

"One And Only"

Sam's Song

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ITHACA, N.Y.—Only one team—Lehigh—in the history of the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling has won more team titles than Penn State. With an influx of 126 wrestlers ready to take to the mats this afternoon here at spacious Barton Hall, the opportunity for the Nittany Lions to eliminate the one and only obstacle is not too bright. Penn State claims 12 championship crowns, while Lehigh boasts 13.

Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen sport a 6-2 record. Teams with more impressive records are Pitt with 9-1 and Navy 7-1. Lehigh, which is considered as a contender, has an 8-3 log.

When it comes to tournament competition, however, undefeated campaigns and impressive won and lost records don't mean a thing. This may not hold true in most sports, but it does in wrestling.

Only four times has Penn State taken an undefeated team into the Easterns. Still the Nittany Lions have come out winners 12 times. Recently the University of Michigan with an excellent dual meet season, including a victory over highly-touted Pitt, was a favorite to successfully defend its Big Ten title. But it failed.

In tournaments such as the EIWA there are several factors which tell the story. First, there is conditioning and injuries. Wrestlers will wrestle two times in less than seven hours and as many as four times in two days, if they win. If a team is hampered with injuries, chances for a team title are practically nil.

Second, there is the matter of seeding. It is the drawing for positions so that the possibilities of the wrestlers with impressive records meeting in the early rounds is eliminated. Seeding separates the men from the boys. If you are not one of the men—any of the top four—then your chances of obtaining team points are also practically nil.

The seeded persons are so matched that the second and third, and the first and fourth seeded will meet in the semi-finals, thereby winning team points. In other words, the non-seeded men always face the cream of the crop and must earn their way to the semi-finals.

Thirdly, there is the need of other league members to eliminate some of the "sure" winners from the other top schools. Penn State once won the Eastern title when a Harvard grappler upset a Lehigh matman. The Lions did the same for Lehigh. With as many as four teams—Pitt, Penn State, Navy, and Lehigh—fighting for honors, chances for these eliminations are better than ordinary.

Because of injuries Temple may not go places at this tourney, but they do have two grapplers who threaten to cop individual titles. They are Bill and Dick Simmons. The more brilliant wrestler is Bill. According to the records, he has not lost a bout in scholastic circles nor as a Temple freshman. Furthermore, he didn't lose a bout in the Wilkes College tournament, beating Bates of Lehigh 9-0; Dillon of Princeton, 5-0; Coursen of West Chester, 7-0; and a Pitt ace, Bill Kozy, 9-0—not a single point scored against him in four bouts!

Earlier there were reports that an injury would prevent him from participating in the tourney. However, he recently returned to the lineup and pinned John Nambras from NYU—with a figure four and arm bar, no less. The man he will most likely face in the tournament? Penn State's Dick Lemyre.

Remember Rod Norris? He's the guy who wrestled for the University of Maryland and gained terrific prestige when he edged Penn State's Maurey on a close one-point decision and defeated Lehigh's George Feurebach in the Olympic tryouts at Princeton. This same Norris competed in a holiday tournament and lost to Ed Eichelberger, 12-2. Eichelberger drew with Maurey, 5-5, with less than a minute remaining in the bout in a regular season dual meet, once trailing 5-0, which included time advantage. Although Eichelberger normally wrestles at 147, he may drop one weight class this afternoon. Who will he most likely meet in the finals, if he does? Jerry Maurey of Penn State.

As we said before there is a need of the other league members to eliminate some of the "sure" winners. We mentioned only two. Unfortunately, Penn State may be the victim.

However, there are at least 32 better-than-average wrestlers who could bring each bout down to the wire. As a result, win streaks will be jeopardized and matches will be close and hard fought, making this golden jubilee one of the most interesting in the EIWA history.

The wheels of fortune often take strange turns. Where this one will stop, nobody knows. Average wrestling teams come—like jello—in assorted flavors. But here at Barton Hall today and tomorrow, it's a case where they will have to be good to win.

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Selvy Smashes Scoring Marks

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—Frank Selvy of Furman has finished his complete overhaul of major college individual scoring records, but he managed to leave a few crumbs.

Some of these were pretty distinguished crumbs, too, according to official figures of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn.

For Bob Pettit, the Louisiana State marksman whose 31.4 points per game average was exceeded only by Selvy's 41.7, there's the distinction of having the highest average ever carried into a post-season tournament.

Selvy's 41.7 average is the highest ever recorded in a major college basketball season, as are the marks of Pettit and the third place high scorer, Buzz Wilkinson of Virginia, with 30.1.

On the basis of total points, rather than average, Selvy, Wilkinson, Villanova's Bob Schafer and Western Kentucky's Tom Marshall have distinguished themselves.

Phillies Offer Cash For 3 Dodger Players

MIAMI, Fla., March 11 (AP)—Buzzy Bavasi, Dodger vice president, said tonight the Philadelphia Phillies had made cash offers for Billy Cox, Bobby Morgan or Don Hoak, all Brooklyn third basemen.

"We are not interested in a cash deal at this time," said Bavasi.

"But we might listen to such a proposition in about 10 days after Manager Walter Alton has selected his team. In our talks we have mentioned no Philadelphia players."

Lions Battle-

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Sherry, Ed Haag, Jesse Arnelles and Ron Weidenhammer will nail down three of the starting positions while the other berth will go either to Jim Brewer, Bob Rohland or Earl Fields.

The Lions went through a workout yesterday afternoon at the fieldhouse but rested last night and today. According to reports from Jim Coogan, Public Information sports editor at the University, the team did not practice at all Wednesday when players showed definite signs of fatigue.

A capacity crowd of 15,000 is expected at the fieldhouse both nights. Regardless of the outcome of tonight's game, Penn State will play again tomorrow. A win of course, would give them a crack at the Notre Dame-Indiana winner and if they lose they meet the loser of that contest in the consolation match.

7 Teams Record IM Handball Wins

The closest game played thus far in the handball singles tournament was played Wednesday night at Rec Hall when Dante DeFalco, Sigma Phi Epsilon, won two out of three sets against Ned Fleming, Pi Kappa Alpha, 21-19, 19-21, and 21-18.

Ted Mortensen, Sigma Pi, won over Tom Brasher, Phi Kappa Sigma, 21-15, 21-8. Lloyd Arms, Delta Tau Delta, defeated John Mission, Alpha Zeta, 21-10 and 21-13. Marvin Freed, Phi Epsilon Pi, beat Dick McDowell, Pi Kappa Phi, 21-2, 21-3.

Paul Dierks, Phi Delta Theta, took two sets from Chuck Russo, Alpha Phi Delta, 21-1 and 21-7. Gordon Daghir, Phi Sigma Kappa, won by forfeit from Dick Fronko, Theta Chi. The first match in the Independent handball singles ended with Gerald Werner defeating Marlin Schmoeller 21-4 and 21-6.

Eleven Fraternities Post V-ball Wins

Intramural volleyball entered its second night of play Wednesday with eleven fraternities posting victories.

Lambda Chi Alpha opened the night's festivities by beating a tough Sigma Pi team, 10-15, 15-6, 15-10. Alpha Gamma Rho took Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 15-6, 15-1, while Sigma Phi Sigma came from behind to take Chi Phi, 3-15, 15-3, 15-3. Alpha Tau Omega took a forfeit from Sigma Phi Alpha, and Theta Chi beat Phi Kappa, 15-4, 15-10.

Tau Kappa Epsilon was too much for Delta Theta Sigma, 15-4, 15-3. Delta Chi beat Beta Sigma Rho, 15-4, 17-15. Sigma Phi Epsilon beat Alpha Phi Delta, 16-14, 15-7, while Phi Epsilon Pi took Phi Kappa Sigma, 15-10, 9-15, 15-11. Sigma Nu won by forfeit over Alpha Phi Alpha, and Tau Phi Delta had little trouble with Sigma Alpha Mu, 15-3, 15-7.

Coal Institute Sponsors Bituminous Display

The Bituminous Coal Institute is sponsoring a display in the Rotunda of the Mineral Industries Building.

The display will continue until March 25. It consists of 48 full color scenes of coal mining and preparation.

Ex-Michigan Aide

Penn State's new coaching aide, J. T. White, is a former University of Michigan football player and coach.

Schoolboy Mecca

Pennsylvania's schoolboy wrestlers will seek title honors in their annual championships at Rec Hall on Saturday.

Better Ruth's 60? Grimm Picks Eddie

BRADENTON, Fla., March 11 (AP)—The man to beat Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs is Eddie Mathews, an apple-cheeked lad of 22 who hit 47 last year with Milwaukee.

Charlie Grimm, his manager, thinks so. He believes the youngster has the potential to succeed where such men as Jimmy Foxx, Hank Greenberg, Hack Wilson, Lou Gehrig, Johnny Mize and Ralph Kiner failed.

"He has the power—that I know," said Grimm at the Braves' training base. "We don't carry any tape measure around with us like the Yankees did for Mickey Mantle, but he hit the longest ball I ever saw last year at Cincinnati."

"The thing that will help this kid is his temperament. He still wears the same size hat. He's anxious to learn. If a youngster can stay on a level keel after last year at Milwaukee, nothing is going to bother him."

Grimm, of course, didn't mean Mathews necessarily would hit any 60 this year. He'll be satisfied with 47 again. To smash Ruth's record, he'll need all the breaks. Ruth didn't hit his until he was 32. That gives Eddie 10 years to make it. Hitting ahead of Bobby Thompson and being the only lefthanded hitting regular should help.

Mathews is durable, an important factor in shooting at any record. This is particularly important at this base where he must face enemy spikes and line drives every day. He played every game last season.

An old football injury has been giving Mathews some trouble this

spring. A little work on the rubbing table by Dr. Charlie Kacks and Mathews' back is as good as new.

Duquesne Wins, 66-51

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—Duquesne, led by tall, terrific Dick Ricketts, overcame a bad start tonight and whipped a fiery Niagara team 66-51 in the first semifinal game of the National Invitation basketball tournament before a near capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden.

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