

Grapplers Risk Streak Tonight

Seek 33d Triumph At Maryland

Coach Charlie Speidel, who has shuffled his cards well during the last two years, makes another attempt as his wrestlers seek their 33rd consecutive victory tonight at College Park, Md.

This time the Lion mentor inserts two new faces who may give Penn State the needed power in the heavier weights. The newcomers, both sophomores, are Joe Humphreys at 167 and Joe Krufka at 177.

Krufka, who replaces graduated George Dvorozniak, is highly regarded by Speidel. Although the 177-pounder has never competed in college ranks and was not looked upon as a standout in high school, Krufka did engage in considerable service competition and eventually won an alternate's



Joe Krufka
Lion 177-pounder

birth on the 1952 U.S. Olympic team.

He became eligible for college competition this semester.

Against the Terps of Maryland Speidel is looking toward these two promising grapplers to help stretch Penn State's winning skein. Maryland has been beaten once and that was at the hands of always-tough Navy, 22-6.

"Those Terrapins still have the same three boys who threw us off the track last year," Speidel says, "and I expect them to be even tougher on their home mats."

The big three whom Speidel refers to are the Fischer brothers, Bob and Ernie, and Rod Norris. This fine trio administered defeats in their respective classes against the Lions last year. However, of the three there is a possibility that Norris may not compete. He was declared ineligible last semester and no official word has been received whether he will take to the mats this semester.

Last year in the State-Maryland match, Norris halted Jerry Maurey's winning streak and stretched his consecutive dual meet wins to 44.

The only two regular Lion matmen who did not make the trip were Dick Lemyre and Doug Frey. Although it is Frey's first match that he has missed, this will be the third missed by Lemyre. State's EIWA champion. He wrestled against only Lehigh, defeating Ken Faust, 10-5.

Probable Lineup:

Penn State	Wt.	Maryland
Byers	123	Alfaro
Homan	130	Carroll
Fornicola	137	Little
Maurey	147	Norris
Krebs	157	B. Fischer
Humphreys	167	E. Fischer
Krufka	177	Drake
Oberly	Hwt.	Everly

"Changing Partner"

Sam's Song

By SAM PROCOPIO
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Penn State is guilty of inferior basketball. It's a low blow indeed. But that's the impression one concludes when he sees Pittsburgh and Bucknell employ the freeze against the Lions.

In sports there have often been cries like "Break up Minneapolis," "Break up the Yankees," and "Break up Notre Dame."

But now? "Break up Penn State's zone defense" is the only cry Pitt and Bucknell seem to sing. If they are in the mood they keep this tune in rhythm with the "freeze."

We often wondered why these two schools continued to use the freeze against Penn State. Don't the coaches realize that in order to win they must shoot for the basket? If they hope to hold down the score, what does it prove? Don't they believe in winning? As far as we are concerned the object of the game is to outshoot the opponent in number of baskets, not out-dancing or out-passing.

For the third time we have witnessed the freeze. The recent occasion was called for at Lewisburg where the Lions opposed the Bisons of Bucknell. The Lions won, 49-43. Although a few called it cautious play, there is little doubt in our mind that it was the freeze.

As it was witnessed at Bucknell, not once did the fans encourage the freeze. In fact, they disapproved it. The fans have always disagreed with their hometown mentors. But still it continues. The coaches don't seem to realize that for the freeze to work, they need the cooperation of the other squad. The only trouble is they never get the cooperation.

We know that Coach Elmer Gross' zone defense has met up with quite a bit of ricocheting blasts. Penn State's basketball style has often been dubbed as uninspiring, terribly slow, and some descriptive adjectives of unprintable nature. Such verbal remarks have been started and aimed at Coach John Lawther when he originated the sliding zone defense. Well, they can damn it publicly, but privately they must admit it is capable of winning games. One must look at the advantages of a good defense (which still permits the game to be called basketball) before he criticizes.

Sure, the best defense is a good offense—as some cage masters will declare. But that is if the good offense is better than its opponents. A strong defense can demoralize a high scoring team when the star dribbler, set shot artist, and others cannot operate as it would against a strong offensive unit. A high scoring team is more accustomed to a great number of shots and free movement about the court.

Unlike the man-for-man defense, an offensive player who manages to elude his defensive man finds only another person awaiting his arrival. Although the man-for-man defense can support his teammate in such a case, it is not a common practice. On the other hand, it is a common practice for the zone defense. The zone defense has one objective: get the ball! As most Penn Staters have seen, a high scoring offense has had to pass the ball around as though they are freezing it. Actually they aren't. They are trying to get one of the opposing men off balance. In this case, the zone defense may be in trouble.

However, not always does a team have this in mind. Some keep passing it around for five minutes (like Bucknell) just to keep the ball. Some just hold it (like Pitt)—no dribbling, no passing, nothing.

There is only one way to beat the zone, and that is to shoot from the outside. It may sound like a rigid assignment—and it is. But if you look back at the teams which have defeated and came close to setting back the Nittany Lions, you'll find they did it.

Nevertheless, several coaches have gone as far as to freeze the ball no matter what the score is. The first time this happened was against Pitt and it resulted in a 5-2 score at halftime. Then on a vote of the players, Pitt resumed its normal style of play in the second half and lost 32-13.

Another time Pitt coach, Doc Carlson, staged a similar protest which allowed only five points to be scored in the first half, with a final score of Penn State 15, Pitt 12. With Pitt, it became almost an annual event as the President's pitch in baseball. Carlson was practically booed out of his hometown. Instead of holding his protests in Pittsburgh he did it at State College. Two years ago, a disgusted capacity crowd at Rec Hall saw the Lions win out over a good Pitt quintet, 25-9.

All this in a supposedly high scoring era!

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NCAA Ring Date Changed

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has granted a request by University officials to change the date of the NCAA boxing tourney from April 1-3 to April 8-10, James Coogan, Public Information sports editor, announced last night.

The first date was accepted by Dean Ernest B. McCoy, director of athletics, at the Association's annual meeting Jan. 7 in Cincinnati.

However, after his return to Penn State, McCoy learned that the date conflicted with the Interfraternity-Panhellenic Council Ball. University officials wired the NCAA asking for the change which was granted after the associated members were polled for its acceptance.

Kin of Captains

Dick Lemyre and Jerry Maurey, Penn State's 1954 wrestling co-captains, are brothers of former Lion mat leaders.

Penn State's all-time wrestling record now stands at 220 victories, 51 defeats, 9 ties.

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Ringmen Powerful Despite 2 Losses

By ROY WILLIAMS

While the Nittany boxers prep for their third rugged opponent of the current campaign against the Big Orange of Syracuse, they are probably still mulling over the outcome of their first two dual meets against Michigan State and Maryland.

Defeat is a bitter pill to swallow for any team after weeks of rugged conditioning and hopeful expectation. However, Coach Eddie Sulkowski still maintains the same opinion which he had prior to the season.

"We have a strong squad, but some of the breaks didn't go our way, particularly in the last match," he said.

Michigan State visited the Lions with two matches under its belt, one of them a defeat over Quantico Marines and the other a 4-4 tie with Army. The Lions not only were facing the Spartans in their first meet, but six of the eight ringmen had never faced varsity competition before.

Sulkowski made no excuses for his team's loss to George Markris and his squad.

"Several of the boys showed good in defeat," Sulkowski explained, "and Adam Kois was just as fast and aggressive as last season."

Conditioning, however, was a vital factor, according to the Lion coach.

"We slowed down in the third round in a number of bouts," he said.

WRA Results

BASKETBALL

Alpha Kappa Alpha 19, Co-op 12
Gamma Phi Beta over Theta Phi Alpha (forfeit)
Kappa Alpha Theta over Kappa Delta (forfeit)
Zeta Tau Alpha over Alpha Epsilon Phi (forfeit)

TABLE TENNIS

Alpha Omicron Pi over Theta Phi Alpha
Phi Mu over Beta Sigma Omicron
Kappa Kappa Gamma over Alpha Xi Delta

Athlete of the Year

Lenny Moore, Penn State's sophomore football sensation, was named Athlete of the Year by sports officials of Berks County, Pa.

Wins Bring Problems Say Yanks

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—Pitty the New York Yankees, who can't stop winning world baseball championships.

They're caught in an inexorable "graph squeeze"—declaring attendance and rising salary demands.

"The jaws of the vice are coming down on us from both directions," Red Patterson, publicist of sport's most successful team, wailed today. "It's getting to be a critical situation."

"Our attendance has fallen off nearly a million—900,000, to be exact—since 1948. That year we had 2,400,000. Last year it was 1,500,000."

"But since then we have won five straight world championships. Naturally this causes the players to put a higher assessment on their value."

As of now, they have signed 19 players. Twenty-three remain unsigned, including most of the team's top talent.

Unsigned are infielder Billy Martin, outstanding star of the 1953 World Series, and Whitey Ford, who topped all the pitchers with an 18-6 mark.

Also on the yet unsatisfied list are infielders Phil Rizzuto and Gil McDougald; pitchers Ed Lopat, Vic Raschi and Allie Reynolds and outfielder Mickey Mantle, each of whom is shooting for the \$30,000-\$40,000 bracket.

"Our payroll has to reach a saturation point some time," Patterson said.

The answer? Maybe lose a pennant or the world championship. "We're not even considering that," said Red.

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