

Grapplers' Hopes Rise As Glass Won't Defend

By SAM PROCOPIO

Penn State's hopes for its third successive Eastern intercollegiate wrestling championship at Princeton Friday and Saturday were brighter today when the Department of Public Relations of Princeton announced that its two-time heavyweight EIWA champ, Brad Glass, will not defend his title this year. He is foregoing the tournament in order to concentrate on his studies.

Coach Charlie Speidel and his defending champions will leave for the spectacular event tomorrow morning.

With Glass out and the recent injury of Lehigh's Werner Seel, chances for Hud Samson to become one of the celebrated Eastern champs will be much easier.

Although Seel's injury was not serious, it may give him some trouble in handling his opponents. Seel was injured in the Lehigh-Syracuse match. At the time Lehigh was ahead, 14-9. A default which appeared imminent would have tied the score at 14-14, but the strong Lehigh heavyweight held out for a 1-1 draw over Dick Beyer of Syracuse.

Lions Have 3 Defending Champs

In the recent ratings of heavyweights, Beyer followed Glass and Seel in that order. Samson followed. Samson, of course, who has defeated Beyer, was moved up behind Seel in the ratings yesterday.

The Nittany Lions possess three of the five defending individual champions, 123 pound Bob Homan and the sensational Lemyres, Dick at 130 and Joe in the 167 pound class. The latter champ,

however, will likely wrestle in the 177 pound division which he has done all season.

The other 1952 winners who will defend their crowns include 147 pound Frank Bettucci of Cornell and 177 pound Al Paulekas of Army. George Feuerbach and Emil Perona, 137 and 157 pounders of Lehigh and Rutgers have completed their college careers.

Since Glass will not wrestle, he cannot join the charmed circle of triple-crown winners. It was Glass who stopped Penn State's Homer Barr in his bid for a third title two years ago.

Only 12 matmen have accomplished this distinction of three-time titlists—Feuerbach and Perona were last year's entries. The other members are G. and L. Dole, Yale, 1908; Boak, Cornell, 1914; Mike Dorizas, Penn, 1916; Russell, Yale, 1926; "Doc" Light, Penn State, 1937; Eberle, Princeton, 1941; Dick DiBatista, Penn, 1943; Charlie Ridenour, Penn State, 1943; and MacDonald, Navy, 1945.

Frey Brothers To Compete

Joe and Dick Lemyre, who a year ago became the first set of brothers to win EIWA titles at the same tournament in 44 years, will be out to duplicate their feat and make the historians scan the record books once again.

Speidel will have his 15-team EIWA contenders seeing double when he brings into Dillon Gymnasium the Frey brothers—Don and Doug. This brother act, which has not performed as well as the Lemyre brothers in dual meet competition, should not go overlooked. Don has reached the semi-finals in his two years in the Easterns, and should loom as a potential threat, while Doug lost in the quarter finals.

Gunning for EIBA Titles



FOUR NITTANY BOXERS, Sam Marino, Tony Flore, Bill Andresevic, and Adam Kois (l. to r.) have fists poised for the EIBA championship matches which begin Friday in Syracuse, N.Y. These four have posted the best Nittany records against Eastern competition and are figured best bets for individual title crowns. Captain Marino is the defending 125 pound titlist and Flore the 139 pound runnerup. Kois gained the finals at 176 last year and heavyweight Andresevic is in his first varsity season.

Seven Teams to Compete For Eastern Boxing Title

Eastern boxing's biggest field in recent years is assured for the EIBA championships Friday and Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y., with at least 50 entrants from seven colleges.

This 10 to 12 man increase of participants comes about because the association ranks have been swelled by the addition of Maryland and City College of New York.

Defending champion and host Syracuse will enter a full team as will Penn State, Maryland, Virginia, and Army. Catholic University is expected to arrive with a seven-man team and CCNY has forwarded six entries.

With this 50-plus field, at least 18 preliminary bouts will constitute the Friday evening opening round matches. The semi-finals will be held Saturday afternoon and the championship finals Saturday night.

Nittany Coach Eddie Sulkowski yesterday explained the new scoring system to be incorporated in the EIBA tourney. The new rule, brought about largely because of the Adam Kois incident during last year's title bouts in Rec Hall, goes like this:

A preliminary victory will be worth one point, a semi-final win three points, and the championship worth five points. Thus, a champ can pick up nine points for his school.

Formerly no points were awarded until the finals when the champ got five points and the

runnerup three. By this ruling, State's 176 pounder Kois and Penn State were "robbed" last year.

Adam won his semi-final bout with Syracuse's John Mahar but the Lion slugger broke his hand and was unable to continue. After a lengthy discussion, Mahar was moved into the finals. State got nothing and Syracuse picked up an undeserved three points. (Since champion Syracuse wound up with 24 points and runnerup Army with 21, Mahar's three points for runnerup may have cheated the Cadets' of at least a tie.)

Four individual champions will be in the weekend tournament as well as a champion from 1951. The defending titlists own three of them. One, Bill Miller at 156, will be after the crown he won two years ago but lost last winter. Another Orange champion, John Granger, returns at 139 as does Syracuse's 132 pound king, Artie Nelson.

Two other champs in the field are State's Sam Marino, at 125 pounds, and Army's Carl Crews, at 156.

Lion Gymnasts Prep For Individual Titles

The 1953 champion Eastern gym squad went through its routines in deadly earnest yesterday at Rec Hall for the second day in a row as it awaited the start of the EIGA individual championships.

The championships, to be held at West Point this year, will begin Friday night with the all-around competition and finish up Saturday with the other six events.

Jan Cronstedt, the sophomore dandy from Finland, will take two individual titles to the home of the Army to defend. Last year, as a freshman, Cronstedt won the all-around and the horizontal bar titles.

The all-around competition will be run slightly differently this year. Last season, the crown went to the performer with the top accumulative score in the sidehorse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, and flying rings events.

Olympic Routines

This season, for the first time, the title will depend on accumulative performances in three calisthenics, stationary rings, long-horse vaulting, and the sidehorse, horizontal bar, and parallel bars events.

This move, according to Coach Gene Wettstone, is to better prepare collegiate gymnasts in the Olympic routines.

The Lions will enter into the all-around play the maximum number of competitors in Cronstedt, Karl Schwenzfeier, and Tony Procopio. Sophomore Schwenzfeier finished fourth in the 1952 competition.

Ballantyne Co-Defending

The East's top gymnasts will be on hand at West Point for the fight for individual honors. Other performers back to defend their crowns will be the Cadets' John Ballantyne in the rope climb and Jim Sebbo, the ace tumbler from Syracuse.

Ballantyne is co-holder of the rope climb title along with fellow Cadet John Claybrook. Both were clocked in 3.6 last year.

The Lions' Dutch Shultz, who

busted the Lion rope climb record last weekend when he turned in a 3.6, will give Ballantyne a chance to redeem himself Saturday.

Ballantyne, the highly-heralded gentleman who not only tied for first in the Easterns, but also got a second in the NCAA championships, ended up Saturday's play with a 3.7, good for second behind Mr. Shultz.

Shultz's 3.6 snapped a ten-year Nittany mark, set in 1943 in the EIGA's by Chuck Lebow and Chuck Young at 3.7.

The gymnasts are scheduled for full workouts today and tomorrow before embarking Friday for West Point. They will travel by car.

Tennis Manager

Candidates for assistant managers of tennis are asked to report to Burt Triester at 4 p.m. today in Recreation Hall.

Collegiate Chatter

The past season saw West Virginia enter its highest scoring team in the history of the school on the record books. The Mountaineer five averaged 83.0 against 80.4 points per contest last year.

Since West Virginia joined the Big Six Conference, it lost in 1951 to William and Mary, 87-67, after being second-seeded; defeated William and Mary, 77-64, but lost to Duke 90-88 in 1952 after being top-seeded.

Tallest candidate for the Mountaineer court squad next year will be Johnny Coil at 6-10, who scored 142 points this season for a 6.2 season average.

West Virginia is no one-man scoring show. While Jim Sottile got 33 against Penn State, 30 against William and Mary, 29 against Duke and 27 against New York U. and Virginia Tech, Eddie Becker hit for 28 against Richmond and Red Holmes for 27 against George Washington.

Eddie Becker had a hot streak in the last five games, hitting for 53 per cent of his field goal tries.

Jim Sottile, West Virginia captain, is the only senior on the squad.

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