

NCAA Wrestling Tourney Opens Today at Fort Collins

Three Lions Seek National Mat Crowns

By JAKE HIGHTON

Penn State's three EIWA champions wade into a stellar field of national collegiate wrestlers in the first round of the 22nd annual NCAA tournament this afternoon in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dick Lemyre, Bob Homan and Joe Lemyre, only competing representatives of State's Eastern championship powerhouse, have no chance to bring off a team title, but will be battling to make a Nittany NCAA champion less of a rarity. Only one Penn Stater, Red Johnston in 1935, has won a national title.

Placed Third in '51

Defending champion Oklahoma and 1951 runnerup Oklahoma A&M are co-favorites to keep the Sooners state's stranglehold on NCAA championships. The Aggies will be after their 17th and Oklahoma its third.

Last year Oklahoma squeaked past the Aggies 24-23 to win the title, while the Lions' three runners-up and a third place gave State a 15-point third place team standing. The Lions scored on three runnerup finishes by Don Frey, Mike Rubino and Homer Barr and a third place by Don Maurey.

Two Classes Added

Two 1951 champions will attempt to retain their titles. Princeton's Brad Glass has already repeated his EIWA heavyweight championship and Oklahoma A&M's George Layman will return at 137.

Five rounds of matches will be contested over two days with the finals listed for tomorrow night. Because of the Olympic year, two weight classes will be added, 115 pounds and 191. Regular season weights will remain the same for the tourney with heavyweights either making 191 pounds or wrestling unlimited.

Faces Tough Foes

A flock of former runners-up and place winners will leave a rough path to championships' for the three Lions.

Dick Lemyre, unbeaten in dual season competition and EIWA 130 champ, will have to get by NCAA third finisher, Gene Lybbert, Iowa Teachers. Never a loser since his junior year in high school, dazzling Dick has the best chance to win a NCAA title for the Lions.

Homan, defeated only once all year and Eastern 123 champ, has two top-notch men to get around. Oklahoma's tough Billy Borders only lost by a point to Waynesburg's great Tony Gizoni in the finals last year and Oklahoma A&M's Tom Keys wound up third among the nation's collegiates.

Open Field at 167

Only frosh, Homan was slightly sensational in piling up an 8-1 Eastern record and then decisively whipping his lone conqueror, Syracuse's Bob Gerbino, in the finals.

Third Nittany Eastern champ Joe Lemyre doesn't have any NCAA place winners to face at 167 unless runnerup George Graveson, Yale, comes down from 177 which he has wrestled all year.

A reversing specialist, Joe surprised by taking an EIWA title after finishing the season with a 6-2-1 dual record, third best in that weight class. Joe can expect trouble from Big Ten champion, Orris Bender, Michigan State, and the usual unknowns who upset the top-seeded.

Clarion Cards 8 Games

CLARION, Pa., March 27 —(P)—Clarion State Teachers College will play an eight game football schedule this fall.

The schedule: Sept. 27—Edinboro; Oct. 3—at St. Vincent; 11—Thiel; 13—Brockport, N.Y.; 25—at Indiana; Nov. 1—California; 8—at Slippery Rock; 15—at Geneva.

'Turn Him Over, Bob'



—Photo by Lenz

DELTA UPSILON'S Bob Decker tries to roll Jim Diehl of Sigma Nu for a pin in their 155 pound bout in the IM wrestling quarter-finals last night in Rec Hall. Decker didn't get the pin, but he won a 5-0 decision to keep the DU's ahead in the race for team honors.

DU Loses 2 Wrestlers As Semi-Finals Near

Delta Upsilon had a tremendous advantage in the intramural wrestling tourney kicked from under its feet last night when it lost Alan Sredenschek, 175, and Mario Todaro, 121.

In a comic-book finish, Bob Wylie, Pi Kappa Phi pinned Todaro one second before the final whistle to climax a match that was give-and-take all the way.

151 Matmen Entered in NCAA Meet

FORT COLLINS, Colo., March 27—(P)—A record 151 competitors from 41 colleges and universities were entered today in the NCAA wrestling championships opening here tomorrow.

Oklahoma will defend the crown it won last year by one point, 24-23, from Oklahoma A&M, the perennial NCAA champion. Oklahoma ruled as the pre-meet favorite because of two regular season wins (14-12, 14-13) over Oklahoma A&M.

Penn State, which scored 15 points for third place last year, has entered only three men. Penn State won the EIWA championship this season, but with only three entries will not pose a serious threat to the twin powers from Oklahoma.

Coach Julius Wagner, of host Colorado A&M, said there were 20 more entries than competed last year in the championships held at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

The addition of two new weight classes—115 and 191—accounts for some of the increase. The entry list would have topped the 160 mark, but it was necessary to limit schools to one contestant in each weight class.

The lead changed hands several times and before Wylie applied the pressure for his fall, he led Todaro, 11-10.

Phi Sigma Kappa Fades

Sredenschek, on the other hand, was pinned by Jesse Moore, Sigma Nu. Moore's win kept Sigma Nu in definite contention even though it lost Jim Diehl, 155. Diehl lost to Bob Decker, DU, 5-0.

"Darkhorse" threat Phi Sigma Kappa faded farther into the background, losing Dave Sener, 121, and Joe Bonchonsky, 165.

Sener's finish came at 4:32 at the hands of Charlie Schutte, Phi Delta Theta. Bonchonsky lost a time-advantage decision to Steve Melmeck, Sigma Nu, 5-4.

Brubaker Wins

Other 121 pound action saw Bill Beatty, SAE, edge Ed Thomas, Phi Kappa Tau, 3-1.

In the 128 pound division, Bob Brubaker, DU, pinned Don Siegle, Theta Kappa Phi, and Dick Headlee, Chi Phi, felled Glenn Stumpff, Phi Kappa Tau.

George Watson, SPS, pinned Andy Schoerke, Pi Kappa Alpha, in the lone 145 bout.

In the two 155 pound matches, Dick Blythe, Pi Kappa Phi, and independent Tom Lozaw scored victories.

In the other 165 pound bout, Bob Gower, ATO, won by a fall.

Other wins were scored by independents Bob Reinhart, Paul Heitzenrater and Jim McGinnis and Cy Brown, DU.

Forfeit wins were scored by independents Mario Rossini, Dick Green and Jim Brownell and Dave Budenstein, Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Chick Werner Faces Task of Rebuilding

By JOHN SHEPPARD

An obvious reconstruction job faced Head Coach Chick Werner as his "limited number" of returnees began pre-season practice earlier this week on the Beaver Field course for the coming 1952 outdoor track campaign.

With the first major test only a month away, early spring work-

outs haven't looked promising and further indicate an acute shortage of material.

The need for new track and field aspirants, whether experienced or not, is a vital one in that a "special series of vacancies in all events are available because of the severe blow suffered by the loss and ineligibility of several key performers," the silver-haired mentor said.

All new candidates should report to Coach Werner or his assistant, Norm Gordon, either at Recreation Hall during the day or at the Beaver Field track during the evenings.

Tough Schedule

Last season the Nittany thin-clads lost to an undefeated Navy team, 82-49; defeated Pitt, 72-59; and won the four mile relay championship in record time at the Penn Relays. The feat by the Nittany foursome of Bob Parson, Bob Freebairn, and the Ashenfelter brothers, Don and Bill, was run off in the fast time of 17:24.6, eclipsing the State record of 17:30.7 set in '48 by Shuman, Williams, Karver, and Horace Ashenfelter.

This season, however, Coach Werner's chances of restoring the Penn State outdoor track edition to '51 ratings becomes even more discouraging when one glances at the '52 schedule. The card is loaded with potential champs from start to finish.

Six Meets

The Wernermen trek to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays later next month. They return home the following Saturday to test perennially strong Michigan State, after which they meet Army at West Point. The Lion trackmen then entertain Pitt at home and Manhattan away on successive Saturdays before the big test in the IC-4A's at New York City.

The schedule: Penn Relays, April 25-26, away; Michigan State, May 3, home; Army, May 10, away; Pitt, May 17, home; Manhattan, May 24, away; and IC-4As, May 30-31, away.

Eddie Sawyer Slaps \$200 Fine On Willie Jones

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 27—(P)—Manager Eddie Sawyer of the Philadelphia Phillies slapped a \$200 fine on third baseman Willie Jones today, demonstrating in no uncertain terms he expects the club's training camp austerity program to be followed to the letter.

Sawyer, in a short statement to reporters covering the club's spring camp activities, said Jones had been fined "for conduct detrimental to the welfare of the ball club." He declined to elaborate.

Sawyer implied that there may be more and larger cash punishments in the future.

"The players have been warned collectively and in some cases individually," the manager said.

"If one or two of them insist upon violating the rules then they'll pay for it."

Sawyer was obviously very angry and some of his players shared his indignation.

Ken Silvestri, newly elected player representative of the team, said, "If Jonesie's conduct was unbecoming to the club then it was unbecoming to each of us."

Captain Granny Hamner said he'd have to go along with the skipper. "As captain of the club, that's my duty."

Reporters concluded that Jones, 26-year-old Laurel Hill, N.C., native, had violated the midnight curfew. Sawyer has ordered all his players to be in bed by midnight. He bawled out rookie pitcher.

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WRA Finishes Regular IM League Play

One volleyball team and one bowling team held first place in their leagues as WRA IM's completed their schedules last night. League play-offs begin Monday night.

In volleyball Theta Phi Alpha won a forfeit from Thompson B to remain on the top of league 5.

Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Xi Delta, both of league 4, remained undefeated in bowling. AOPi defeated Delta Gamma, 554-508. Alpha Xi Delta downed Co-op, 603-504. Alpha Xi Delta was the champion bowling team last year.

In other volleyball games, Chi O beat Phi Sig, 43-21. Delta Zeta won over Mac, 47-26. Thompson A and the Tri-Delts double forfeited. SDT forfeited to Gamma Phi Beta.

In other bowling games, Zeta Tau Alpha won over Simmons, 492-451.

Kathy Keister of AOP was high scorer of the evening in bowling with a 154 game.

Rogel Transferred To Fort Eustis

Cpl. Francis "Franny" Rogel, former Penn State football star and fullback for the Pittsburgh Steelers last season, has been transferred to Fort Eustis, Va., from Fort Meade, Md.

Rogel played for the Nittany Lions during the 1947, 48, and 49 seasons. He was a member of the team which went to the Cotton Bowl in 1948.

Rogel played for the Steelers last year while stationed at Fort Meade. Fort Meade did not field a football team. His new base lost only one in nine games last year.

White at Penn State Rogel was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

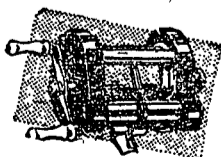
He Makes Music

Johnny Albarano, Penn State's two-time Eastern 147-pound boxing champion, plays the trumpet in his father's family orchestra.

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