

# Sax, Pollard to Run in Garden Tonight

## Penn State Runners Will Face Nation's Best in AAU Meet

By HERM WEISKOPF

Art Pollard and Ollie Sax will once again be up against the "best in the business" tonight when they compete on the boards at Madison Square Garden, N.Y. in the Amateur Athletic Union meet.

This year's indoor season has produced some of the finest performances on record. The keen competition has pitted champion against champion in many events.

Pollard will be facing the finest field of sprinters ever assembled in the 60-yard dash. The "Coatesville Comet" turned in his best performance several weeks ago with a second place finish.

Stanfield in 60-yard Sprints Nittany Coach Chick Werner pointed out that many of the competitors have had much more experience than his young runners.

There are such stalwarts as Andy Stanfield, Lindy Remigino in the 60-yard dash to illustrate his point.

Most runners do not hit their peak until they are about 28 years old. This puts the collegiate performers at a disadvantage, since most of them are only about 20.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—If Josey Barthel is going to break the indoor mile running record, he'll have to do it tomorrow night in the 66th National A-AU championships.

Barthel, the "Luxembourg Limited" who rocketed to fame by winning the 1952 Olympic 1500 meters title, has been tabbed as a threat to Gil Dodds' standard-board-track mark of 4:05.3 in every meet this season.

So far, with no one to push him, Josy, hasn't satisfied the record-hungry fans. Gauging his pace so as to win comfortably, he has made time of 4:07.5, 4:07.7 and 4:08.5. At that rate, Barthel shouldn't have much trouble beating Dodds' meet record of 4:08.3, unless the bigger-than-usual field bothers him.

Despite this handicap Pollard, who is only 19, has done well so far this season. The sophomore speed-merchant ran the 100-yard dash in 0:09.8 as a freshman.

Other top notch young runners in the 60-yard event have gained prominence this season. Penn's national titlist, sophomore Johnny Haines, and Villanova's newest sensation, Mike Agostini of Trinidad, have attracted wide recognition.

Agostini rewrote the record book Jan. 23 in the Washington Evening Star meet when he shaved two tenths of a second off the old mark with a clocking of 0:09.6.

Mal Whitfield, who has won Olympic Gold Medals in the 1948 and 1952 Games, leads the parade of stars in the 600. Reggie Pearman and Fred Schlereth are two other aces. Pearman defeated Marvelous Mal in the Inquirer meet in one of the biggest upsets of the indoor campaign. Since that time Whitfield has been invincible.

Sax and Pollard have both run on the Nittany crack mile relay squad, Pollard as leadoff man and Sax in the anchor position.

## PIAA Tourney At University

The 18th annual Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association state wrestling championships will be held March 13 at the University, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

There will be bouts in 11 weight classes among the eight finalists, one from each of four regional tournaments.

The schedule for the March 6 regional tournaments is: Southeastern Dist.—1 and 3, Manheim Central High School; Northeastern—2, 4, and 11, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre; Central-Northwestern—5, 6, 9, and 10, Clearfield Armory, and Southwestern—7, Washington High School.

## Independents May Apply For Convention Posts

Independent students wishing to be discussion leaders at the National Independent Student Association convention at Cornell University April 14 to 17 may apply to Joe Somers, president of the Association of Independent Men, council presidents, or other officers of AIM.

Students who apply will be screened, and six will be chosen as leaders and six as alternates, according to Richard Rigling, NISA chairman. Applications will close next week, Somers said.

## Matmen's Prestige Challenged

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meet and pinned his 157-pound foe—his only match.

Co-captain Lemyre will find some tough opposition in Herb Crane. The Lion 137-pound stand-out will be after his 18 successive dual meet victory. Crane has a 6-0 record this year.

The dual meet will not be the only real test for Speidel's matmen, but for two upcoming sophomores; namely, Joe Krufka and Bill Oberly. These two promising grapplers should meet the two best in their respective classes if they face 177-pound Joe Gattuso and heavyweight Pete Blair. Blair has pinned five out of the six men he has met.

The Lions have registered victories over Cornell, Lehigh, Army, Maryland, and Syracuse, while Navy has posted wins over North Carolina, Penn, Maryland, Cornell, and Columbia. The Midshipmen's lone defeat came at the hands of Pittsburgh, 15-13.

## Boxers --

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"toughies" similar to their recent dual meet competition.

The Lions will first face the University of Virginia's boxing team on the second leg of the four match trip which started with the Badgers of Wisconsin.

Last year Virginia's Wahoos dumped the Lions 4½-3½. Coach Albert York's mittmen posted a 4-2-1 record, bowing to South Carolina, 6½-2½, and mighty Syracuse, 6½-1½.

Following the Virginia match, the Lions will travel to the Cadet stronghold at West Point, March 6.

Army, carding a 3-5 record last year, dumped the Lions at Rec Hall, 5-3 and placed second in the Eastern tourney. Cadet Ed Mendell, struggled to the semi-finals of the Eastern tourney last year only to be knocked out of the race by Adam Kois, the 178-pound Eastern ring champ.

Louisiana State will host the Lions in the mittmen's final 1954 boxing match. The Tigers from Baton Rouge, La., won two matches last year, while tying one and losing two.

In addition to the Lions' three road opponents, plenty of action will be left for them to aim at during the season.

Penn State will return to Virginia March 12-13 for the annual, and usual hotly contested battle for the honors in Eastern boxing.

"Sentimental Me"

## Sam's Song

By SAM PROCOPIO  
Collegian Sports Editor



ANNAPOLIS, Md.—If there is a team which deserves to stop Penn State's wrestling dual meet winning streak, it's Navy. Winning streaks are not new here at the Naval Academy. In fact, the Midshipmen once had one of their own. And it's for this reason that we believe Navy should have the privilege to halt the Lions, if anyone.

Back in 1950, Penn State's matmen came here to battle one of the finest wrestling powers in the country. The Lions won. With it went down the drain Navy's elongated 52-game winning skein. Only one other team had the opportunity to put the ax to Navy's success. That was Princeton which battled the Middies to a 14-14 draw two weeks before the Lions handed the damaging blow.

Although many fans would be inclined to call Penn State's victory the sport's biggest upset, the one which is written as the biggest upset of all came on March 12, 1935, when Penn State overwhelmed Navy at Recreation Hall at State College, 29-3, before what was said to be 6500 fans.

"Of the 6500 spectators," it was written, "at least 6475 of them were dumbfounded when the Lions won by a 26-point margin. Before the meet, the general opinion was that Navy would win by a narrow margin."

Two years later, Navy was again victim of Penn State's starting power. This time the Nittany Lions decisively defeated Navy 30-0, the first time that any wrestling team ever shutout the Midshipmen.

Penn State's scuttling of Navy's record of 52 consecutive meets recalls a greater spotless streak in intercollegiate sports. That one belongs to the Lions soccer team. According to the New Encyclopedia of Sports, Frank Menke puts it concisely:

"The greatest performance in intercollegiate soccer is to the credit of Penn State College. For eight seasons in a row Penn State engaged in 65 games and was unbeaten, being tied five times. The coach was William Jeffrey who rates as the most famous of all soccer tutors."

On Nov. 5, 1932, Coach Jeffrey saw his booters drop a 2-1 contest to Syracuse. Not until nine years and ten days later—Nov. 15, 1941—did he see them lose again, this time to Army.

Speaking of great spotless records, Penn State's matmen are far from the National record. The record is held by Oklahoma A&M which has won more than 100 consecutive dual meets without defeat. Then too, only several years ago its biggest rivalry, Oklahoma University, halted its 76-win skein.

This year the Sooners of Oklahoma were sporting a 32-dual meet streak until they met Oklahoma A&M. The Aggies pinned the Sooners twice this season, 17-11, and 17-6. With this in mind, should the Lions cop their 34th here at the Naval Academy, they will still claim the title of "wrestling's winningest team today."

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## Purdue Signs Coach

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 19 (AP)—Bill Daddio, who starred at end on the Pittsburgh football teams of 1936-37-38, has been signed as an assistant football coach by Purdue and will report to the Boilermakers before spring practice session.

## A's Philley Traded

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics today traded off hustling, 34-year-old Dave Philley, a switch-hitting outfielder to the Cleveland Indians for two righthand pitchers Leroy Wheat and Bill Upton.

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