

Wrestlers Go West Today

5 Lions to Defend Title; Homan is Left Behind

Penn State's defending championship wrestling team received a setback yesterday when Coach Charlie Speidel said the 123-pounder Bob Homan will not make the trip to Norman, Okla., where the 24th NCAA mat tourney will be held Friday and Saturday.

The Nittany Lions will leave at 8 this morning via station wagon to Martinsburgh where they will board a plane to Pittsburgh. From the Smokey City they will fly to and arrive

at Norman at 3:30 p.m. Ike Gilbert, assistant director of athletics, who chartered a plane for the Lions, said that Lehigh and Pittsburgh wrestlers will make the trip with Penn State.

Lehigh will be represented by four grapplers, while the EIWA champions, Pittsburgh, will send a nine-man team.

5 Lions Make Trip

Without Homan in the lineup Penn State will be represented only by five wrestlers. They are Dick Lemyre, 130-pound EIWA champion; Jerry Maurey, 137-pound EIWA titlist; and third place EIWA winners Doug Frey, 147-pounder, Joe Krufka, 177-pounder, and Bill Oberly, heavy-weight.

Oberly, who like Hud Samson, Penn State's only NCAA crown-bearer last year, will wrestle in the 191-pound class. In National tournaments two weight classes are added; namely, the 115-pound class and the 191-pound class.

Penn State's chief hopes for individual titles will be Lemyre and Maurey. Lemyre, who is a triple-winner in Eastern Intercollegiate tournament competition, has only two defeats marring his life-time record in the college ranks. Both losses were made in the NCAA's. Two years ago Lemyre took third-place. Last year he came in second.

The only weight divisions where no returning place winners will be are in the 167 and 123-pound classes.

Peery Defends

Hugh Peery of Pitt will defend his 115-pound title.

In the loaded 130-pound division there will be three returnees. Besides Lemyre, there is defending champ, Norvard Nalan, and Jim Howard of Ithaca. Ed Caslicchio, Michigan State, who came in fourth, will enter the 137-pound division.

Last year the Spartan matman was pinned by Lemyre in 49 seconds. This is 11 seconds short of the tournament record made by Alan Rice of Minnesota in 1949. Rice pinned George Kelly of Wyoming in their 128-pound battle in 38 seconds.

Runnerup Bob Hoke of Michigan State will make his bid in the 157-pound division instead of the 147-pound class. Pitt's Charley Uram will be the only returnee in the latter class.

Robert Derr of Alpha Zeta. A first period take-down and a reverse in the next frame were all that 145-pounder Stephen Pierce, Pi Kappa Phi, needed to gain a 4-0 decision over

IM Matmen Continue 'Fall' Story

By EARL KOHNFELDER

It was the same old story last night at Recreation Hall when 15 intramural grapplers "were shown the lights" from a most uncomfortable position — flat on their backs. That makes it 92 falls in just six nights of wrestling!

Two of these falls, along with a decision, were awarded to three Chi Phi lads, who, as a result, picked up 13 points for their fraternity. The victorious Chi Phi's were James Schulte, Thomas Webb, Glenn Grove. Grove, 175-pounds, pinned Paul Eckert, Beta Theta Pi, in 15 seconds of the last period. Going into the final two minutes, Grove held a 2-0 lead on a first period take-down. Grove at the advantage position reversed his man within a few seconds and applied the fatal body press.

Webb Scores Fall

In the 128 pound class, Webb collected four points on a take-down and a reversal before pinning John Apgar, Phi Kappa Sigma, at the 12 second mark of the second period. Heavyweight James Schulte decided Andy Stavres, Delta Upsilon, 5-0, to round out Chi Phi's 13 points.

Andy Krassowski, Pi Kappa Phi, last year's 175-pound champ, won out over Bruce Williams, Pi Kappa Alpha, 8-2, in a heavy-weight tussle. Wrestling experience paid off for Krassowski as Williams found it very tough to get any kind of a pinning hold on his opponent.

Two 45 second pins were turned in by John Sarikianos, Alpha Zeta, and Paul Whipkey, Triangle. Both Whipkey and his opponent, Stephen Horlacher, Alpha Chi Rho, exhibited excellent agility and speed. The former came out on top with a reverse half-nelson and crotch hold for the quick win. Sarikianos turned over Don Hoffman, Phi Sigma Kappa, with a half-nelson and applied a body press for his victory. Both matches were held in the 135-pound division.

Time Advantage Decisive

A point gained for time advantage provided the margin of victory for Clark in an independent 165 pound match. Vinson was a 6 to 5 loser. Vinson and Clark were each awarded reverse and escape points, while Clark picked up two on a take-down and Vinson on a near-fall.

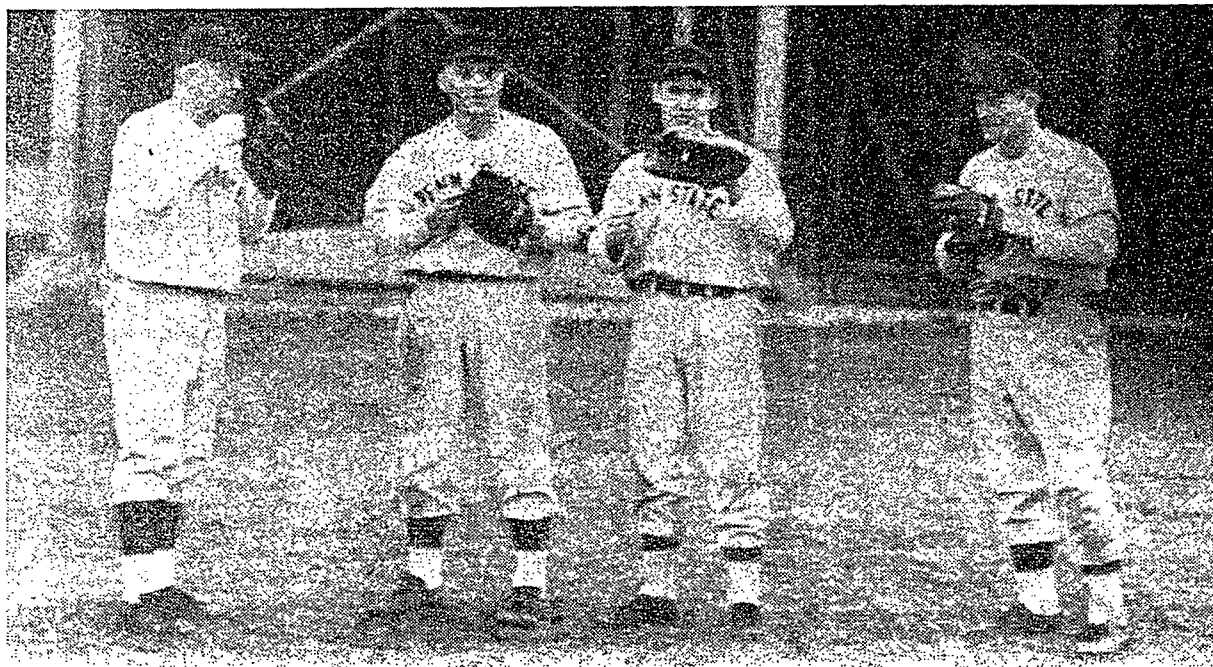
John Milsom, Alpha Zeta, found himself in trouble several times during the first period, but came on to pin John Williams, Pi Kappa Alpha, in 1:24 of the second period. The Alpha Zeta matman was on the short end of a 6-4 score when he pinned his man in the 165-pound scrap.

Alternate Wins

Charles Engle, Phi Delta Theta, was given a view of the lights at 1:58 of the second stanza by John Leone, Pi Kappa Alpha. The match was in the 155-pound class. A Phi Kappa Psi alternate, Charles Schrey, topped Walter Fresch, Tau Kappa Epsilon, 6-2, in another 155-pound contest.

Garry Crothers, Kappa Delta Rho, finished his match at the 53 second mark of the second period when he pinned John Friedman, Kappa Sigma, in an 165-

'Toss That Ball Back Here!'



FOUR LION BASEBALL ASPIRANTS take advantage of the Spring weather to limber up. Dick Packer (left) gives an encouraging remark to Tom Werner (third from left) who is anticipating a catch. Art Walker (second from left)

and Rex Bradley (right) look on. Coach Joe Bedenk's Lion nine opens its season April 10, on Beaver Field with a doubleheader against West Virginia.

Bedenk Eyes Baseball Squad In Spring Practice Sessions

By HERM WEISKOPF

Lion baseball coach, Joe Bedenk, is keeping one eye peeled on his squad as it goes through spring practice and the other eye on the season's opener April 10, with West Virginia.

Only two regulars from last year's crack team — centerfielder Sil Cerchie and catcher Bill Leonard—will not be back. Penn State will be gunning for their second District Two championship in three seasons. The Nittanies took third place in the NCAA college world series two years ago, after copping the district title. Last year the Lions entered the district playoffs but were eliminated in the second game.

24 Teams Win As Volleyball Enters 3d Week

Intramural volleyball continued into its third week of action, as 24 teams posted wins last Monday and Tuesday nights.

Alpha Tau Omega started off Monday night's program by dumping Delta Theta Sigma, 15-7, 15-8. Tau Kappa Epsilon took a forfeit win from Phi Kappa, while Lambda Chi Alpha overpowered Chi Phi, 15-12, 15-8. Sigma Phi Sigma beat Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 15-7, 15-5, and Theta Xi trounced Phi Sigma Kappa, 15-4, 15-8. Phi Gamma Delta continued its winning ways as it beat Theta Kappa Phi, 15-3, 15-11, while Phi Delta Theta took a close one from Kappa Sigma, 12-15, 15-13, 15-3. Phi Kappa Tau had little trouble with Alpha Chi Sigma, 15-8, 15-5. (Continued on page seven)

In 1952 the Lions posted a 13-4 record plus two wins in the district playoffs and two in the "World Series." Bedenk guided his squad to a 14-5-1 mark last year.

The infield is "solid." The four regulars from last year are back. Pat Kennedy, a good fielder and hitter, is out to retain his first base position. The double play combination of Charlie Russo and Ron Weidenhammer, at second base and shortstop appears set for another year. Hubie Kline is the top candidate for third base.

Bedenk has the nucleus of a fine outfield back from last season. Two regulars, rightfielder Tom Werner and leftfielder Rex Bradley, are returning stars. Although the loss of last year's captain, Cerchie, is bound to hurt, Bedenk has a potential hitter in Werner. Cerchie was one of the team's leading hitters and batted in the cleanup slot for Bedenk.

Captain Keith Vesling heads the mound corps and should be Bedenk's ace pitcher. Garland Gingerich will be away for part of the campaign student teaching, but the No. 2 hurler on last year's

team should be a big help when he is able to play. Larry Bayer is another returnee to the pitching staff.

The Lions will play 22 games this season—11 at home and the same number on the road.

The schedule:

April 10, West Virginia (doubleheader) 16, at American University; 17, at Georgetown (doubleheader); 23, Western Maryland; 24, Lafayette; 26, at Dickinson; 30, Gettysburg.

May 1, at Lehigh; 4, Bucknell; 5, Rutgers; 8, Syracuse (doubleheader); 11, at Bucknell; 15, Temple; 18, at Navy; 19, at Villanova; 22, Colgate; 26, at Penn; 28 and 29, at Pitt.

Stays on Top

Penn State's Finnish-born gymnast, J. an Cronstedt, once again stole the show as he won three individual titles in the 1954 Eastern championships. Cronstedt previously had won Eastern and NCA parallel bars and all-around titles.

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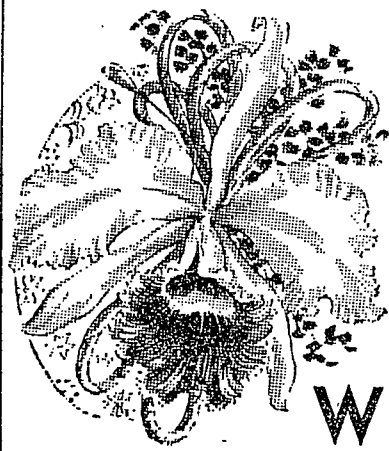
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