

NCAA Wrestling Influx Begins

Most of the wrestlers who will participate in the 23d annual NCAA mat tournament will begin to move into State College today in preparation for tomorrow's preliminaries, starting at 1 p.m. at Recreation Hall.

The wrestlers, representing the nation's best, will be housed in the Pollock and Nittany Dorms and in fraternities.

Because of the record number of individuals entered from 57 colleges and 25 states, matches will be staged almost continuously during the two-day affair.

Usually, there are not more than 150 individuals who take part in the annual tourney. This year, however, Rec Hall will attract 210 entries.

Since the Nationals were organized back in 1928, this will mark the third time that Penn State will host the NCAA's. The Nittany Lions had the honor in 1930 and again in 1939. There were no tournaments during the war years, 1943-45.

With almost every major tournament champion entered, Penn State mat fans will be able to observe some of the keenest wrestling performances ever.

Defending champion Oklahoma University, winner in 1951 and 1952, will lead the tournament of champions with five Big Seven titlists, followed by Washington State with four Pacific Coast champions, Maryland with four Southern Conference winners, Lock Haven with four State Teachers College titlists, Oregon State with three Pacific Coast kingpins, and Cornell with three Eastern crown-bearers.

Following with two title winners each are Penn State and Lehigh of the East; Minnesota, Michigan and Michigan State of the Big Ten; Virginia Tech of the Southern Conference; and West



Hugh Peery

Chester of the State Teachers Colleges.

Spearheading the field of 1952 individual winners will be the three defending champions: namely, Hugh Peery, 115-pounder; Joe Lemyre, Penn State, 167-pounder; and Gene Nicks, Oklahoma A & M, heavyweight. Lemyre will endeavor to win the third Nittany Lion top honor in the Nationals.

Runnersup from the 1952 tournament who will renew their bid in the wrestling two-day classic are Don Reece, Oklahoma, 123-pounder; Bob Morris, Iowa State Teachers, who will wrestle either at 137 or 147 pounds; his teammate, Jim Harmon, 157-pounder; Tom Titsworth, Oklahoma A & M, 157-pounder; and George Myers, Iowa University, 177-pounder. Four of the five runnersup will oppose wrestlers in new weight classes from that of last year. Reece last year competed at 130 pounds, Morris at 137 pounds, Harmon at 147 pounds, and Myers

at 191 pounds.

The third place holdovers are Dick Meeks, Illinois 115-pounder; Dick Lemyre, Penn State 130-pounder; Miles Lee, Michigan 157-pounder; and Harold Reece, Oklahoma 130-pounder.

Football giants who performed against one another on the gridiron may meet once again—this time on the mats. Oklahoma's 230-pounder, Nicks, is the defending titlist.

Battling against Nicks in the 1953 renewal will be U.C.L.A.'s 225-pound Jack Elena, Pacific Coast champ; Ed Husmann, Nebraska's Big Seven champion and co-captain of last year's grid team; Willis Wood, Minnesota line backer and Big Ten mat titlist; and Pitt's two-way all-American tackle, Eldred Kraemer.



Joe Lemyre



Gene Nicks

Sigma Nu Maintains IM Mat Lead With 91 Points

By ROY WILLIAMS

The semi-final round of IM wrestling saw Sigma Nu continue to hold a commanding lead of 91 points over fraternity competition. Two out of five Sigma Nu men copped wins to add eight points to Sigma Nu's previous 83 markers. Walt Hough (165) scored three points by decisioning Tom Lozaw, Delta Sigma Phi, 6-0 and Terry Dickel (heavy) pinned Jim Stanley of Lambda Chi Alpha in the second period for five points.

Chi Phi moved into second place by mounting 13 points to boost its record to 66 tallies. Ray Webb (121) pinned Beta Sigma Rho's Shapiro at 3:49 for five points; Bill Roberts (155) also took five points by pinning Ed Hill, Delta Chi; and Bob Broomfield (128) decisioned Morton Zieve, Beta Sigma Rho, 4-1, for three points.

Pi Kappa Phi added ten points to its card for a total of 63. Andy Krassowski (175) pinned Kappa Sigma's Win Doederlein at 5:26 and Bob Wylie (121) won five more points for his house by pinning Jim McGraw, Phi Sigma Kappa.

Reliable Dick Weaver, Hvy.) Delta Chi, came through for his victory by downing Paul Eckert, Beta Theta Pi, with a pin at 5:01.

Charlie Groff (145) and Dave Simon combined their wins for 8 points to boost KDR's 37 point card to 45. Groff pinned Salty Whitehouse, Sigma Phi Epsilon, at 3:52 and Simon (175) decisioned Norm Hickey, Sigma Nu, by a slim 2-1 score.

In the 121-pound class Rich Taylor and Tony Petroy, both independents, each won their bouts. Petroy decisioned George Brown in a close match, 6-5. Taylor pinned Charlie Trimble in the

third period.

Bob Brubaker, Delta Upsilon, decisioned Dick Headlee, Chi Phi, 3-2. Also in the 135-pound class, Bill Wendel of Theta Chi pinned Don Holler of Alpha Chi Sigma.

Norm Naylor, Pi Kappa Tau, defeated Don Barney, Sigma Nu, in a bitter decision that was by the referee's decision. Jim Kennedy, independent, decisioned John Coble, 7-2. Bob McMillan decisioned Bob Bowser, 2-1, for another independent victory.

Delta Upsilon's John Baffa decisioned Sigma Nu's Bob Abbott, 5-0, in the 128-pound competition.

A 145-pounder, Marlin Klinger downed Bob Williamson with a 6-2 decision. Bill Miller decisioned Perry Wetzel, 4-2.

Lefty McIntyre decisioned Sam Hancock, Phi Sigma Kappa, 7-1 in the 155-class. Wayne Diehl pinned Dan Knipe at 2:57, in the independent competition. John Clark, also independent, downed Bill Shaw with a 6-2 decision.

Joe Barclay, Phi Delta Theta, did a quick pinning job over Alpha Gamma Rho's Bill Tyson at 0:51. Howie Hesketh won by forfeit over George Riefler, in 165-pound grappling.

Heavyweight Walt Barcaskey took Jerry Hoyer into camp with a pin at 3:07.

Bedenk Must Fill Outfield Gap . . . Cerchie Is Only Regular Back

(This is the second of a series on Penn State's baseball team which will attempt to examine the squad, position by position, to see who will represent State on the diamond this spring. Today, the outfielders.)

By DICK McDOWELL

The loss of outfielders Bill Hopper and Chris Tonery via graduation has created quite a problem for Joe Bedenk this spring. Hopper, hard hitting rightfielder and captain of the team last season, was a key man in Bedenk's lineup, and Tonery, another powerman with the bat, was just as important.

However, the middle man in the outfield trio, centerfielder Sil Cerchie, is back in uniform this season, and is expected to give both the Lions' offense and defense a big boost. The speedy right hand slugger, captain of the 1953 squad, will be patrolling the Beaver Field pastures, probably back at his center field spot.

Last year Cerchie collected 25 hits in 85 times at bat for a .294 BA, and showed a .956 fielding average. He also drove in 21 runs, second only to Tonery, and hit 3 home runs.

Probably his biggest asset to the squad is his strong throwing arm. He's a constant threat to the batter who likes to stretch his base hits, and has often turned, what appeared to be extra base blows, into singles with his rifle arm.

Bedenk has a host of promising outfielders in line for the two outfield vacancies. Tom Werner, a sharp-hitting right hander, has been showing plenty in pre-season workouts and could land a starting assignment.

Bob Schoellkopf, a left handed batter and right handed thrower,

is back from last season's squad and could be in the lineup on opening day. A sure fielder, and good punch hitter, Schoellkopf has been looking good in practice sessions. He was used as a pinch hitter last year.

Another holdover from last year is Mat Yanosich, who is making a bid for an outfield position after a season as a reserve catcher. He's a right hander.

Two newcomers have also shown a lot of promise in pre-season practice. Art Walker and Pete Cherish, both, sophomore right-handers, are in the running for first team berths. Cherish is a combination infielder-outfielder and has been fielding well in both spots. Walker has shown a lot at the plate.

These six outfielders, all claiming a good measure of ability, will fill the gap left in the Lion outfield.

Elmer Gross, Penn State baseball coach, still consults his predecessor, John Lawther, on defensive strategems.

WRA Results

Badminton: Kappa Alpha Theta over Sigma Delta Tau; Kappa Kappa Gamma over Alpha Gamma Delta.

Volleyball: Alpha Xi Delta over Alpha Kappa Alpha; Kappa Kappa Gamma over Phi Sigma Sigma.

Bowling: Chi Omega over Philotes; Mac Hall over Alpha Gamma Delta; Beta Sigma Omicron over Ionians.

Bridge: Winners — Aye Sees and Zeta Tau Alpha.

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