

Eastern Wrestlers Given High Rating for NCAA's

Lions Are Main Hope For East

By SAM PROCOPIO

Each year the press and enthusiastic wrestling fans alike look to the entries from the state of Oklahoma to finish either on top or close to the NCAA's coveted honor, but it appears that the tide is making its turn when the battle of champions take to the mats in Rec Hall Friday and Saturday.

Optimism is not only circling in East headquarters but in the "wrestling-minded" West. In a publicity report from Otis Wile of Oklahoma A. & M., the home of 16 coveted National team honors says: "This might be a good year for the East to break into the king row."

In backing up his statement Wile states the fact that Oklahoma University has its two best grapplers injured and is not at its usual strength and that Oklahoma A & M is counting on only three of its eight matmen to even reach the finals.

Lions Is East's Hope

With this in mind the East has an opportunity to win its first team title, or at least dominate the field of titlists in collegiate wrestling's climactic affair.

Among the Eastern team stand-outs Penn State will be its main hope. Placing the largest number of entries—nine—Coach Charlie Speidel's wrestlers should present some trouble to the record field of more than 200 collegians which include three 1952 champions, five runners-up, four third place, and five fourth place finishers.

Pacing the Southern wrestling contingent are Maryland's four individual champions. The South will send six of its eight titlists into the Nationals.

Tourneys Send 8 Champs

Also very much in contention is the mid-West and its solid eight Big Ten champions—two from Minnesota, Michigan, and Michigan State, and one each from Illinois and Indiana. Michigan State boasts of six individual entries while Michigan has five.

The championship field will have a solid bloc—eight of its eight tourney champs—represented from the Four-I, Pennsylvania State Teachers, Big Seven, and the Eastern tourneys.

Adding color to the two-day tournament will be three members of Uncle Sam's 1952 tournament Olympic squad. The Olympians are Hugh Peery, of Pitt, 115-pounder, who is one of the three defending champs; Sam Coursen of Springfield College, 115-pounder; and Leonard DeAugustino, of Lock Haven State Teachers College, 137-pounder.

Hollen Posts Best Time

Bob "Red" Hollen, of Williamsport, posted the best time ever credited to a Penn State runner in the National Collegiate cross-country championships at Michigan State in 1952, yet had to be satisfied with seventh place. His time of 20 minutes flat was good enough to win twelve of the thirteen prior meets.

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PENN STATE'S three-time EIWA champions who will battle for National honors in Rec Hall this weekend. Standing (l. to r.) are Hal Chamberlain (177), defending NCAA champ, Joe Lemyre (167), Hud Samson (Hwt.), George Dvorozniak (177) and Bill Shawley (157). Kneeling are Bob Homan (123), Doug Frey (157), Don Frey (147), and Jerry Maurey (137). Seated are

Doug Cassel (130), Larry Fornicola (130), Dick Lemyre (130), and Larry Levine (130). Not competing in the Nationals are Chamberlain, Shawley, Cassel, Fornicola, and Levine. Missing from the picture is Bill Cramp who will be Coach Charlie Speidel's choice at the 115-pound spot. Samson will wrestle in the 191-pound class.

79 Versatile Gymnasts Register As NCAA Title Meet Nears

Over 200 entries for eight events have been received from 79 of the nation's top gymnasts for the 11th annual National Collegiate Athletic Association gymnastic team championship tourney.

The tourney will be run off Friday and Saturday for the first time at Syracuse's Archbold gymnasium.

The preliminary qualifying sessions will be held at two different times Friday, one at 1:30 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. The championship play will begin 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

10 Gymnasts To Qualify

The only individual crown to be decided Friday will be the all-around title. Lion Coach Gene Wettstone has entered three of his gymnasts in the all-around competition. They are Jan Cronstedt, Karl Schwenzfeier, and Tony Procopio. The all-around title goes to the performer with the highest score on five events, the flying rings, horizontal bar, parallel bars, sidehorse, and calisthenics.

Friday's performances will not add to the team point total, but will serve to qualify the top ten gymnasts in each event for the finals on Saturday. The other NCAA events are tumbling, trampolines, and flying rings.

Twenty-four teams, headed by defending champ, Florida State, will be on hand for the two-day affair.

Other teams are Army, Navy, Cortland, Springfield, host Syracuse, Temple, West Virginia,

Michigan, Michigan State, Iowa, Ohio State, Minnesota, Western Illinois State, Indiana, Georgia, Mississippi Southern, California, UCLA, Southern California, Arizona, and Colorado State.

Illinois Highly Regarded
Florida State, who will be defending their team crown for the third year in a row, and potent UCLA have been installed as the teams to beat the pre-meet calculations.

State's Eastern kings and Illinois, top team in the Western conference, are also highly regarded, along with coast clubs, California and Southern California.

Rounding out Wettstone's other seven gymnasts making the trip are Bobby Lawrence, Al Wick,

Frank Wick, Dave Shultz, Jim Hazen, team captain Bob Kenyon, and either Bob Boudreau or Johnny Baffa.

Wettstone will name either ropeman Boudreau or Baffa today after a time trial session.

Travel by Car

Practicewise, the Lions haven't had an off-day since the Monday after their spectacular showing in the Eastern individual tests two weeks ago. They have worked out at Rec Hall every day since then, including workouts last Saturday and Sunday. Wettstone will wrap up all practices today with a full session.

The team will travel to Syracuse tomorrow by car.

Sigma Nu Leads IM Mat Teams

By TOM WERNER

The leading contender for intramural fraternity wrestling honors, Sigma Nu, advanced Terry Dickel into the heavyweight finals and thus added five more points to make its season total read 83.

The hardest fought match of the night was the heavyweight bout between the 6-6 Dickel and the 5-6 Bert Oberg. The Triangle representative, Oberg, scored first with two points for a takedown and it was some time until Sigma Nu's hope caught up with an equal amount for a reversal. Oberg then forged ahead with a point for escape but the giant Dickel proved too much for the smaller man and went on to pin his opponent in 2:45.

Sigma Nu lost out in two matches. The first, in the 121 pound class, had Chuck Frey losing a 5-3 decision to Ray Webb of Chi Phi. The winner scored with a takedown and reversal, making his final point through riding time. His opponent gathered his points by way of reversal and escape.

Headlee Gains 3 Points

Jim Diehl became the other departed Sigma Nu hope, this in the 155 pound division, by bowing to Phi Sigma Kappa's Jim Hancock, 5-1. The decisive victory was gained for Hancock by his reversal, near fall, and point for time on top.

Dick Headlee gained three more points for Chi Phi by decisioning Don Anderson of Acacia, 6-1. The apt Headlee took his foe down twice and spent a total of 3:23 on riding time to walk off with the verdict in the 135 pound class.

Paul Eckert, Beta Theta Pi, efficiently and quickly disposed of Ralph Wagner, Chi Phi, in 1:15. The loser wasn't able to score a point before his pining in one of the four heavyweight bouts of the night.

Another of the heavyweight bouts featured George Weaver in a fall in 4:30 over Tom Schmalzreid. The winning Delta Chi scored only two points before pinning his foe, from Alpha Zeta.

Two Ref's Decision

The last heavyweight bout of the night had Jim Stanley, Lambda Chi Alpha, pinning his opponent, Charley Signorino of Theta Kappa Phi, in 4:13. The winning grappler was leading 5-0 when opportunity presented itself.

One of the two referees decisions went to Max Shapiro of Beta Sigma Rho over Howie Warren, Delta Upsilon. Both men finished their match with two points each, the decision being awarded by virtue of the amount of riding time.

The other ref's decision went to Independent Dick Hall who got

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