

Lion Mat Hopes in NCAA Tourney



THREE EIWA champions, Bob Homan, Joe and Dick Lemyre (l. to r.) will carry Nittany Lion chances into the NCAA wrestling championships this Friday and Saturday in Fort Col-

lins, Colorado. All three of Coach Charlie Speidel's champions come from the same Mephram Long Island high school.

3 Lion Wrestlers Seek To Snap NCAA Famine

By JAKE HIGHTON

Although Penn State has had a total of 62 individual wrestlers win individual Eastern Intercollegiate championships, only one Nittany matman has ever won a National Collegiate title.

Such are the odds that face State's three latest EIWA champions, Bob Homan, Dick and Joe Lemyre when they wrestle Friday and Saturday in the NCAA championship meet at Fort Collins, Colorado.

West Dominates NCAA

If any one of this trio of Mephram High School, Long Island, matmen should take a title away from the nation's best matmen, it will be the first time a Penn State has won since "Red" Johnston, State College 167 pounder, initially turned the trick in 1935.

Penn State alone has not been suffering this dearth of national champions. The entire group of Eastern schools has been shoved into the background by the dominance of the South West and Midwest colleges in National Collegiate Athletic Association championships.

Last year's championships held in Bethlehem, Pa., saw only two of the eight champions come from the East — Waynesburg's Tony Gizoni and Princeton's Brad Glass.

Oklahomas Favored

Along monopolistic lines, the state of Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M in particular have cornered the market on NCAA championships. The Aggies have won 15 of the 21 national titles decided and tied for another. Oklahoma University, winner last year, has scored twice to let only 3½ team crowns get out of the Sooner state.

No wonder then, that Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M will be a good bet to continue their supremacy when approximately 35 college mat teams clash over the weekend.

Coach Charlie Speidel's two-straight EIWA winners and 20-meet-unbeaten wrestlers were

Okla. A & M Enters 15 Men

FORT COLLINS, Colo., March 25(P)—Oklahoma A&M, last year's runner-up, has entered a 15 man team in the hopes of upsetting defending champion Oklahoma University in the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling championships opening here Friday.

The Oklahoma Aggies team, largest among the more than 35 entered, is headed by George Layman, defending titleholder in the 137 pound class. The only other returning champion will be heavyweight Bradley Glass of Princeton.

Oklahoma's titleholders will have an eight man team including two runners-up last year. They are Bill Borders, 123 pounds, and Tom Evans, 137, who is competing in the 147 pound division this time.

An entry list has not been filed by Penn State, the No. 3 team last year, but officials expect strong competition from this school. Penn State won the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association title this winter.

figured to make one of the strongest bids for the title ever made by any Eastern team. However, with only a three-man representation, the best the Lions can hope for is a repetition of their third place behind winning Oklahoma and runnerup Oklahoma A&M last year.

Phi Mu, KAT Stay Unbeaten

Phi Mu bowlers and the Kappa Alpha Theta volleyball players remained undefeated last night to qualify for inter-league play-offs next week.

Phi Mu defeated Kappa Kappa Gamma in League 3 on the bowling alleys, 548-430, to keep its record clean.

Kappa Alpha Theta's volleyball team edged Kappa Delta, 36-33, in League 2, to remain undefeated.

In the other volleyball games, Delta Gamma won over AOPi, 42-27. Alpha Xi Delta won a forfeit from Atherton. Simmons trounced Co-op, 60-16. Woman's Building lost to Zeta Tau Alpha, 36-29.

In other bowling games, the Tri Deltas beat AEPi, 504-418. Thompson B forfeited to Alpha Chi Omega.

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Phi Kappa Psi Advances 3 To IM Mat Quarter-Finals

Phi Kappa Psi advanced three men to the quarter finals and one to the second round but lost another in the process in the IM wrestling tourney last night.

Phi Psi advanced Bob Barkley, 128; John Allison, 135; Dick Rostmeyer, 145; and heavyweight Don Barney. The Phi Psi's, however, lost Marv Boring, 155, who was pinned by Bob Licht, SPE.

Barkley eked out an 8-6 decision over Roger Risser, AGR.

Allison pinned Bob Hosterman, Pi Kappa Alpha, while Rostmeyer won by forfeit and Barney won by a fall.

In the 135 class, Don Fields, Phi Sigma Kappa, felled Gordon Samuel, Alpha Sigma Phi, and independent Joe Reynolds pinned Al Mayhew in 3:25.

In the 145 class, George Watson, SPS, pinned Dick McQuillen, Sigma Chi; Jim Hancock, Phi Sigma Kappa, felled Mike Kirshner, Sigma Nu; and Jack Donnal, Phi Gamma Delta scored one-point time advantage for a 5-4 win over Bob Gribben, DTD.

155 action saw Bob Decker, DU, pin Ed Hill, Delta Chi; Jim Diehl, Sigma Nu, pin Jim. Fox, Phi Kappa Sigma; and Dick Blythe,

Pi Kappa Phi, score a one-sided 11-1 win over Fred Ernest, DTD.

Two falls and a decision were registered in the 165 class. The lone decision was scored by Ralph Laudenslayer, Phi Kappa Sigma.

Falls were scored by Steve Melmeck, Sigma Nu, and Bob Gower, ATO, over Chet Noble, SPE, and Paul Brobst, Triangle, respectively.

Two falls were also scored in the 175 class. Alan Sredenschek, DU, pinned Norm Wilcke, SPE, and George Cummings, PiKA, felled Bill Deppe, Alpha Chi Sigma, in 3:00.

In the heavyweight class, Cy Brown, DU; Joe Brence, Theta Kappa Phi; and Dave Budenstein, AEPi, scored decisions.

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