

Swedes Victors, 49½-46½; Wrestlers Win 31st Match

Lions Beat Lehigh 19-7; Two Draw

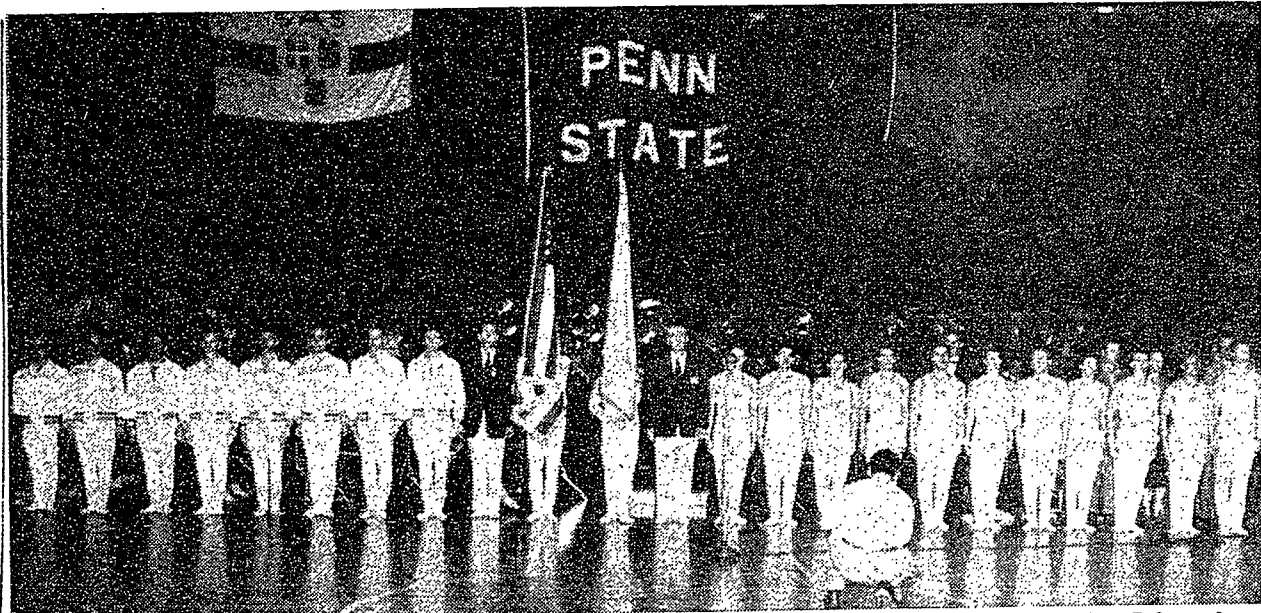
By SAM PROCOPIO

It took three components—speed, hustle, and guts—for Penn State's National wrestling team to defeat a potential Lehigh squad, 19-7, last night in Taylor gym at Bethlehem before a capacity crowd.

The impressive performance made by Coach Charley Speidel's team marked the 31st consecutive dual meet victory without a defeat.

Bob Homan, 123-pounder, defeated EIWA champion Alex McCord, 9-2, to give the Lions a 3-0 team lead. Homan, who rode his opponent beautifully throughout the match, took down McCord early in the first period.

However, later in the period State's 123-pounder was reversed. No sooner was Homan at the disadvantage position than was he back at the advantage position. After riding McCord throughout the second period, Homan re-



SWEDISH AND NITTANY gymnastic teams line up for their national anthems before the meet between the Swedish National and Olym-

pic team and the Lions, 1953 National Collegiate Athletic Association champions, in Recreation Hall last night before a sell-out crowd of 6000.

Stattin Nets 15 Points In 6 Events

By RON GATEHOUSE

In what was perhaps one of the most thrilling, precise, and well-coordinated events that has ever taken place in Rec Hall during recent years, Sweden's National champions and Olympic gymnastics stars defeated Penn State's National Collegiate titleholders, 49½-46½, last night.

It was co-captain Al Wick's desperate try to put the Nittanians in the lead when he took first place in the final event, the parallel bars; Jan Cronstedt's first place in the long horse with 194 out of a possible 200 points; Sweden's ace, William Thoresson scoring 197 points in calisthenics; and the Swedes' Borje Stattin competing in each of the six events that highlighted the meet, the first international gym duel in the history of the United States.

Following the Swedes' exhibition of synchronized calisthenics, lightning-fast tumbling, and high table vaulting, Henry Allard, member of the Swedish Parliament and guide of the visiting team, presented Coach Wettstone the Ling Award, a symbolic medallion expressing superiority in the field of gymnastics. The royal Swedish award has only ever been given outside of Sweden three times, and this was the first time an American ever received the award.

The awed crowd of 6000 spectators that packed into Rec Hall in every available space but the shower rooms remained silent throughout each performance, but gave out with a tremendous ovation at the close of each event.

The European team, ranked as one of the world's best in the field of gymnastics, performed in their true world-famed fashion, but the Nittany Lions demanded respect in losing to them by a mere three points.

Gene Wettstone's Blue and White stalwarts fell behind in the opening event, the long horse, by a nine to seven verdict, but followed through in the still rings to score an 11½-4½ point victory and take a five point lead.

The side horse performances, third event on the program, showed the Lions copping a 13-3 verdict and lifting their lead to fifteen points, 31½ to 16½. The Swedes took the calisthenics and H-bar events by similar 13-3 margins. At this point the Lions were behind, 42½-37½.

The Blue and White performers showed a nine-seven lead in the final event, the parallel bars, to account for the final score.

Borje Stattin, undoubtedly the finest all-around performer for the Swedes, outscored the Nittany stalwart, Jan Cronstedt, 15-13.

However, it was 1952 Olympic
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Navy Nips Cagers With Rally, 62-58

By DICK McDOWELL

The Nittany Lion basketball team must have reached the peak of frustration yesterday afternoon when it battled Navy in Dalgren Hall at Annapolis, Md. The Lions, leading by a comfortable 11 points at the end of the first half, saw it dwindle to nothing in the third quarter as the Middies put on a phenomenal scoring spree to pull ahead and win the game in the final period, 62-58.

Led by dead-eyed John Clune, who ranks 21st among the nation's scorers this week, the Navy quintet came out of its scoring doldrums in the third frame and moved into a 43-43 tie after the Lions had apparently captured a safe lead and were on their way to win number seven.

But Clune and the rest of his teammates had different ideas. Actually it may have been reserve guard Doral Sandlin who put the life in the Middies, leading their fast break parade that was supplemented with an astronomical shooting percentage in the third period.

Despite a 27-point performance by the Lions' Jesse Arnelle, the Nittanians found themselves on the tail end of the score for the second time this season. Arnelle was definitely the big man in the Nittany lineup as he cut the cords with 10 field goals and seven foul points to lead all scorers. Clune took runner-up honors with 25.

The Lions held a slim 18-15 lead at the end of the first quarter and then pulled ahead in the second frame, 32-21, holding the Middies to only six markers in that frame. Then in the fatal third period Navy caught fire and scored 22 points while Elmer Gross' five could account for only 14 and led by one, 44-43 at the buzzer. The Middies kept up their relentless scoring attack in the final period, outscoring the Lions, 17 to 14.

Clune opened the scoring with a one-hand jump shot early in the quarter and Arnelle came right back with a swishing hook from six feet out. From then on the Nittanians led until Navy pushed ahead 14-13 late in the period. Arnelle's foul and Jim Brewer's one hand push shot put the Lions out in front, 16-14.

The Lions had command until 8:50 of the third period when the Midshipmen finally caught them. Arnelle and Weidenhammer carried the brunt of the scoring burden in the second frame after Jack Sherry injured his knee. The Lion captain was unable to re-

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Mittmen Await Spartan Opener

The Nittany Lion boxing squad has just two weeks left to prepare for its first test of the 1954 campaign.

For the season's opener, Coach Eddie Sulkowski and his eight-man squad will be hosts to the Spartans of Michigan State. Last year, the Spartans handed the Lions a 5½-2½ defeat when they won their third match in as many starts.

This year, the boys from East Lansing, Michigan, are expected to be carrying their usual array of lethal ring weapons.

In the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 16th tourney last year at Idaho State College, Pocatello, Ida., Michigan placed three places above the Lions in tournament team scores. The Spartans compiled ten points to tie North Carolina A&T and San Jose State for the fourth place position, while the Lions held seventh place with eight points.

Three of the mittmen who helped score Michigan State's score—Jimmie Evans, Herb Odom, and Tom Hickey—will be back to try and start a new trail back to the same tournament, which will be held at Penn State, April 8-10.

Evans, 132-pounder, moved into the semi-final round after defeating his Wisconsin opponent in the quarter finals. He lost, however, to Paddy Garver, Idaho State, who later went on to win the division title.

Odom was defeated by Pat Sreenan of Wisconsin, who later won the 147-pound division, in the semi-finals.

Hickey took two bouts to enter

the finals. He downed Bob Morgan, Wisconsin, in the quarter-finals, and then belted his way through the semi-finals with a win over Idaho's Don Anderson. He then took the 165-pounders title with a victory over Fred Shieman, California.

The Lions have only one veteran this year who helped score eight points in the classic tourney. Adam Kois, who won the Eastern title but lost the 178-pound NCAA belt to Ray Zale, Wisconsin, fought his way into the finals with wins over Fred Bowen, Idaho, and San Jose State's Darrell Dukes.

Pro Bowl Game Set for Today

The end comes today to the elongated National Professional Football League season when two all-star teams representing the league's two divisions meet in the fourth annual Pro Bowl at Los Angeles' Memorial Coliseum.

The contest, expected to attract 35,000 fans, pits 31 selected players of the Western Conference against a like squad of the Eastern Conference.

Summaries

- 123—Homan decisioned McCord, 9-2
- 130—Mahoney decisioned Fornicola, 3-2
- 137—Lemyre decisioned Faust, 10-5
- 147—Maurey tied Eichelberger, 5-5
- 157—Frey decisioned Whited, 4-0
- 167—Krebs decisioned Taylor, 6-1
- 177—Dvorozniak decisioned Gallagher, 4-1
- Hwt.—Oberly tied Comly, 6-6

versed his foe again and received one point for predicament. His two minute riding time added the final touch.

In the 130-pound battle, Joe Mahoney halted Larry Fornicola's bid for six straight dual meet wins. Fornicola started off with a take down, but couldn't hold onto his opponent as he escaped. Mahoney also escaped in the second period. Lehigh's fine grappler rode State's 130-pounder in the final period. In the last 15 seconds Fornicola's reversal attempt almost won the match, but Mahoney was not to be denied.

Co-captain Dick Lemyre employed every trick in the book to defeat one of the most brilliant matmen in the East—Ken Faust. Faust was a victim of colorful Lemyre's mat finesse, however. Lemyre's opponent was successful on a take down, but within a split second Faust was at the disadvantage position. He was able to free himself from Lemyre twice, but on each occasion, Faust was taken down. Faust scored his other two points on a reversal, while Lemyre had an escape and two minutes riding time to win, his 17th consecutive dual meet.

After Co-captain Jerry Maurey piled up a commanding 3-0 lead going into the final period, Lehigh's unbeaten 147-pounder, Ed Eichelberger, not only escaped, took Maurey down, and earned a near fall, but almost had him seeing the Taylor gym lights. However, time ran out.

Maurey's riding time in the second period was telling in bringing the battle to a 5-5 stalemate. State led, 8-5, at this point.

In the 157-pound class, Doug
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