

Lion Matmen Open Tomorrow

Wrestlers Duel Meet at Virginia; Speidel to Move up Heavier Men

By SAM PROCOPIO

The Cavaliers of Virginia, who will open the '53 campaign against Penn State's Eastern wrestling champions tomorrow, will be the first team to witness Coach Charlie Speidel's weight move-ups.

The Nittany Lions will leave at 10 a.m. for Charlottesville, Va.

"Some of our boys will remain in their own classes, but the heavier men (137-pound or above) in weights above their regular divisions will give their opponents weight

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advantage." the stocky mentor stated.

Warmup Test

"We will make occasional changes throughout the season," he continued, "depending upon our opponents."

Virginia, of course, will be one of the Lions' adversaries with whom the weight moveups will be employed. The Cavaliers are a warm-up test before ever-strong Lehigh, which meets Penn State next Saturday in Rec Hall.

Speidel's surprise moveups will include two alternates—Hal Chamberlan, senior, at 165, and Doug Cassel, sophomore, at the 130-pound spot.

Potential starters at the 123 and 130 pound classes, who were undecided yesterday, will be Bob Homan, sophomore, and Dick Lemyre, junior, respectively. Lemyre is present EIWA champion.

Jerry Maurey Set

Lemyre's brother and co-captain Joe, senior, who is present EIWA and NCAA champion, will give State a rugged veteran at either 167-177 divisions. Joe carried a 6-2-1 record in dual meet competition last year.

Jerry Maurey is set at the 137-pound class. Last year, Jerry was a contender for his brother's 137 berth and finally captured the position before the Army meet. He then went on to post five dual meet wins and was runner-up in the NAAU tournament.

Don and Doug Frey, identical twins, will tackle with their Cavalier opponents at 147 and 157-pound classes.

Seven Letter Winners

Hud Samson, who possessed a 7-2 dual meet record last year at 177, will endeavor to pin his hopes on the unlimited division. Last year's outstanding heavyweight was Lynn Illingworth, now an Air Force lieutenant.

Unlike last year, when the Lions opened against Lehigh and had to exhibit to their latter op-

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Joe Lemyre (Co-Captain)



Don Frey (Co-Captain)

High Praise Given 3 Lion Gridders By Pro Coach

"I liked your Penn State boys, (Stewart) Scheetz, the left tackle, and (Don) Barney, the right guard. And your center (Jim) Dooley is a good, earnest man. He does very well, very well, indeed."

That was stout Steve Owen, coach of the New York professional football Giants of the National League, after his Southern team had bowed to Paul Brown, coach of the National League runner-ups, the Cleveland Browns, and his Northern team, 28-13, in the fourth annual Senior Pro Bowl at Mobile, Ala.

Such praise from a distinguished authority as Owen, who ranks with Brown as two of the best football coaches in the country today, is high praise indeed.

Scheetz, who weighs in at 230, played defensive tackle during the season for State, while Barney (190) performed at defensive guard, and Dooley (190) at offensive center.

Top Tennis Pros To Meet in N.Y.

NEW YORK, (AP)—Frank Sedgman and Jack Kramer and Co., headed for the big town yesterday with tremendous interest building up for the third meeting between the two tennis titans.

All square after two sessions in Los Angeles before capacity houses, Sedgman, the tyro pro, and Kramer old pro with the "big" game, will trade shots in Madison Square Garden Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

WRA Results

BASKETBALL

Thompson-Corcoran forfeited to Sigma Delta Tau. Mac Hall I 47, Alpha Xi Delta 22.

Alpha Chi Omega by forfeit over Tri Delt.

Kappa Kappa Gamma 35, Delta Zeta 23.

PING PONG

Forfeits were won by Sigma Delta Tau, Phi Sigma Sigma, Chi Omega.

Alpha Gamma Delta won by 3 games.

Philotes won by 3 games.

Sports Briefs

Pro Bowl Battle Favors Nationals

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Professional football's hardest warriors disdained drippy skies yesterday and went about their work preparing for the National Football League's annual Pro Bowl battle tomorrow.

Coach Buddy Parker's National Conference squad remained a slim favorite to hand the American Division players their second defeat in a row in this related windup of the 1952-53 grid campaign.

Parker, who coached the Detroit Lions to the NFL championship in the playoff game with the Cleveland Browns, has a nucleus of the Lion team on his all-star squad.

The same is true for the runner-up coach, Paul Brown of the Browns, who is coaching his third straight American Conference team in this post-season contest.

Scores Are Higher

NEW YORK, (AP)—The scoring is going up, up and up in college basketball under the new rules.

Checking into its books, the NCAA's Service Bureau discovered that only two major teams were averaging over 80 points a game at this time a year ago and 10 teams were allowing less than 50 to be scored against them.

This year, through games of Jan. 6, the service bureau's statistics disclose that 17 teams, headed by George Washington and Navy, have averaged more than 80 points a game. And only one team, Oklahoma A&M's perennially strong defensive outfit, was its foes to less than 50 points a game.

Rookie Baseball

WICHITA, Kas., (AP)—National-wide sponsorship of baseball for players 17 through 21 years of age, through the National Rookie Association, probably will be shared by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, the National Baseball Congress said yesterday.

The plan was announced following conferences here between Don Neer of Tulsa, director of sports for the National Jaycees, and Ray Dumont, president of the congress, non-pro ruling body.

Under the proposal, the 1700 Jaycee chapters would organize teams and leagues comprising players within the stated age limits.

All such leagues would be members of the 1953 national association, under jurisdiction of the congress.

Each league champion would receive a trophy, and teams would be protected from player-pirating under the nation-wide contract system, Dumont said.

League champions would meet in playoffs to determine the 48 state titles for 1953.

First Lickings

Pennsylvania and the University of Nebraska both were unbeaten until Penn State upset them midway through the 1952 football season.

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye



By JAKE HIGHTON
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For the last five years or so, whenever Penn State opened its wrestling season, as it will against Virginia tomorrow, Coach Charlie Speidel would be the biggest news peg. After all, Charlie now has been head mat coach in the Nittany Valley for 26 years and is a national authority on the sport.

However, this year is different. Charlie's team is hogging the stage with an extraordinary skein of 20 straight wins in dual meet competition in addition to a grapple hold on Eastern supremacy for the last two years. What's more, from pre-season, on paper appearances, the string should stretch to 28 dual wins and to three EIWA titles by season's end. But of course such things aren't predicted. There are too many unknown pitfalls lurking in a Pilgrim's Progress to an unbeaten season and a championship.

Just the fact that the Lions are champs makes it tough. "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." Everyone points for the champ. The champ is the one to be "up" for. So, pressure mounts on both the team and the individuals to such an extent that the upset by second or third raters is always a distinct possibility.

But despite Speidel's cautioning against overconfidence, you have to look at the facts. There are no ifs or buts about it—State is loaded. Eight men comprise a first team wrestling squad. Speidel has to suffer the tortures of filling one spot—he has seven tournament veterans. But that's not all. Of the seven lettermen who are returning, six finished in the top four places of last year's EIWA tourney.

Here is class that has the potential to be a Dream Team, a Murderers' Row of Murderers' Rows: Bob Homan, 123, EIWA champ; Dick Lemyre, 130, EIWA champ; Jerry Maurey, 137, EIWA runnerup; Don Frey, 147, EIWA and NCAA runnerup two years ago but 4th last year; Doug Frey, 157, 6 and 2 last year; Joe Lemyre, 167, EIWA and NCAA champ; and Hud Samson, 177, EIWA fourth finisher.

Heavyweight? When you have what Charlie has it's easy. "Doc" Speidel says, "we can give 'em the last bout and catch an early train."

Seriously, however, Charlie expects to do plenty of lineup juggling. For instance, Samson will wrestle heavyweight and Joe Lemyre 177 for some of the dual meets, but both will hit their regular weights for championship bouts and tougher opponents.

But despite such a predominance of potential murderers State has, sports history has shown too many cases of disaster between the predicting and the result of an event that it would be foolhardy to call State a 1953 champion. What the wrestlers did last year counts little now. The press clippings get faded. It's like the story told about Knute Rockne. One of the ex-Notre Dame coaches' backfield stars broke into the clear and was galloping for a touchdown when suddenly he was pulled down from behind. The back apologetically explained that he made a mistake in misjudging the speed of his pursuer. Promptly Rockne replied with the perfect squelch, "Your mistake was in not waving your press clippings in front of him."

But right away you have to contradict yourself in reference to the 1953 edition of grapplers. How can any of the first team wrestlers ever get too cocky with a State champion or a reasonable facsimile trying to take his job? Last year at 137 Speidel had a delightful dilemma to choose from among three men, 1952 Captain Don Maurey, his brother Jerry, and Larry Fornicola. So hot was the competition, that Jerry, the eventual top man, never even wrestled until the fifth meet of the season.

Yep. At State the "seconds" are the first team's best friend—they keep them on the mark. Having thus dispensed with the factor of overconfidence, but still keeping a wary eye for the unexpected, it's more than possible that the Lions will be catching an early train until they run into national championship competition.

Lion Brother Act

Penn State's Eastern championship wrestlers will boast two sets of brothers in 1953. Don and Doug Frey of Newton, N.J., are twins. Joe and Dick Lemyre hail from Merrick, N.Y. Don Frey and Joe Lemyre are co-captains of the team.

Boxers Open Jan. 31

Penn. State's boxing team, sparked by its 1952 Eastern 125-pound champion, Sam Marino, of Norristown, will open the new campaign against Maryland, January 31. The 1953 team will be built around Marino and four other hold-overs.

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