

Middle Weights in EIWA Fraternity Champs Key to Nittanies' Success

By SAM PROCOPIO

(This is the second in a series of three articles on Penn State's chances at the Eastern Inter-collegiate Wrestling tournament to be held at Ithaca, N.Y. this weekend.)

If Coach Charlie Speidel had to concede defeat in any weight class, as far as individual champions are concerned in the EIWA tournament at Cornell Friday and Saturday, he would have to list the 147, 157, and 167 pound divisions.

Not only do his grapplers fail to show impressive won and lost records in the aforementioned divisions, but the Nittany Lions will compete against "sure" winners and matmen who have already scored victories over them.

Despite this fact, Speidel may be able to count on a few points—either by falls or by any of his 147, 157, and 167-pound matmen getting by the preliminary and quarter-finals rounds. In the 147-pound class Doug Frey will most likely receive the nod. During the regular campaign, he wrestled only two matches in this class. He won against Penn's Steve Freidberg but dropped a 2-1 decision to Pitt's Charles Uram.

Dukes Beat St. Francis In NIT Play

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP) — Top-seeded Duquesne beat off a tremendous threat by little St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., to win its first game in the National Invitation basketball tournament tonight 69-63 and enter the semi-finals. The Dukes will play Niagara Thursday.

St. Francis, cheered on by a crowd of about 12,000 in Madison Square Garden, called on big Maurice Stokes and scrap in an effort to upset the favored Dukes. It almost worked as Stokes, playing every minute of the game, dominated the play and scored 28 points.

The Frankies played Duquesne on even terms for three quarters before they finally yielded to a team that had beaten them by 30 and 25 points in two regular season games.

It wasn't until Duquesne Coach Dudev Moore switched his defense to put two men on Stokes and force him to shoot from outside that the Dukes finally took charge.

Duquesne, with Jim Tucker badly off on his shooting, didn't look like a team that won 22 straight games this season and finished with a 24-2 record.

Still the Frankies and Stokes gave the crowd its money's worth. Jumping into the lead midway through the first quarter, they had the score tied at 18-18 at the end of the first quarter and 33-33 at the half.

Duquesne finally went ahead to stay in the last couple of minutes of the third quarter, but wasn't until the final period was well underway that they held a lead as big as six points.

Duquesne's top scorers were Si Green with 26 points and Dick Ricketts with 23.

Baseball Star, Too

Keith Vesling, right halfback on the Nittany football team last year, is also a star pitcher on the Lion baseball squad.

The latter matman may give the newly admitted members, Pitt, a second champion. He is unbeaten, but shows two draws marring his won and lost record. The biggest threat seen in the 147-pound class was Ed Eichelberger of Lehigh who had gone through nine bouts without defeat, including a draw to State's Jerry Maurey. However, Uram won a 5-4 decision from the Lehigh grappler in an over-the-weight assignment for Eichelberger.

The other 147-pounders who should provide some opposition are Paul Steiger of Cornell and George Mulligan of Rutgers. There is a possibility, however, of Mulligan moving down to the 137-pound class.

In the 157-pound class, two tournament favorites are Don Humfeld of Princeton and Ed Rooney of Syracuse. Both grapplers were contenders last year. Rooney is most likely to carry the honors this year. He won the 167-pound title at the Wilkes-College tournament during the Christmas holidays last year. In doing so he defeated one of the East's better wrestlers, Pitt's Joe Solomon.

Dropping one weight class for the EIWA tourney, Rooney's 1954 unbeaten record will be challenged by Ed DeWitt of Pitt and Dale Ward of Army. DeWitt was unbeaten in nine dual meets this year.

Speidel's hopeful will most likely be scrappy Bill Shawley. He may not be a champion, but he will more than not give his adversaries something to think about.

Penn State's coach is still undecided about his 167-pound choice, but indications have been made that Joe Humphreys will win the verdict.

Whoever it is, he finds himself among Solomon of Pitt and Joe Gattuso of Navy; two wrestlers, a class in themselves. Gattuso, who is Navy's hope for an individual champ, will be carrying an undefeated record into the tourney. Five of his eight victories were registered in the 177-pound class this season.

If one had to go by records alone, Pitt's chances for a possible third champion up to this point is practically nil. Gattuso already owns one triumph over Solomon. Nevertheless, when there is a

championship at stake, record books, predictions, and opinions must be thrown out of the window.

Other wrestling personnel who should be considered in this weight class are Sal D'Amico of Franklin and Marshall, Bob Sherry of Columbia, and Hugh Cherie of Temple.

Cherie, who has wrestled in three different weight classes, has been in nine dual meets for Temple this past campaign and came out on top seven times. His only loss came at the expense of a 177-pound foe. One of his 167-pound matches ended in a draw.

All-in-all, Pitt appears a good bet to enhance to its point total with several runners-up. Navy and Lehigh changing hands, with the Lions in the back seat, with hopes of being more than just a back seat driver.

IM Mat Entry List Is Record

A record number of 334 entries make up the fraternity section of the intramural wrestling tourney this year. The first IM bouts are scheduled March 17.

This year 321 bouts will be run off as compared to 298 matches last year. This is the largest number of matches ever to be held in the tournament, according to the IM office.

Five individual champions will be on hand but cannot defend their crowns since they are required to move up one weight class. They are Bob Wylie, Pi Kappa Phi in the 128 pound class, John Baffa, of DU at 135, and Bob Brubaker, also of DU, at the 145 pound spot, Chuck Groff, of KDR in the 155 pound class, and Andy Krassowski, also of Pi Kappa Phi, in the unlimited class.

Sigma Nu is the defending team champion and has entered a full team.

Former Lion Athlete

J. Neil "Skip" Stahley, newly-appointed Utah State football coach, is a former Penn State all-around athlete.

Arnelle Hits 1000 Points

Lion cager Jesse Arnelle has scored over 1000 points in his three years on the Lion basketball team.



THE PHI SIGMA DELTA basketball team won its second consecutive fraternity championship Monday night. First row, left to right, are Mark Weiner, Stan Vogin, Don Devarras, Arnie Esdalmen, and Warren Glitten. Second row: Len Frankel, Jay Poser, Bob Seigal, Milt Linial, Bob Kauffman, and Murray Jacobson.

Boxers Enter Easterns Friday

Penn State's victory-starved boxing team will travel to Charlottesville, Va., this weekend to compete in the 31st annual Eastern Boxing Association tourney.

While currently carding a dim 1-4-1 record, the Lions are confidently preparing to "rebound" against the same teams that have caused them so much trouble this season.

Entries are expected from six schools—Maryland, Virginia, Army, Syracuse, City College of New York, and Catholic University—in addition to Penn State. Everybody will be gunning to knock Coach Roy Simmons and his Syracuse team from the top perch. Since 1947, the Big Orange has won the Eastern title six times. The dominance of Syracuse in the Eastern boxing ranks has been so formidable that it has copped the coveted crown five consecutive times since 1948.

Supremacy Threatened
But Syracuse's iron-fisted grasp of the crown may be slipping. In comparing different team scores against the Orange this season, indications show that Syracuse may face serious opposition from other Eastern ring squads.

Virginia's Cavaliers came up with a 4-4 score against Syracuse, after Penn State accomplished the same feat earlier in the season at Rec Hall. Syracuse just edged Army, 4½-3½, before the Cadets rallied to clip the Lions by the same score last week.

Last year the Orange won three of the eight individual titles, and also had three runners-up as it totaled 36 team points for a new high.

Orange Boasts 2 Champs
The Orange will be boasting the return of two of its Eastern laurel winners, and also two runners-up.

John Granger, 139-pounder, and Vince Rigolosi, co-captain and 165-pound titlist, will both return to defend their individual weight titles.

Simmons will also be heavily relying on Larry O'Sullivan and footballer Bruce Yancey. O'Sullivan was runner-up at the 147-

pound slot last year, while Yancey was defeated by Penn State's captain, Adam Kois, in the finals of the 178-pound division.

But Syracuse will need more power than what is displayed in four of its definite starters at Virginia this weekend. Both O'Sullivan and Yancey were defeated at Penn State. Sophomores Frank Della Penna and Jack Stokes ground out decisions over both the experienced Orangemen.

100 Schoolboys To Enter Meet

More than 100 schoolboy swimming representing some 30 schools will vie at Glennland Pool Saturday for State honors in the annual PIAA championships.

York High is the defending team titleholder and once again stands as a strong contender along with Lancaster, Coatesville, Erie Strong Vincent, Clairton, and Oliver of Pittsburgh. Lancaster nosed the Yorkmen out in the Eastern regional qualifying events last week.

The individual field appears wide open, with no defending champions entered. Ed Schwar of Lancaster is conceded a chance for a double victory. Schwar was medalist in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events in the regionals. Bob Mohr, second to Schwar in the 100, won the individual medley race in the qualifiers.

Cliff Pifer, Erie Strong Vincent, set a new regional record in winning his 100-yard breast stroke qualifier and will be out after the State record of 1:03.3 set by Schmidt, of York, in 1942.

Krebs Follows Long-Time Policy of District Wrestlers

By BOB DUNN

For years the rugged District 6-9 of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association has been a main supplier of talent for Penn State wrestling teams. Bill Krebs, Lion 157-pound grappler, is another area wrestler who chose to further his mat education under the expert tutelage of Charlie Speidel.

Krebs attended Bellefonte High School where he made his mark as an outstanding competitor under Coach Glenn Smith, who was once an Eastern champion at State. Krebs won two district titles in the 145-pound weight, and narrowly missed a state crown. The one who deprived him of this

honor was Joe Solomon, now an ace on the Pitt squad.

At Penn State, Bill found he was seeing double when he pondered over whom he would have to beat out for a starting assignment. Twin brothers Don and Doug Frey alternated, at the 147 and 157 pound spots, with the result that Bill saw limited service for the Lions in the last two years.

This season Krebs has handled the 157 and 167 pound chores, while Doug Frey is at the 147 pound slot. Bill's first three bouts were at 167, in two of which he came out victorious. At 157 he met two of the East's best, Pitt's Ed DeWitt and Ed Rooney of Syracuse, dropping both matches.

A seventh semester physical education major, he is married and commutes daily from his home in Bellefonte.

Bellefonte's school system starts wrestlers at an early age, and Krebs wrestled his first match as a freshman. In fact, many grade school children are started with the mat fundamentals and have a fine background for the sport when they finally reach the varsity. An overall program such as this is helping supply Eastern colleges with the kind of talent to catch up with western powers like Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M. The Lions last year were the first eastern school to ever capture the NCAA championship.

What about the Lions' chances in the forthcoming Nationals as well as the Easterns this week, he asked?

"The pairing will have a lot to do with the success of contenders such as our team, Pitt, Navy and Lehigh," he said. "But I think we have a good chance."

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