

Trackmen Vie for IC4A Honors Today

"Hold 'em Doc"

Sam's Song

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A dual wrestling meet that Penn State fans have been awaiting with keen anticipation goes on tap tonight in Rec Hall as Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen will attempt to correct any "run away" attitudes that the Pitt grapplers may have.

Although the Nittany Lions will take their first underdog role in four years, Penn State fans should see wrestling at its best. The following is a thumbnail sketch of Penn State's probable lineup which will endeavor to topple the mighty Panthers:

123-pound—BOB HOMAN: He broke into the starting lineup as a freshman and was nicely fitted with the moniker "sensational." He is the only matman ever to defeat Hugh Peery of Pitt, present two-time NCAA champ. Last year, however, he failed against Peery, was upset at the Easterns, and was a disappointment at the NCAA's. Despite his loss last week, we believe Homan appears a good bet to turn a "problem 123-pounder" into the division's best.

130-pound—LARRY FORNICOLA: It's possible to be the second best 130-pounder in the East, and third best in the nation—and spend your time sitting on the bench when your team is battling in a dual meet! It is possible, that is, when you are wrestling behind the great Dick Lemyre. The name of the sitter has been Fornicola. Now he is wrestling and doing a fine job. Don't let a 2-2 record fool you.

137-pound—DICK LEMYRE: He's no bigger than most 123-pound grapplers, but he is undoubtedly the best in his class wherever it may be. Opponents have had trouble with Lemyre's tricky movements, but his forte is his ability to throw the unexpected just where and how he wants it! He's agile. His colorful mat antics help to save some of his matches from becoming dull and monotonous. But it's not until he finds a matman who is willing to mix that Lemyre really exhibits his potentialities.

147-pound—JERRY MAUREY: He provides the Lions' with a one-two punch. Loaded with talent, the 147-pound class is living up to its reputation as one of the toughest divisions. To survive with wins, a wrestler must be alert, aggressive, and deadly in the clutch. Prerequisites may be laid down in his class—but he has them all. Most of the times, this 137-pound EIWA champ reaches wrestling's ultimate goal—falls—in chalking up victories.

157-pound—DOUG FREY: His wrestling style is much different from that of other Nittany Lions. He's great when he wrestles—the match at Annapolis bears this out. How will he fair out tonight? Nobody can predict that for sure, but one thing is plain. Whoever gets him mad while on the mat will know that he's been in a real battle.

167-pound—BILL SHAWLEY: Since this weight class will be undecided until both teams clash on the mats, we selected Shawley. He has wrestled only twice—once against Penn last year (won by a fall) and last week against Navy. If he performs as well as he did against Joe Gattuso of Navy, Nittany Lion fans can't be disappointed.

177-pound—JOE KRUFKA: He's only a sophomore, but strictly upper-class whenever they speak of honors (although he hasn't achieved any for the Lions as yet). He was an olympic alternate in 1952. During the Christmas holidays he won the 177-pound title at Wilkes-College where a record-breaking entry participated. Team entries included Pitt, Syracuse, Lehigh, and Cornell. He has a slow style of wrestling. Things must be just right. And when they are, it's all over.

Heavyweight—BILL OBERLY: Only a sophomore and he has won the applause of the Lion fans. He can accomplish holds that are rarely seen in wrestling's heavyweight class. As quick on his feet as a huge cat, Oberly's hustle makes it possible for him to handle almost any one in his class with his strong arms and blazing strength. He should follow in the footsteps of great heavies like Homer Barr, Lynn Illingsworth, and Hud Samson before he graduates.

Manhattan Is 9th Team Named for NIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—Manhattan College of New York (14-8) was selected today as the ninth team for the National Invitation basketball tournament.

The 12-team tournament will open March 6 at Madison Square Garden.

Already in the field are top ranking Duquesne, Western Kentucky, Wichita, Niagara, Louisville, Dayton, and St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., and St. Francis of Brooklyn.

One of the three remaining spots probably will go to the loser of tomorrow's game in Boston between Holy Cross and Connecticut.

Asa Bushnell, chairman of the selection committee, said he hoped to complete the field over the weekend. Pairings will be announced early next week.

First Overtime Win

Penn State, beaten seven times in ten years, came out on top in overtime basketball for the first time against Pitt in 1954.

Boxers--

(Continued from page six) improvement in his bouts for the Penn Staters.

But Don DeMay will pull the "toughie" for the night's action. Pete Potter, 156-pounder, romped over his 1953 opponents in both the Easterns and the Nationals where he was finally stopped in the finals. Potter's experience will be a deciding edge over the Lion's slugging sophomore, owning a 1-3 card.

Estel Nichols is another of Virginia's experience-laden ringmen. Nichols lost in the first round Eastern elimination last year, but spoiled Nittany Dick Ahern's opening debut. Frank Breidor enters the ring with two bouts under his belt, and a 1-1 record.

Adam Kois, defending Eastern 178-pound crown bearer, will meet Bill Roberts. Gaining his fourth victory last year, Kois edged Roberts, 29-28, in one of his toughest season bouts.

Weighing 193-pounds, Joe Goleman, a junior, will face the Cavalier's Bill Creech. Both are newcomers to the ring this year.

Penn State's Best

Penn State's current mile relay team is rated the best in the history of the University.

Matmen Are Rated Underdogs

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Penn State's 123-pounder, Bob Homan, was the last college wrestler to beat Peery in a dual meet. Homan won 4-2. Last year, however, Peery decisioned Homan 18-8. Should both grapplers meet tonight, it should be one of the most interesting bouts of the evening. Peery has swept his nine matches this year and is appearing in his last dual meet as a Panther.

Speidel's "big" little man, who sports a fine record, is Dick Lemyre. The two-time EIWA champion is unbeaten in three years of dual competition with 18 straight wins. Penn State's co-captain over-all record, including Eastern and National tournaments, shows 31 wins against 2 defeats.

Pitt is reinforced with a veteran nucleus including eight lettermen from last year's powerful squad. In addition there are quite a few capable performers from last year's freshman team. The Panthers are well-balanced.

The best wrestling record at Pittsburgh was notched last year, winning ten matches and dropping only one. The loss was a close one to Penn State. Pitt sponsored wrestling many years back and then abandoned the sport for 15 years, reviving it in 1950 under Peery. Since then the Panthers have come a long way to rate among the more formidable wrestling teams in the nation.

Rex Peery's five-year record at Pitt is 34-20—16 of the 20 defeats came in the first two years. Speidel's 28-year record shows 133 won, 29 lost, and 7 ties.

Penn State seniors who will be making their final appearance before Nittany Lion fans are co-captains Lemyre and Jerry Maurey, Doug Frey, and Bill Krebs. Wrestling their final matches for the Panthers are George Matthews, Charley Uram, and Peery.

The Nittany Lions have posted wins against Cornell, 20-6; Lehigh, 19-7; Army, 21-9; Maryland, 22-6; and Syracuse, 24-6. The loss against the Lions came at the hands of Navy, 19-9.

Pitt has registered wins against Toledo, 25-0; Michigan State, 21-9; Lehigh, 21-8; Yale, 23-2; Army, 22-8; Lock Haven, 25-5; West Virginia, 30-0; and Navy, 15-13. The Panthers lost to Michigan, 16-11.

Penn State, site of the National Collegiate boxing championships April 8 to 10, was host to the first tournament in 1932. The 1954 tournament will be its fourth.

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Nittanies Meet Tough Field In Intercollegiate Battle

By HERM WEISKOPF

This is it. Today's IC4A meet at Madison Square Garden, N.Y. is what Chick Werner's trackmen have been eyeing since the start of the indoor season.

The ultimate goal is the team championship, but this year the competition is exceptionally stiff, and the winning squad will need all the "breaks" it can muster.

Penn State's chances in each event are as follows:

Shot put—This is one of the Nittany strongholds, with grid stars Rosey Grier and Charley "Blockbuster" Blockson as Lion entries. Although both men have displayed fine ability in this event, the competition here, as in all events, is rough.

The defending champ and current favorite is Columbia's Al Thompson. Yale, which boasts good strength in the weight events, has two aces in Stuart Thomson and Tom Henderson. NYU is counting on Marty Engel, and Army rests its hopes on Dave Patton.

Broad jump—Art Pollard and Ron Johnson will have their hands full with this field which includes defending titlist Charley Pratt of Manhattan and the Jaspers' other ace broad jump sophomore, Len Moore. This will be the "Coatesville Comet's" initial varsity competition in the broad jump.

1-mile—Nittany star Don Austin will have to face such notable runners as Lou Olive of Army, Bill Smith of Boston University, and Tom Foley of Fordham.

Two-mile—One of Penn State's most consistent performers is Red Hollen. The red-headed senior will be running against the IC4A cross-country champ John Kelley, Syracuse stalwart Ray Osterhout, plus other top college distance runners. Sophomore Doug Moorhead has also been entered by Werner. Hollen was fourth both indoors and outdoors last year. Boston University's pint-sized Kelley will be hard to beat.

Pole vault—Defending titleholder Dan Lorch will be facing

some of the stiffest competition of his career when he tangles with such high-flyers as Bruce Haddock, of Boston University. Lorch, captain of the Nittany harriers, tied for the crown last year with a leap of 13'4".

Dash—Pollard will be out to beat national champ Johnny Haines of Penn in the 60-yard sprints, but he will have plenty of other competition. The Lion speedster will have a double dose of trouble, because defending IC4A king Bob Keegan will also be competing.

The 600—Penn State's other defending champ, Ollie Sox, will be running against Lou Jones, of Manhattan, Joe Gaffney, of Villanova, and Fred Schlereth, of Columbia—three of the swiftest men in the country in this event.

High hurdles—Bill Youkers is pitted against Jasper sensation Pratt, Wally Monahan of Pitt, Dick Mathewson of Cornell, and a host of other standouts.

Mile relay—The Lions will battle Manhattan once again in this event, although there are plenty of other good teams entered.

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