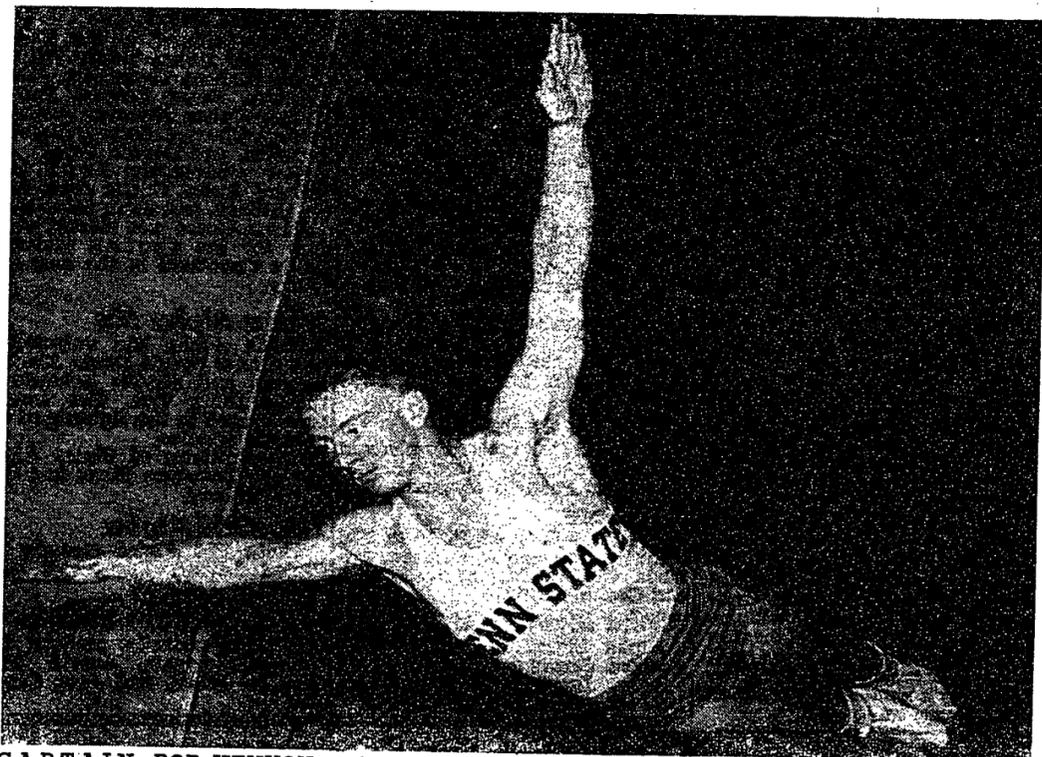


## Lion Gymnast Prepares For Army Match



CAPTAIN BOB KENYON, a former diver turned tumbler, executes a back somersault layout at the end of his routine. Kenyon, his last year on the squad, will be in his usual

number one tumbling spot against the power-laden Cadets Saturday. This last meet of the year will decide the 1953 EIGA team championship. Match time is 2 p.m.

# Lion-Cadet Gym Meeting To Decide '53 EIGA Title

By GEORGE BAIREY

Coach Gene Wettstone's unbeaten gymnasts couldn't be performing in a more anticlimatic script this season even if the 16-year Lion gym veteran had taken time out to write it himself.

Saturday—2 p.m.—will tell the tale—all in one swoop. Army comes to town, complete with record and reputation, although its record this year shows one dual meet defeat. The loss,

at the hands of Eastern foe Syracuse, came early in the season and is the only mark on the Cadets' three-year slate.

The afternoon meet, the beginning of an all State-Army triple-header, will put an end to this year's EIGA dual team meets for both clubs, with the title going to the winner either in part or entirely. If Army wins, a two-way tie for the '53 crown will take effect, as both clubs will end up their Eastern scraps with identical 3-1 records. If the Lions win—all the marbles!

### Championship Meet

The Black Knights, coached by Tom Maloney, who also doubled as coach of the 1952 U.S. Olympic gym squad, weren't supposed to figure in this year's Eastern standings, except maybe in a spoiler role after Syracuse surprised them. But the three-time defending champs weren't through, as evidenced by last week's startling 53-43 upset over tough Navy.

So everything points to Rec Hall Saturday—a championship duel between the undefeated Lions and the defending Cadets.

The Nittany gymnasts, just for the record, haven't tripped Army since 1948, the last year an Eastern gym title found its way into Rec Hall. Scores over the years were: 1952, 58-38; 1951, 55½-40½; 1950, 59-37; 1949, 56-40, all Army.

### Army on Rebound

Besides going for the Eastern crown Saturday, the Lions will be after their ninth straight dual meet win, the last club to beat Wettstone and Co. being the Cadets.

Army, on the rebound and on the way up, will bring in a powerful aggregation Saturday that has everything from individual stars to team depth to balance.

"The only reason Syracuse beat Army," said Wettstone, "is because a few of Army's key men broke on their routines and Syracuse's great tumbler, Jimmy Sebbo, took a first in one of Army's very strong events."

Besides being very strong in the tumbling, the men from the Hudson have the best ropeclimb trio in intercollegiate play today. Three Cadets, Messrs. Ballyntine, Renner, and Funkhauser, are capable of doing anywhere from 4.0 down to 3.7.

## Speidel Foresees No Wrestling Changes

By SAM PROCOPIO

With a tough Army contingent invading Rec Hall this Saturday, Coach Charlie Speidel, at the moment, does not have any plans in changing the present Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling championship lineup.

State's mentor stated he has no intentions of "changing in mid-stream."

The biggest asset that Speidel possesses is the ability of his men to take up the necessary slack whenever State's key men slip in their winning endeavor. In fact, this has spelled the difference between victory and defeat in the last three dual meets.

At Cornell the Nittany Lions received their first scare and strong resistance, winning 18-10.

### Pitt Strongest Thus Far

Then came a potential threat in the Terrapins of Maryland. They did carry four Southern champions and a winning streak, and were named two-time Southern titlists, but that wasn't enough. Coach Sully Krouse's grapplers were able to stop Speidel's key men, Jerry Maurey and Joe Lemyre, and their excellent records. Then too, the Terps carried the dual meet to the final bout, but to no avail. For Hud Samson, winning in team style, notched the win column for the Lions with his decisive decision.

At Pitt's Field House, the Lions received the same resistance, but it was stronger than any State adversary could perform on the mats this season.

Cornell, Maryland, and Pitt were responsible for putting to an end three excellent individual winning skeins. Homan was stopped at nine, Maurey at ten, and Joe Lemyre also at ten. Maurey also had one of the finest records spoiled against Maryland, that of not being scored upon in five dual meets.

### Army A Tough 'Deal'

What will Army do?

That question will be answered on the mats Saturday. With Army as powerful as any of the latter opponents, the West Pointers will not only have to be dealt with—but cut.

A victory would do more than keep our Eastern prestige intact. It would give State's two-time EIWA champions an overall record of 218 wins, 51 losses, and nine ties in 44 years of wrestling.

Under the master-of-the-trade, Speidel, Penn State would carry into the record books an impressive log of 128 wins against a mere 28 defeats in dual meet competition. Seven ties have occurred during Speidel's 27 seasons at the helm.

Last, but not least, a triumph would give the Lions the honor of being the winningest wrestling collegiate team in history with 29 straight.

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## The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON  
Collegian Sports Editor



### BASKETBALL AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS:

What a difference a year makes! One year ago today the Nittany basketball team was NCAA-playoff bound. Now the only place the cagers are headed is Philadelphia for the season windup against Temple . . . Yet, it was a good season. Elmer Gross' clan did just as well as last year in every respect—they won all at home for the second straight season—except winning the big road games . . . Oddly enough, one team State did defeat on a foreign floor, Georgetown, accepted a bid to the National Invitational Tourney . . .

If you want to be catty about it, ancient rival Pitt would be glad to own a 15-8 court record like State's. Every year Pitt Coach Doc Carlson modestly predicts, for the benefit of the Fourth Estate, that the Panther cagers will "win 'em all." And for the seven successive years prior to this season, the Pitts couldn't even win half of "em all." However, things are looking up at the Skyscraper U. —Pitt finished with a 12-11 mark . . .

With Pitt not using its celebrated freeze Saturday night, Clown Prince Carlson wasn't as much entertainment as Nittany Prexy Milton Eisenhower would have been. No, basketball coaching is not numbered among the talents of "Ike's brother." However, the following story is well known at Kansas State where the Prexy occupied a collegiate White House previous to coming to Penn State.

Kansas State cage Coach Jack Gardner has told it thusly: "Sure, basketball coaches are screwballs. But let me tell you what it does to college presidents. Prexy Eisenhower used to sit on the Jayhawk bench with me and the assistant coach during the home basketball games. Every time the ref would call a foul on one of our boys, Eisenhower would let out a howl and jump onto the floor. My assistant would grab him by the coat tail and I would end up pulling them both back to the bench."



Prexy Eisenhower

### RIP'S ANSWER TOO OBVIOUS?

The Feb. 7 issue of New Yorker magazine ran a squib about Nittany football Coach Rip Engle but forgot the punch line. An item under the title, The Most Fascinating Story of the Week, ran something like this: State College, (P)—Penn State's 43-year-old Coach Rip Engle had a ready answer when a reporter asked him when his hair started to turn white. However, the "ready answer" wasn't printed. Either it was a mistake or the Ripper's answer, "the day I started coaching football," was too obvious . . . Engle's hair is in for further white-washing in another month. The gridders begin spring drills April 9.

### GRAPPLING ABOUT:

Speaking of Pitt basketball "looking up," take a look at the Panther's wrestling noses-in-the-air. In 1950 Pitt's grapplers had an 0-8 record. Their mark was 7-7 in 1951. Last year Pitt only lost one, to Charlie Speidel's EIWA champs, 25-5. Now this year—last weekend to be exact—the Panthers lost their first again to State, but only by four points. State may soon have to sing, "Hold that Panther, hold that Panther" . . . The Maryland-State grapplefest in Rec Hall last week had an unusual twist—the fans had the unaccustomed displeasure of waiting on Hud Samson's heavyweight match for the final outcome . . . Bob Homan's loss to Pitt's Hugh Peery (123) wasn't so surprising in view of Peery's background—Pan-American champ and United States Olympic tryout-bantamweight champ. However, Jerry Maurey's first dual meet loss of his career was more startling since his Maryland conqueror, Rod Norris (137), had never proved himself against top-notch competition . . .

One last word on the Carlson freeze that hibernated this season. Former Nittany Coach John Lawther says that Pitt once froze the ball 13 minutes in Madison Square Garden against Fordham. However, it was a moving freeze operating out of the Figure Eight weave which Carlson perfected. With dazzling ballhandling which awed New York scribes, Pitt worked the ball in, and then back out, but never took a shot.

## EIWA Tickets Are Now Available

Reserved seats have been made available to the Penn State Athletic Association for the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships at Princeton, N.J., March 13-14, and may now be obtained at the A.A. office in Old Main. H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said the tickets are priced at \$1.20 for each of the two Friday sessions, and \$1.80 for each of the two Saturday sessions. The series ticket is priced at \$4.20.

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