

# Matmen Battle Syracuse Tomorrow Afternoon

Penn State's unbeaten wrestlers return to their home territory for the second time this season when they tackle an old rivalry in the Big Orange of Syracuse tomorrow afternoon.

The dual meet is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Rec Hall.

After scoring four impressive wins against Cornell, Lehigh, Army, and Maryland, Coach Charlie Speidel will be figuring on his regular lineup to pin Syracuse. Among his nominees will likely be Dick Lemyre, Nittany Lion co-captain

## Lions Leave For Clash With Pitt

By DICK McDOWELL

A ten-man Penn State basketball squad will leave for Pittsburgh tonight, where tomorrow they meet an always-dangerous Panther quintet. Coach Elmer Gross' cagers will be after their 11th win of the campaign and their second this season over Pitt. The Lions won the first contest, 91-85, in a three-overtime thriller two weeks ago in Rec Hall.

And it's a good bet that the contest will be one of the toughest for the Nittany floor men this season. Pitt, with a poor 5-12 record, has been running hot and cold all season, but has been playing its best basketball its last five or six games.

On the surface, the Lions should be favored. The strength of the first win and comparative scores of games played with mutual foes, give the Nittanians an edge. But the hard-charging Pitts cannot be denied. On a good night they are a tough ball club to beat.

### 81st In Series

The game will mark the 81st meeting in a series which began in 1906. The Panthers hold a 43-37 edge in games won.

Gross said yesterday that he would stand pat on the lineup which has been good enough to win ten of 12 games. Ed Haag and Ron Weidenhammer will be at the guard posts. Captain Jack Sherry and Jim Blocker will start at the forwards, and Jesse Arnelle will be in the center slot.

The Lions' big problem will be in stopping Panther speedster Dutch Burch. The play-making Pitt captain has been Coach Bob Timmons' outstanding ball player all season and scored 22 points in the Penn State encounter while he led the Panther floor play. The Pitt lineup will include Joe Fenwick with Burch at the guards, Ed Pavlick and Bernie Artman at forwards, and Frank Zimmovan at center.

### Lion Reserves

Rounding out the Penn State traveling squad will be Jim Brewer and Rudy Marisa, both of whom will probably see plenty of action, Earl Fields, Bob Rohland, and Dave Edwards.

Gross termed the Pitt game and the two road games against Syracuse and Colgate next week as the games that "will tell the story of the season." "This Pitt team is good," he said. "They've been hot and cold all season, and if they are hot against us, we'll be in for plenty of trouble.

"And remember," he said, "we'll be playing all three games on the road and that means a lot. Colgate is a vastly improved team since we beat them at home, and Syracuse is another one of those hot and cold teams."

## WRA Results

### PING PONG

Kappa Kappa Gamma over Atherton Hall

Tri-Vi over Alpha Chi Omega

### BASKETBALL

Delta Delta Delta 24, Alpha Xi

Delta 5

Alpha Chi Omega 19, Philotes 16

Pi Beta Phi 20, Delta Zeta 8

and 137-pound standout, who will be wrestling his first meet before Penn State fans.

### Rooney Outstanding

Leading the Syracuse wrestling team into Rec Hall will be Captain Ed Rooney, one of the most outstanding wrestlers in the 167-pound division in the East. Rooney has yet to taste defeat this season.

At the Wilkes-College tournament where a record field of 230 grapplers participated, Rooney, who captured the 167-pound title, was named the outstanding wrestler of the two-day tourney.

Rooney had to contend with a bleeding nose in winning his final bout which ended suddenly when he pinned Joe Solomon of Pitt, who is respected in wrestling circles for his mat knowhow.

### Krebs or Humphreys

Rooney's likely opponent will not be known until the day of the match. However, it will be either Bill Krebs or sophomore Joe Humphreys.

Carving a notch in the win column for the 33d consecutive time against Maryland Wednesday night, Speidel said that he was glad to have the opportunity to use some new faces in the lineup and give them the necessary experience.

### Speidel Pleased

"I was quite pleased at the performance my boys gave," the Nittany Lion mentor said.

Although Syracuse is carrying a 2-2 won and lost record, the Big Orange defeats have come at the hands of two well-versed wrestling colleges—Michigan and Franklin and Marshall. Michigan recently halted Pitt's winning streak.

Wins registered by Syracuse were against Cortland, 17-11, and Temple, 21-10.



Ed Rooney  
Unbeaten 167-pounder

## Frosh to Open 3-Meet Mat Season Monday

Coach Charlie Speidel's freshmen grapplers will get their first taste of intercollegiate competition Monday, at Rec Hall, when they tangle with Lock Haven State Teachers College.

In addition to being the season's inauguration, the contest will mark the first time in several years that the yearlings have ventured into the Rec Hall spotlight. Probable lineups for both teams will not be known for several days.

The match is the first of three for the frosh grapplers.

Also awaiting judgment are the Pitt frosh and an opponent yet to be announced.

### Colts Add Leberman

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11 (AP)—The Baltimore Colts of the National Football League have added to their growing roster for 1954 the name of Bob Leberman, shifty Syracuse University halfback.

## Jayvee Boxing Lineup Set for Saturday Match

A jayvee boxing tilt pitting a talented Lion Cub squad against the Tangerines of Syracuse will get underway at 4:30 Saturday in Rec Hall. The Penn State-Syracuse wrestling match will precede the ringmen's engagements.

Assistant boxing coach, Frank Patrick, has been prepping his promising crop of Nittany sophomores and freshmen, while head coach, Eddie Sulkowski, has been keeping a watchful eye on their progress in addition to his regular varsity boxers.

While both the varsity and the jayvees went through their rugged training sessions yesterday, Patrick outlined his probable starting lineup for the afternoon tilt.

Patrick was particularly high on Chuck Taggart, 156-pounder, and Carmen Seialaba, 132-pounds, both freshmen. Coach Sulkowski met the two boys in the Cub Athletic Club in Butler last spring. Both boys trained together for the Club, although neither had the opportunity for boxing experience because Butler High, like many other high schools, didn't participate in boxing.

"Seialaba is quick and a combination puncher," Patrick explained, "while Taggart is very aggressive, and a counter-puncher."

Don Shaw, a veteran in the Navy for three years, tabbed by Patrick as being able to "move in" very well will go at the 147-pound slot.

Two more freshmen, Joe Shultz and Dick Tkatch, will also see action. Shultz, a veteran, will be at the 165 position, while Tkatch, from Ambridge, will fight heavy-weight.

Three positions have gone to sophomores, Bob Hartley, who lost against Michigan State, will

## Lions Favored In Gym Meet

By RON GATEHOUSE

Although Lion gymnastic mentor, Gene Wettstone, expects the visiting Navy outfit to give his stalwarts a well-fought battle when the two teams meet at Rec Hall tomorrow, the Blue and White performers stand a good chance of racking up their third straight win of the current campaign.

The Middies stand as one of the two stumbling blocks in the path of the Staters repeating as Eastern champions. Army is looked on as the other big obstacle capable of hindering a possible perfect Blue and White gym record for the second straight year.

A look at this season's previous performances of Cl. et Phillips' Midshipmen shows that the Annapolis performers are strong in three events. They are expected to offer the Lions the stiffest competition in the horizontal bar, rope climb, and tumbling events.

### Munger Leads Navy

Burton Munger appears to be the most versatile member of the visiting squad, performing in three events. Last year he placed second in tumbling and third on the rope. This year he is rated as the best the Middies have to offer in both events. Munger is also their number two man on the H-bar.

Appearing for the Lions in tumbling will be Bill Paxton, Warren Hommas, and Jan Cronstedt. Paxton stands as the number one man, with Hommas and Cronstedt following in one-two fashion. Paxton thus far owns a first and second place in duel meet competition. He captured the victory against Michigan State, with Hommas and Cronstedt close behind. In the Syracuse battle, Paxton placed second behind Corky Sebbo, national tumbling champion. Against the Orange, Hommas and Cronstedt took respective second and third place verdicts.

Thus, the Midshipmen should in turn be greeted by strong opposition in the first of the three events in which they excel.

### Haag Top Climber

Wettstone possesses nothing short of a phenomenon in his ace rope climber, Skeets Haag. The Lion stalwart has copped a first in each of the previous encounters by the identical times of 3.8. This is Haag's first year as a regular performer for Wettstone on the rope. He is practicing a new style in order to cut his time to cope with the Navy performers.

John Baffa is close behind Haag in the rope climb department, owning a second and a fourth place. His best time came against the Spartans when he posted a 4.4.

In Navy's third 'good' event,

the H-bar, they will again find capable opponents, Cronstedt, Tony Procopio, and Carl Schwenzfeier have placed well in the meets thus far. Cronstedt owns two firsts, Procopio has come in second twice, and Schwenzfeier has two fourth places to his credit. In the latter of the two meets, the Syracuse skirmish, Schwenzfeier slipped from the bar near the close of his routine and lost valuable points.

Along with Munger, Phil Cronk is expected to stand out on the H-bar. Last year Cronk placed second when the Nittanians met the Middies at Annapolis.

The Staters have Eastern champion Bob Lawrence to offer on the side horse. Lawrence is undefeated thus far this season. In the last meeting between the two teams Lawrence placed first on the horse, and barring a mishap should repeat once again as the number one man. Co-captain Frank Wick has been breathing heavily on his teammate's back this season, taking a second in both meets. Paul Heim, a newcomer to the Lion squad has also contributed outstanding performances to the Lion cause.

The Lions are very strong on the parallel bars. Co-captain Al Wick, twin brother of Frank, along with Lawrence, seems a 'sure bet' to capture a first in his event. Like Haag and Lawrence, Al is thus far undefeated. Bolstering Wick's efforts will be Eastern and All-around champion, Cronstedt, and Schwenzfeier.

Captain Bob O'Malia will be the best the Middies have to offer on the bars.

In the final event, the flying rings, Schwenzfeier and Procopio stand on even grounds. Against the Spartans Schwenzfeier copped first place and Procopio registered the number two verdict. In the Orange duel, the duo were again the number one and two winners, only in reverse fashion this time.

Baffa will also compete on the rings. He finished behind Procopio against Michigan State and took a fifth against Syracuse.

Ed Shuman, who came in third in the previous State-Navy contest, will be the only performer returning on the rings for the Middies.

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