

Matmen Put Seven in Quarters

26th Annual EIGA Meet Enters 2d Day at Army

By GEORGE BAIREY

The 26th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association tests for the top individual honors of 1953 will swing into their second and concluding day at 2 p.m. today at West Point when tumblers from the five-school closed league take the floor.

After the tumbling will be the sidehorse, horizontal bar, rope climb, parallel bars, and flying rings events.

The Olympic events, used this year for the first time in Eastern play to determine a part of the all-around championship, were run off yesterday. The events—free calisthenics, longhorse vaulting, and stationary rings—will now be coupled with today's routines on the sidehorse, horizontal bar, and parallel bars to determine the 1953 all-around champion.

50 Gymnasts Competing
Penn State's Jan Cronstedt won the all-around title last year.

Over 50 gymnasts are competing in this year's championships, all Eastern teams being represented. Army, recently evicted from its three-year stay on the EIGA team throne, is the host school, while other EIGA squads competing are Navy, Syracuse, Temple, and Penn State.

Lion gym Coach Gene Wettstone has entered a team of 12 in this year's fight for individual crowns. They are team Captain Bob Kenyon, tumbling; Bobby Lawrence, sidehorse; Frank Wick, sidehorse; Tony Procopio, all-around and flying rings; Cronstedt, all-around; Mario Todaro, horizontal bar; Dave Shultz, rope climb; Johnny Baffa, rope climb;

Bob Boudreau, rope climb; Al Wick, parallel bars; Karl Schwenzleier, all-around and flying rings; and Jim Hazen, flying rings.

Defending champions in today's competition will be Cronstedt in the horizontal bar, Jim Sebbo, of Syracuse, in the tumbling, and John Ballantyne of Army, who owns a half-share in the 1952 rope climb crown.

Navy's great of two seasons ago, Hal Lewis, technically hasn't been beaten in the Eastern horizontal bar championships since he won the crown in 1951. Lewis won the title as a sophomore and could not defend last season because of a broken leg. This year Lewis defeated Cronstedt in their only meeting.

Last Year For Shultz
Ballantyne, the Cadet rope specialist, will get his second crack at Shultz, the Lions' rope man today. There wasn't a more surprised man in Rec Hall last Saturday than Ballantyne when Shultz turned in a 3.6 to beat the Cadet's 3.7.

Shultz, working his third and last year on the Lion rope and performing before the last Rec Hall crowd of his intercollegiate gym career, had lowered his own personal record for the 20-foot distance one-tenth of a second on each of two previous successive Saturdays—from 4.0 to 3.8. Then came a 3.6 effort on the first crack against Cadet Ballantyne.

Shultz's only defeat this season in Eastern dual meet competition came at the hands of Temple's Gene Scholl. Scholl did a 3.7 the week Shultz broke his own record with a 3.8.

Wrestling Tickets Are Going Fast

The number of reserved seats still available for the Saturday night's finals of the National Collegiate wrestling championships March 27-28 at the College is limited. Orders will be filled as long as the tickets hold out. Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced.

Gilbert pointed out there is a shortage of tickets only for the finals. There are still plenty of reserved seat tickets for the preliminary matches Friday afternoon and evening, and the semi-finals Saturday afternoon.

General admission tickets, for individual sessions or for the series, are now on sale at the A.A. office, first floor, Old Main.

Grapplers To Seek PIAA Titles

The 16th annual Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association state wrestling championships will be held at Recreation Hall this afternoon and tonight. Featured will be 22 semi-final matches beginning at 2 p.m. and the 11 finals starting at 7:30 p.m.

Local interest will be centered around Bellefonte High's two undefeated entries, Ken Moyer and Dave Adams. Moyer, in the 127 pound class, compiled an 8-0-1 record in dual meet competition this season.

Regional Mat Titlists
Adams, in the 138 pound class, will be going after his second state title, having won the 120 pound crown in 1950. He rolled up an 11-0 dual meet record for the season.

Other regional mat titlists who will see action are Phil Bock (95, Philipsburg); Ralph Clark (103, Clearfield); Dean Tripony (112, Clearfield); Dean Seese (120, Clearfield); Dave Bates (133, Philipsburg); Dave Johnson (145, Lock Haven); Bob Lucas (154, Red Bank Joint); Bill Thomas (165, Tyrone); and Dan Wisniewski (185, Erie East).

Peery's vs Cawthorne
Another matman who will be trying for another state title will be Ed Peery, 120-pound entry from Shaler Township. Son of Pitt Coach Rex Peery and brother of NCAA champion Hugh Peery, Ed won the 112 pound crown in 1951 and then added the 120 pound title to his collection last year.

Ed Peery's opening foe will be Joe Cawthorne of Shamokin.

Collegiate Chatter

An old acquaintance will be re-remembered when Coach Port Robertson brings his national champion Oklahoma Sooners to State College March 27-28 for the NCAA wrestling tournament. The two-time champs will enter eight men.

Robertson and Penn State's first national champion, Howard "Red" Johnston of State College, clashed in the 165-pound finals 18 years ago, the Lion entry winning a narrow decision. This was the only Nittany national individual until Joe Lemyre won 167-pound honors last year.

Johnston still makes his home in State College and seldom misses a home meet at the College. The forthcoming Nationals will mark the first time, however, that he has seen Robertson since their 1935 bout.

Robertson's record in seven years at Oklahoma is quite impressive. In that time, his teams have won 41 meets, losing only 6. The Sooners, unbeaten in their last 25 meets, cracked Oklahoma A&M's 76-match win streak in 1951.

Lemyres, Hud Samson, Don Frey Score Pins

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Although the Penn State accomplishments were the most outstanding, four other traditional Eastern powers—Cornell, Lehigh, Syracuse, and Army—are keeping in close range of the Lions, placing men in the quarter-finals.

Lehigh, Syracuse and Army have six while Cornell has five. Harvard, which won four, lost three and tied two for the season, has been the surprise of the tournament thus far. The Crimson have advanced six men into the quarter-finals.

Bob Homan got the Lions off to their expected winning start, when he decided Jim Kursess of Brown, 14-2. The wiry, 123-pounder scored a takedown and near fall in the first period, and continued piling on points in the second and third with an influx of reversals and near falls.

Fast and slippery Dick Lemyre proved once again that he was too much for Lehigh's Ed Morrison in the 130-pound go. Lemyre pinned Morrison with an arm lock and body press in 3:44. The flashy Lion started fast, scoring a take down in the first period. In the second frame, the defending champ scored a quick reversal, and a few seconds later walked off the mat with the first of five Nittany pins. The win was Lemyre's second over Morrison this year.

Jerry Maurey was sporting a 4-1 lead over Dave Dibbel of Yale when he scored the second Lion pin. Maurey pulled a reverse nelson and body press in 2:44 and Dibbel saw the Dillon Gym lights.

Don Frey found himself in a real nip-and-tuck battle before he could score his pin. The 145-pounder, wrestling Frank Brosier of Navy, scored a take-down in the first period, but lost a point in an escape. Brosier wasn't loose for long, however, as the aggressive Frey had him flush with the mat at 5:45. He scored the pin with a reverse nelson and body press.

Brother Doug had a little more trouble with Rutgers' John Dramesi. Doug scored the second of the two Lion decision wins, with a 4-0 tally. The first period of the close contest went scoreless, with the only scoring coming in the second frame on a reversal. Doug picked up the two remaining points on time advantage.

Back in the 167-pound class—and also defending titlist position—Joe Lemyre found little difficulty in pinning Bill Marchio of Franklin and Marshall. Wrestling from the referee's position, Lemyre reversed Marchio and scored on a body press and bar arm in 3:33.

The only Penn State newcomer in Eastern championship competition, George Dvorznik, lost a hard-fought 4-2 decision to his Cornell opponent, Dick Soars. Dvorznik, wrestling at 177 for the first time this season, dropped two points behind in the second period when Soars reversed him. The fast-moving junior came back quickly, however, scoring a reverse himself, but dropped behind again in the third—this time for good—when Soars scored an escape. Soars also added another point on time advantage.

Strongman Hud Samson, outmaneuvering Bob Ride of Rutgers, scored a pin in 6:39 after piling up points on two takedowns and a reversal. The Nittany heavyweight almost got a pin in the second period when he scored a takedown at the bell. Samson's win came with a double bar arm.

With the first round now completed, indications are pretty clear as to who will be giving Charlie Speidel's grapplers their biggest trouble in the quarter-



Joe Lemyre Pins Marchio in 3:33

finals. In the 123-pound bracket, Jim Karns of Army and John Lee of Harvard both scored impressive first-round pins. Art Jessler of Navy looks like a championship contender in the 130 division. Kessler whipped Penn's Tom Jones, 6-1, in his opener.

Ken Faust of Lehigh looks as a big threat in the 137-pound class. Faust scored an impressive win in the first round of his match, nailing Joe Bohock of Virginia. Defending 147 pound king, Frank Betucci of Cornell is a good bet to give Lion Don Frey a good battle, should the pair tangle. Betucci scored a 7-2 win over Frey in dual meet competition this season. Betucci got his first tourney win tonight, pinning Tom Lorenz of Temple.

In the 157-pound class, two possible Lion opponents served notice that they will not be pushovers. Ed Rooney of Syracuse and Cornell's Ken Hunt both scored opening-round wins. Rooney pinned Loren Samsel of Brown, and Hunt decided Ed Abdelnoor of Yale, 9-2.

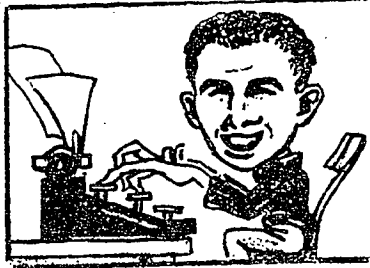
Two Army grapplers displayed standout wins as the quarterfinals got under way this evening; 167-pound Gerry Tebben went into the second round of matches after pinning Joe Scuddeds of Rutgers. The big man, however, is Al Paulekas, defending 177-pound champ. Paulekas pinned Joe Harrett of Rutgers in a "no-match" contest to gain his opening win. Two other 177-pounders also loom as big threats. They are Bill Downey of Yale and Pete Blair of Navy.

In the heavyweight division, Hud Samson will probably be facing Werner Seely eventually. The big heavy from Lehigh is a high school rival of Samson's and each hold one win apiece. Seely had no trouble in deciding Navy's Hugh Webster tonight, 6-0.

Bobbin' Along

with BOB SCHOELLKOPF

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Whatever kind of abrakadabra gymnastics Coach Gene Wettstone uses on his boys, it sure gets results. The long, lean mentor, who is currently at West Point with the Nittany Lion gym team trying to win a few individual EIGA titles, thinks the 1953 Eastern gym champs' success is due to their fine scholastic record.

Says Wettstone: "These boys are thinking all the time. They keep a running score at every meet, revise their routines to meet new situations, and will gladly make any contribution to team success that is required of them."

And without taxing our brain too much, we can recall this year's meet with always-tough Navy when two Nittany acrobats sacrificed individual victories to protect an early advantage and avert the risk of losing vitally-needed points.

"Both boys," Wettstone explains, "could have won these events simply by doing their standard routines. But with first-place points already assured by teammates, they reasoned it would be wiser to settle for a runner-up position by doing a simpler, less hazardous, routine."

The Lion gym combine, which succeeded in restoring the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Association title to the Nittany vale this season after a five-year lapse by blasting the Cadets from Army 59½-36½ last Saturday at Rec Hall, has nine members with All-College averages of between 2.0 and 3.0. Heading the list of smarties for the regulars are Captain Bob Kenyon and the Flying Finn, Jan Cronstedt—both with averages of 2.51. It is well to point out that, unlike most sports, gymnasts usually work out from November to the following March, which places an unusually-heavy burden upon their studying time.

The top average on the team belongs to reserve tumbler Bill Sopper, of Allentown, who is only .25 digits shy of a perfect 3.0 All-College average. Sidehorse worker Bob Lawrence ranks next with a 2.15, while rope-climbing wizard Dutch Shultz has a 2.09.

BONE CHIPS—With all the talk this week centering around Eastern boxing, wrestling, and gym championships, the name of one Robert A. Barcaskey has not had any mention. . . . Barcaskey, a second-semester freshman at State, has won the Eastern Intercollegiate Physique Title. . . . He came out first in the contest held last Friday night at New York's City College, and was awarded a handsome trophy for being the best muscle-ripler in the East. . . . Lou Lamie, one of Penn State's all-time basketball greats, just finished a successful court season with the Brooke Medical Center Comets at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. . . . Lamie's record three-year total of 775 points was broken this season by Jess Arnelle, who now has 900 points over two seasons.

The College World Series will again be played in Omaha, Neb., this season. . . . The meet will begin June 11, and will be handled the same as in past years. . . . Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk is hustling his 1953 diamond team into shape with only one month remaining until the Lions open their campaign against Lehigh. . . . The loss of first baseman Mike Hunchar from last year's team may not be a serious blow after all. . . . footballer Don Shank, a husky left-handed clouter has been tearing the cover off the ball in early inter-squad games, and may give the Nittanians the power they need for a successful '53 campaign. . . . Don's a lefty thrower, too, and a good gloveman at the initial sack.

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