

Matmen to Wind Up Home Schedule Against Pitt Rutgers Next For Cagers

Penn State winds up its home wrestling season at Rec Hall tomorrow night when the Nittany Lions entertain the Panthers of Pitt in a dual meet scheduled for 7 p.m.

The once-beaten Pitt grapplers who will be seeking their first win over a Penn State wrestling team will rely on six unbeaten matmen. Despite the fact that Coach Charlie Speidel now only boasts of two wrestlers with unblemished records, the Nittany Lions can't be taken too lightly. Nor can the Panthers.

The University of Pittsburgh wrestlers, newly admitted member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, was crowned team champion in the Wilkes College Invitation tournament in Wilkes-Barre during the Christmas holidays.

Virginia's 6 Ring Vets Battle Lions

By ROY WILLIAMS

Experience will probably be the rule of measure in figuring the possibilities of a Lion boxing victory tomorrow night. The winless boxers will meet Virginia University on the second leg of a four-match road trip which will end the 1954 season.

The factor of meeting some experienced ringmen, however, will not be a novelty for the Lions. Such past foes as Michigan State, Syracuse, and Wisconsin have served the Lions some formidable opposition.

The Virginians promise not to break the precedent of past Nittany foes who have tagged the Lions with a dreary record of one tie and three losses.

Tie Orange, Army

Coach Al York and his eight men performed the same feat as the Lions, tying Syracuse, 4-4, and then knotted Army's pugilists by the same score. The Cavaliers dropped their season opener to Louisiana State University, 5 1/2-3 1/2. The Lions meet LSU in the season's final match at Baton Rouge, La.

But Virginia was two points in the hole before its first man climbed through the ropes. Virginia forfeited the 147- and 175-pound classes.

Virginia also lost the first three weight class decisions. Louisiana has a potential edge over its opponents because freshmen boxers are permitted to box.

Potter Dangerous

At the 155-pound victory was Virginia's Pete Potter. Last year Potter advanced to the finals in both the Eastern Boxing Association tourney at Syracuse, and the NCAA's at Idaho State only to lose the decisions.

Virginia's ring experience speaks for itself with a glance at its entries in last year's Eastern tournament. Six of the eight ringmen who will meet the Lions tomorrow night were entered. Only the heavyweight and 139-pound slots were bare of Virginians.

Pep, Perez Fight

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP)—Lulu Perez, a flashy 20-year-old boxer-puncher who was only nine years old when Willie Pep won the featherweight championship for the first time, today was a slight favorite to beat the 31-year-old veteran in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

In winning the team title the Panther matmen will have to be considered as threats not only in tomorrow's dual meet but in the Eastern tourney to be held at Ithaca, March 12-13. Coach Rex Peery's grapplers fell just one point shy of doubling, the score of its nearest competitor Lehigh. Pitt won with 35 points. However, it should be understood that Pitt had the biggest representation in the tourney.

The Panthers had six men going into the finals and only Ed Peery, brother of Hugh, came out as champion. The freshman stand-out won the 123-pound division. Pitt wrestlers who entered the tourney's finals and who will likely see action against Penn State are Ron Kurtz, 130 or 137-pounder; Bill Kozy, 137-pounder; George Matthews, 147-pounder; Charley Uram, 157-pounder; and Joe Solomon, 167 or 177-pounder.

Penn State, which had only two entries, had one crown-bearer. He was Joe Krufka in the 177-pound class. Sid Nodland, a freshman and other Lion candidate, lost in the semi-finals. Krufka, who became eligible for varsity competition this semester, pinned George Beresford of Pitt in 10:05 of extra period in the semi-finals and decided Jim Woodin of Cornell to win the title. Krufka may meet Beresford again tomorrow.

Coach Peery has shifted Beresford and Solomon in the 177-pound class throughout the season. Beres-



Joe Solomon
Pitt 177-Pounder

ford sports a 4-0 record while Solomon has a 5-2-1 record.

Last year Pitt gave the Lions a scare when the dual meet went down to the final bout before Penn State won out 16-12. The four matmen who the Lions found troublesome will return for tomorrow's meet. They are Hugh Peery, Solomon, Bob Cook, and Uram. Solomon scored the only fall of the meet. He pinned George Dvorozniak, who has graduated.

Now that the Lion basketball team has won its 11th game, it's a good bet that number 12, 13, and 14 are in the offing. The Nittanies skidded dangerously last week but applied the breaks in time to whip Gettysburg Wednesday with comparative ease, 76-62.

And on paper the remaining three contests on the Nittany schedule should fall into the win side of the record. A mediocre Rutgers quintet will appear at Rec Hall tomorrow night followed by Georgetown, and Temple. From all appearances only the Owls figure to give Elmer Gross' floor-men any trouble to speak of.

The Rutgers clash is scheduled as the tail end of a sport double-header. The two will battle after the Pitt wrestling match.

Rutgers' chief claim to fame this season was an upset victory over Princeton two weeks ago. Outside of this win the Ivy Leaguers haven't had much to boast about.

However, they can't be counted out altogether. Two of its individual performers will bear watching Saturday night. Forward Jim Gorden is currently ranked 43rd among the nation's scorers by the NCAA. Gorden is averaging 20.5 points a game.

But probably the man who will give the Nittanies the most trouble will be center Frank Sundstrom who is running among the leaders in the rebounding department. The big pivot man ranks fourth in the nation with an average of 21.3 recoveries off the boards.

For the Lions Jesse Arnelle continues to lead the individual scorers. His 17 points against the Bullets boosted his season total to 351 points. The towering center was ranked 25th in the scoring department prior to the Gettysburg contest.

Georgetown comes to Rec Hall Thursday and the Owls will be in town next Saturday to close out the 19-game schedule.

Lion Scoring Ace

Jesse Arnelle is the first basketball player in Penn State history to top 1000 points in three years of varsity play.

Penna. Boxing Commission Bans Bratton

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Johnny Bratton, former welter-weight champion accused of an "unsatisfactory showing" in losing a one-sided decision to Johnny Saxton in their nationally televised fight last night was suspended today by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission.

At the same time, Boxing Commissioners George Jones and John Holahan tied up \$4,770 of Bratton's purse pending a full-dress hearing March 10, when Chairman Frank Wiener will be back from a winter vacation.

Bratton and his manager, Hy-mie Wallman, admitted it was "a bad fight."

In New York, J.M. Norris, president of the International Boxing Club which co-sponsored the fight, said Bratton will have to prove his fitness "in other rings, not ours"—before he is employed by the IBC again.

IM Mat Entries Due March 4

Entries for the intramural wrestling tournament, which will begin March 17, must be turned in at the intramural office in Rec Hall, by 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

An organization may enter one contestant in each weight. Independent students may enter as individuals and need not be members of a team.

A team may have three alternates although the alternates need not specify a particular weight class, and may wrestle as a substitute for the regular entry in any weight. All other contestants must compete in the class they enter.

The contestants will be permitted a three-pound allowance. That is, a man may weigh in at 124 pounds for the 121 pound class.

Bouts will consist of three two-minute periods. No overtime periods will be wrestled. The referee will render a decision in cases where the match cannot be decided on points. Under intramural rules any time advantage scores one point.

Champions of any previous IM wrestling tournament must move up at least one weight from that in which they won a championship.

The entry fee is 25 cents per man.

IC4A Meet Called a 5-Team Battle

By HERM WEISKOPF

Saturday's IC4A indoor track championship meet has been resolved into a battle between five teams—Manhattan, Yale, Cornell, Boston University, and Penn State.

According to an article in Wednesday's New York Herald Tribune, Manhattan mentor George Eastment said he felt Yale would end the three-year reign of his Jaspers.

But, as is often the case in sports, Yale coach, Bib Giegengack, returned the comment by stating that Manhattan was the team to beat.

Eastment went out on the proverbial limb and predicted that Yale would cop the meet with 24 points and that his squad would get between 17 and 22. The Manhattan coach went one step further and said the Lions would get 18 points and Cornell and Boston University would each net 15.

Any of the "Big Five" can win the title. The winner may very well be the team which gets the "breaks"—that unpredictable and vital aspect in all sports events.

Last year the Lions finished second to Manhattan with 22 1/2 points. The Jaspers won the IC4A crown for the third consecutive season last year with 36 points.

Penn State has two defending champions—Dan Lorch in the pole vault and Ollie Sax in the 600. This year's pole vaulting competition is exceptionally rough. Lorch, who tied for the title with Bob Linno of Rhode Island

at 13' 4", will have a tough time retaining his crown.

Bruce Hescocock, Boston University, has cleared 13' 6" consistently this season. Another vaulter in this class is Penn's Bob Owen. Yale is two deep in this event with Bill Donegan and Harry Work.

In the 600 Sax will be pitted against Manhattan's Lou Jones, one of the top runners in the East. Sax set a new IC4A record in this event last year with a 1:10.4 clocking. Ross Price of Yale, Fred Schlereth of Columbia, and Joe Gaffney of Villanova are three other tough opponents in this race.

Art Pollard will once again be running against his old nemesis Johnny Haines in the 60-yard dash. Haines is the only national champion in the IC4A title meet. He copped the national title in this event last year and successfully defended it last Saturday in the National Amateur Athletic

Union run. The defending IC4A king is Bob Keegan of Seton Hall. Both Haines and Keegan have equaled the IC4A record of 0:06.2 this season.

Nittany Coach Chick Werner has entered Bill Youkers in the 60-yard high hurdles. Manhattan's top hope in this event is Pratt. The Jasper ace copped the title in 1952 and placed second last year. Dick Mathewson is another threat and so is IC4A outdoor champion Wally Monahan of Pitt. Dartmouth's Pete McCreary, runner-up in the outdoor high hurdles last season rounds out the star-studded field.

Don Austin will run the mile for the Lions and Red Hollen will be in the two-mile run. In the shotput Werner has entered Rosey Grier and Charley Blockson and in the broad jump Pollard and Ron Johnson will try to pick up some points for the Nittany harriers.

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