 27, Purdue; Oct. 4, William & Mary; Oct. 11, West Virginia (away); Oct. 18, Nebraska; Oct. 25, Michigan State (away); Nov. 1, Penn (away); Nov. 8, Syracuse (away); Nov. 15, Rutgers; Nov. 22, Pitt (away).

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