

Matmen Favored, Seek 30th Win

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Speaking of unbeaten seasons, 130-pounders Dick Lemyre, co-captain, and Larry Fornicola, are the only matmen who will be carrying unblemished records (in regular season competition) into the meet. In 1953 Fornicola won his three matches and owns a two-year record of 4-0-1. Lemyre, on the other hand, has a two-year log of 15 wins and no defeats.

Speidel, who has indicated that his matmen will move up in weight classes, will probably start Bob Homan in the 123-pound class. Homan will face Cornell's Rex Boda who was defeated by Lehigh's EIWA champion, Alex McCord. Boda, however, won his match against Cortland with a fall.

Fornicola at 130

In Lemyre's customary 130-pound slot, the Nittany Lion mentor will likely select Fornicola. The Bellefonte matman will be seeking his fifth straight dual meet win against the Big Red's co-captain, Bruce Blackman.

Lemyre, who has given his foes weight advantage last year, will move up to the 137-pound class where he will battle Arno Nieman.

Speidel will concede that his co-captain is slightly small for most 137-pounders, but "Dandy Dick" is one of the "big men" on the squad. The Merrick, N.Y. grappler sets up his opponents with orthodox as well as unorthodox holds, providing fans with laughs—and pins. He's an all-around performer who specializes in exchanging an escape (to his opponent) for a take down in return. Lemyre will be in search of his 16th win in a row.

Maurey Is Standout

Following Lemyre will be Co-captain Jerry Maurey, another Lion standout. The 147-pounder had a winning streak of his own last year until he was dethroned by Red Norris of Maryland. Out of the twelve wins Maurey has posted in his two years of wrestling, six were via falls. He will wrestle Co-captain Paul Steiger of Cornell.

Walter Farrell, one of Coach Erie Miller's unbeaten men, will be after his fourth win of the campaign against State's Doug Frey. Last year Frey dropped only one match but had three ties with his four wins.

George Dvorozniak, who completes his eligibility this semester, will tackle Cornell's Phil Harvey in the 167-pound division.

Soars Outstanding

Battling perhaps Cornell's most outstanding wrestler, 177-pounder Dick Soars, will be either Doug Melvin or Dick McFeely of Penn State. Soars is unbeaten in three matches and has shown some fine mat know-how this season. Last year, he defeated Dvorozniak in the Easterns, but lost to Penn State's NCAA champion, Hud Sampson, in regular competition.

In the heavyweight class the spotlight will be on Bob Oberly, who must handle the spot vacated by the aforementioned National champion, Samson, who dropped only one match, responded like a true champion when Penn State needed the final match to win and to keep its win streak alive. Oberly's first test will be John Gerdes.

In meeting its traditional rival—Cornell—Penn State will not only be seeking its 30th straight triumph without defeat but will be looking for win number 32 against the Big Red. Both schools have met 40 times. Cornell won seven, while two ended in ties.

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He also is tops in the Nittany rebound department. Against Syracuse he grabbed 17 off the boards.

In line to see plenty of action from the Lion reserve corps tonight is Dave Edwards, a 5-11 guard who played most of the second half of the Syracuse tilt, scoring 11 points. Sophomore Rudy Marisa and Bob Rohland should also see action.

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If you love wrestling, the only place in the world to be in State College when the matmen tackle their opponents. The more than 5000 spectators who crowd into Rec Hall think it's great. And they let you know it not only with their presence, but with their voices and gestures. As a grappler, you wrestle or you don't win. As an observer, you live wrestling or you're really not living.

Although college wrestling is winning the interest of the sport fans, there is one thing lacking. Very few of the spectators take time to learn the fundamentals of keeping score.

The public should understand the technicalities of the sport and respond to every move. This can be accomplished by knowing the game from top to bottom, by understanding what a wrestler is trying to do, and then by reacting accordingly.

For the Penn State fan who will be watching college wrestling for the first time, it would be a greater thrill if he knew and understood how the wrestler can score points. In all matches, the following point system is scored:

A fall, which scores five team points, is called by the referee when the shoulders of the defensive contestant are touching the mat. It should be understood, however, that shoulders in college wrestling are the shoulder blades. The match is concluded whenever a fall is called.

Individual points, which decide a match should both wrestlers go the distance, are scored as followed with the winner receiving three team points.

If the defensive wrestler, while on the mat, reverses his position and has control of his opponent, he is given two points for reversal of position.

One point is given to a wrestler if he breaks loose from his opponent from a defensive position on the mat. This is known as an escape. Time advantage, which counts one point, is given for each minute the wrestler has control. Two points is the most that one can be awarded in the three periods of the match.

Clarification of near-fall and predicament rulings were made recently by the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association rules committee. It reads now:

One point will be given to a wrestler who pins one of his opponent's shoulders and the other shoulder is within 45 degrees of the mat when he is in full control. If both shoulders are within four inches of the mat, a "predicament" point will be awarded. However, he must be forced into that position. No point is given until he comes out of the hold.

Should the situation occur that the offensive wrestler almost secures a pin and is not within the aforementioned requirements for a predicament, the referee will call a near-fall.

Although the wrestling initiate may find some of the rulings unclear at first, one way to know who is winning is to be a real shrewdie like a Navy wrestling coach who informed his boys with these words on the ceiling above the mats:

"If you can read this, you're losing."

Every match starts with the referee slapping the mat and hollering "wrestle!" To the sportswriter the remaining action is a tale. To the coach it's a nightmare. To the wrestler it's a day's work. But to the understanding fan, it's great.

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Charlie Speidel
Launches 28th Campaign

TV Football Sponsorship In Question

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—The NCAA's "stand pat" football-television policy may cost the colleges their rich sponsor.

General Motors, which backed the 1953 program with more than 4 million dollars is so displeased it may not renew its contract, the Associated Press learned today.

Television sources doubt if any other single corporation in the nation would want to pay the bill if General Motors backs out.

Thus the NCAA might find itself with no customer in sight.

Same Policy Planned

The NCAA at its current meeting in Cincinnati has apparently decided on virtually the same football TV program this year as last. This means, in the main, one game each Saturday, chosen months in advance. No team appeared last year more than once. Each region was represented and some of the games were far from national attractions.

General Motors would like to see either the week's top national game be made available on a flexible basis, or else regional televising of the top conference games—such as the Big Ten has advocated—or a combination of both plans.

GM Investigating

General Motors now has its television advertising budget under review. The vast corporation has backed college TV football for the past two years. In 1951—the first year of the NCAA program—Westinghouse was the sponsor. It is reputed to have spent about 1½ million dollars. Westinghouse now sponsors, with others, professional football television.

General Motors was particularly irked last fall by the NCAA "Panorama" program under which portions of various games were televised. Viewers complained that just as a game got interesting, the network switched to another stadium.

Malinak Represents Lions In Senior Bowl Today

Don Malinak, Penn State standout end and co-captain of the past football season, will represent the Lions in the Senior Bowl, annual grid classic to be held in Mobile, Ala. today.

The contest is expected to be highlighted with scores in quick bursts if heralded passing and running duels between some of 1953's brightest college stars pan out, the Associated Press said.

Georgia's Zeke Bratkowski, who will be throwing for Coach Steve Owen's South Squad, and Northwestern's Dick Thomas, number one passer for Paul Brown's North team, are equipped to toss the long touchdown aerials.

If these opposing quarterbacks stick to the ground, they can call upon a pair of breakaway runners in Cowboy Bobby Cavazos of Texas Tech and Willy Wells, Michigan State's Pony Express. Cavazos plays for the South and Wells for the North.

Because of an apparently more potent offense, Owen's South squad is favored by a touchdown in this fifth annual all star game in which 48 college seniors turn professional, the AP said. But Brown is hoping to offset this advantage with a rugged defense.

The Senior Bowl is unique among the year-end bowls since the players get cash for their efforts. Each member of the winning squad is guaranteed 500 dollars while losers get 400 dollars. The game will be broadcast by CBS.

Independent IM Champs Win 25-21

Perhaps the most important and interesting independent intramural game played Thursday night at Rec Hall was the one which saw the Sinkers, independent champs two years running, nip the previously unbeaten Geechee Birds, 25-21 in league H play.

Although a completely new aggregation, the Sinkers, comprised chiefly of freshman football players, have managed to stay unbeaten. After holding a 17-11 half time lead, the Sinkers were hard-pressed in gaining the victory as the Geechee Birds finally drew even at 21-21. Fred Wallitsch of the losers led all scorers with 10 points.

Spartans Win

In another equally important game, the Spartans of league B gained undisputed possession of first place when they trounced the Iso Gang, 30-19. Joseph Meredith collected 18 points for the victors.

Richard LeVan's 17 points proved too much for the NROTC as he led the Epars to a 27-13 win. Using a one-handed jump shot to great advantage, LeVan garnered 12 of his 17 points in the first half. The win tied the Epars for league A honors with the Dubs, 44-8 conquerors of the Dragons.

Panthers Top Engineers

League H wins were registered by the Panthers and the Iron Men. A 32-24 decision over the Engineers was the first win of the season for the Panthers, who were led by Tom Law. Law had 13 points on six fielders and a single free throw. James Machlan was high for the Engineers with 10 points. It was also the first win for the Iron Men as they topped the Highlanders, 16-6.

In the most nip-and-tuck affair of the evening, the Knights just got past the Dukes, 31-30. The Dukes maintained a very slim margin throughout the game, but were unable to hold out at the end. Lawrence Levine led the Knights' scoring with 11 while Richard Johnson and Ronald Velosky each scored 9 for the defeated Dukes.

Olympic Site Move Will Cost Millions

SYDNEY, Jan. 8 (AP)—It would cost the International Olympic Committee close to \$4.5 million to take the 1956 Olympic games from Melbourne at this late date, a high Olympic official said here today.

The IOC executive committee meets in Lausanne, Switzerland, January 16-17 to consider a proposal that the games be shifted to another site because of Australia's quarantine law which threatens to strike equestrian events from the program.

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