

State Faces Three Tough Foes

Grapplers Seek 31st At Lehigh

Penn State's unbeaten wrestlers embark on their first road trip today for their all important dual meet against Lehigh.

The Nittany Lions will leave at noon from Rec Hall via University station wagons. They are scheduled to battle the Engineers on their home floor after the freshman Lehigh-West Chester match.

Both schools, which are noted for their wrestling talent, are unbeaten this season. The Lions, who will be seeking their 31st dual meet triumph, have successfully notched the win column last Saturday when they defeated Cornell, 20-6.

Lehigh, which also opened its season against the Big Red of Cornell, won out over the Ithacacans, 17-6, and have since defeated Franklin and Marshall, 25-3, and Penn, 23-5.

Coach Gerald Leeman possesses a list of new talent. Five to be exact. Nevertheless, his 1954 team has defeated each opponent more convincingly. Five of the eight starting matmen are unbeaten in varsity competition this season. They are Alex McCord, 123-pound EIWA champion; Gus Filipos, 130-pounder; Ken Faust, 137-pounder; Ed Eichelberger, 147-pounder, and Joe Comly, heavyweight.

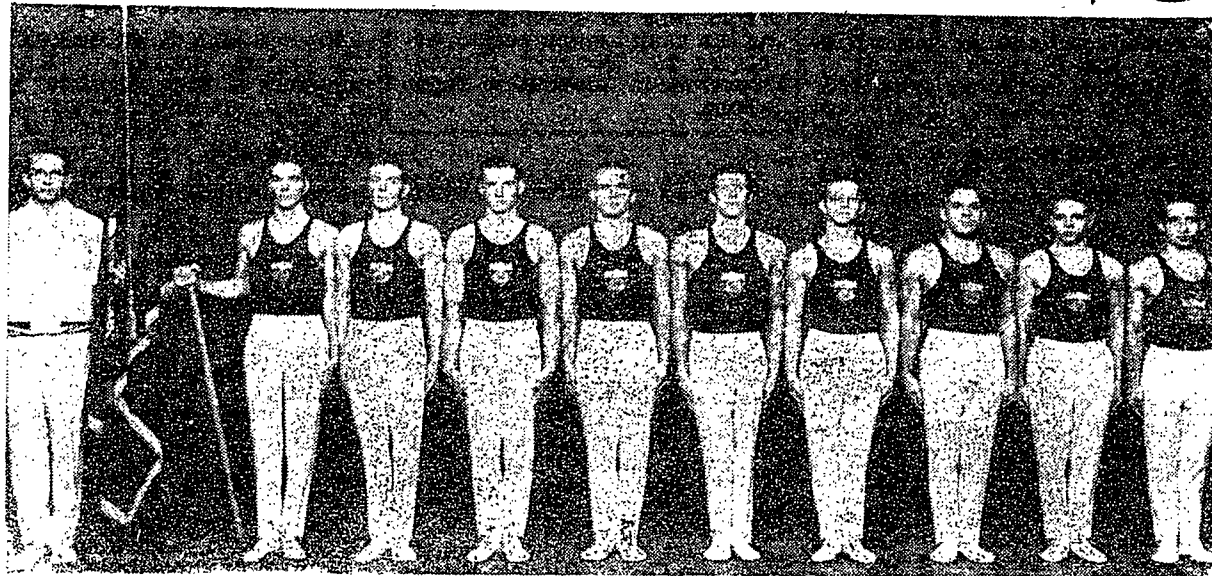
Concerning the season as a whole, Leeman has said:

"I think that we will be much improved by the time the EIWA tournament comes around in March.

"Werner Seel, the EIWA heavyweight champion, might be off scholastic probation, and the sophomores will have had some varsity competition under their belts by that time.

"The situation for next season looks good since only McCord and Jim Mahoney are seniors."

Mahoney and Faust, co-captains for Lehigh, competed for the 137-pound berth before the season got underway. Faust won the starting position when he decisively defeated Mahoney, 4-0, on a reversal and time advantage. Faust, the junior who placed second in the EIWA 130-pound championships as a freshman, will be at the 137-pound class where Coach Charlie Speidel is still uncertain whether co-captain and EIWA champion, Dick Lemyre, will wrestle.



THE PENN STATE TEAM which last year won Eastern and National Collegiate gymnastics honors tomorrow will face Sweden's National championship team in an international duel at Recreation Hall. They are, left to right, Coach

Gene Wettstone, Co-captains Al and Frank Wick, Jan Cronstedt, Hugh Cline, Bob Lawrence, Karl Schwenzfeier, Dick Spiese, Paul Heim, and Manuel Procopio.

Lion Gymnastic Squad Boasts Nine Lettermen

By RON GATEHOUSE

Lion gymnastic coach, Gene Wettstone, will send a veteran team against the visiting Swedish National and Olympic team tomorrow at Rec Hall.

With nine lettermen returning from last year's NCAA Championship squad, Wettstone is well equipped with the experience and depth needed to furnish another outstanding team.

Leading the Lions in their bid for the first U.S. victory in international duel gymnastic competition will be versatile Jan Cronstedt. Cronstedt, a native of Finland, owns Eastern and National Collegiate all-around honors. As a freshman in 1952, he won the National AAU honors in calisthenics.

Saddler, Bossio Fight Tonight

NEW YORK, (AP) — Featherweight Champ Sandy Saddler, due to get out of the Army before spring, makes his first start in almost two years tonight against little Billy Bossio at St. Nicholas Arena.

It will be a "Mutt and Jeff" match between the lanky 5-foot-7 champion and 5-foot-1 Bossio with no title at stake. Saddler expects to weigh about 131 pounds, six over the feather limit. There is virtually no betting, with Saddler at least 3 1/2 to 1.

The 10-round match, starting at 10 p.m. EST will be given the usual Friday network treatment on radio ABC and TV NBC.

With Madison Square Garden given over to an ice show, the International Boxing Club has shifted operations to the old St. Nick's.

Cronstedt excels in 3 events. Cronstedt's specialties are calisthenics, parallel bars, and the horizontal bar.

Penn State all-around performers who will assist Cronstedt, all of them veterans, are Karl Schwenzfeier, Dick Spiese, and Manuel Procopio. Spiese and Procopio are seniors, while Cronstedt and Schwenzfeier are juniors.

Others include Bob Lawrence, Eastern side horse champion, Co-captains Frank and Al Wick, and Paul Heim. Al, who is a number one on the parallel bars, is backed by Cronstedt and Schwenzfeier.

First Twin Co-captains The Wicks, are the first set of twins ever to captain a Penn State athletic team. Graduates of Olney High School, they stand 5-11 and weigh 140 pounds. Both are seniors.

Procopio and Hugh Cline give support to Cronstedt on the horizontal bar while the standouts on the rings are Procopio, Schwenzfeier and Spiese. These two events are expected to produce exciting competition in the meet with the Swedes.

Tumbling aces are Bill Paxton, Warren Hommas, and Cronstedt.

Lion Cagers Meet Navy Tomorrow

By DICK McDOWELL

Riding the crest of a splendid 6-1 record, the Penn State basketball team invades Annapolis tomorrow afternoon for what will probably be the biggest test for Elmer Gross' quintet since it lost to nationally ranked North Carolina State in December.

The opening game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and the game will be televised locally over Station WFBG-TV, channel ten, in Altoona.

The Middies, led by two six-foot plus sharpshooters, John Clune and Don Lange, own a 10-3 record and figure to give the Lions plenty of trouble on their home floor where they haven't been beaten this season. Last year the Midshipmen had a perfect home record.

Three Common Foes

Three common foes furnish one basis of comparison between the two teams. The Middies topped both American University and North Carolina State while Penn State beat American but lost to the Wolfpack. However, the Lions beat Penn and the Quakers in turn topped Navy. So common foes don't appear to tell much of a story.

What may give a clearer picture, however, is the fact that as a team Navy ranks 28th in the nation offensively with a 76.5 average per game, and both Clune and Lange are listed among the top 25 individual scorers. Clune is 21st with a 23.5 average per contest and Lange is 24th with 22.3.

Navy picked up the remainder of its victories against the University of North Carolina, Johns Hopkins, Temple, Virginia, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, and Rutgers. Its third loss came at the hands of Cornell.

Tough Fight Expected

It's easy to see that the Lions will have a real fight on their hands. However, the fine team play of the Lions along with the reserve performances of Jim Brewer and Dave Edwards brighten the picture considerably.

In winning six games the Nittanians have had little trouble except against Penn and West Virginia. (Continued on page seven)

ATO Remains Unbeaten; 15 Games Are Played

Alpha Tau Omega kept alive its undefeated record by thoroughly subduing Alpha Zeta, 41-16, Wednesday evening as 15 Intramural basketball games were played on the Rec Hall courts.

The greatest individual effort of the two-month old campaign was registered as Jim Garrity led Delta Upsilon to a convincing 48-8 runaway over Delta Theta Sigma with 31 big points.

Many lop-sided victories were recorded as many championship contenders were paired with second-division squads. Eight of the games were won by a margin of ten or more points.

Two other outstanding individual performances were recorded as Glenn Gross, Lambda Chi Alpha, scored 18 and Don Bailey of Phi Delta Theta tallied 17.

Other game scores: Pi Kappa Phi, 29, Chi Phi, 10; Beta Theta Pi forfeit over Kappa Alpha Psi; Phi Delta Theta, 40, Alpha Chi Sigma, 6; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 24, Delta Phi, 15; Delta Chi, 27, Pi Kappa Alpha, 22; Lambda Chi Alpha, 37, Phi Mu Delta, 23.

Alpha Epsilon Pi, 13, Phi Kappa Tau, 11; Alpha Phi Alpha, 25, Theta Chi, 17; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 18, Phi Kappa Psi, 14; Phi Gamma Delta, 26, Phi Kappa Sigma, 20; Sigma Phi Sigma, 35, Phi Sigma Kappa, 19; Phi Epsilon Pi, 30, Acacia, 12; Theta Kappa Phi, 43, Phi Kappa, 18.

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