

Lion Matmen Will Leave for Cornell Opener Today

By ROY WILLIAMS

Penn State's wrestling team will leave for Ithaca, N.Y., at noon today to open its 1955 centennial campaign. The pre-match lineup released by Coach Charlie Speidel listed four sophomores among the eight men to represent the Lions against the Big Red.

The tentative starting lineup for the Lions will be Sid Nodland (123), Captain Bob Homan (130), John Pepe (137), Dave Adams, (147), Bill Shawley (157), Bob Snyder (167), Joe Krufka (177), and Bill Oberly (Hwt.).

Speidel's lineup was drafted from the results of inter-squad elimination matches held this past week. Similar matches will precede each of the Lions' next seven Eastern matches.

Four Sophs To Start

Sophomores will represent the Lions in the 123-, 137-, 147-, and 177-pound weight classes. Two seniors will handle the 130-pound and 167-pound chores, while two juniors will enter the 157-pound and heavyweight divisions.

Most of the heavy competition came in the light and middleweight classes with the 123-pound and 130-pound classes having a total of six men battling for the two first team berths.

Smith Gets Nod

In the lightweight class at 123 pounds Nodland, a speedy grappler with adept balance and positioning, earned his slot by edging both George Smith, another sophomore, and senior Bill Cramp.

In the 137-pound and 147-pound positions John Pepe and Dave Adams, both sophomores, finally emerged with opening-match positions from a



Bob Homan
Lion Captain

list of candidates which originally included more than 16 men.

Pepe, a strong and cagey grappler, defeated polished Larry Fornicola—varsity wrestler in several bouts last year, and winner of the Wilkes College Wrestling Tournament last week.

Adams In First Test

The third sophomore in the first four weight classes who will see action Saturday is Adams. At 147-pounds, Adams—he has not wrestled against collegiate competition but holds the PIAA title for Bellefonte High School—defeated senior Walt Hough.

Bill Shawley—junior letterman—stuck with the pre-season expectations to nail a hold on the 157-pound position by beating Len McNeal.

In the final three weight divisions—167-, 177-pound, and heavyweight—Snyder, a senior, sophomore Krufka, and junior heavyweight Oberly had been considered probable starters when the first match arrived.

These three men will wrestle against Cornell. Snyder, a transfer from Franklin and Marshall College, has shown plenty of wrestling power and savvy although his class—like the final four weight classes—had less competition in it than the four lightweight divisions from 123 to 147 pound weights.

At 177 pounds, letterman Krufka defeated Norm Melvin. Krufka was one of Speidel's mainstays last winter with a dual meet record of 4-1 and a tournament record of 7-2. Oberly earned a 6-1-1 record in dual meets and a 7-2 record in tournaments for an impressive 13-3-1 record for the entire 1954 season.

Navy Cagers Cast in New Role

Loss of Stars Have Damaged Middies, Old Hands at Winning

Faltering Navy, one of the few teams to defeat Penn State's basketball team last season, makes its first appearance at Rec Hall tomorrow night when the Lions go after their sixth straight home victory this season and 40th over a three-year stretch.

The Middies fielded one of their best teams last year and topped the Lions at Annapolis, 62-58, but this season its been a dismal story on the banks of the Severn. Minus 10 of his 12 top players of last year, including top scorers John Clune and Phil Lang, coach B. L. Carnevale hasn't been able to find a winning combination.

The Middies snapped a five game losing streak against William and Mary Wednesday night, 77-56, but still own a poor 2-4 slate.

Won Opener

They won their opener against Yale, 81-69, but then lost four straight to Virginia (79-69), Temple (59-55), Penn (77-65), and Columbia (77-70).

However, despite his club's poor showing thus far, Carnevale will probably bring a team of better calibre than most of the Lions' home opposition to date. Navy hasn't been beaten badly by any of its opponents—all of whom own respectable basketball names.

Navy guard Ken McCally has been the leading scorer all season and his 23 points Wednesday played a major role in snapping the Middle slump. Bill Wigley and Tom Smalley handle the forward duties, and 6-2 Clyde Bouvet is Carnevale's regular pivot man. Frank Dulik, who had 18 points against William & Mary, teams with McCally at the guard posts.

Wigley, McCally Lend

Wigley and McCally, both reserves last year, have been in charge of the most of the Navy scoring this season. Both men totaled 101 during the 1953-54 season.

The Lions will be putting a 7-3 record on the line tomorrow. Back on their scoring form Wednesday against Bucknell, they boosted their team average to 86 points with their 94-45 victory.

Coach John Egli's quintet plays one more game at home next week before embarking on another road trip. The Nittanians meet Syracuse at Rec Hall Wednesday and then meet Carnegie Tech and Pitt Friday and Saturday. They'll play four more on the road and will not return home until Feb. 5 when they meet Lehigh.

Marshall Leads Scoring Parade

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Once-beaten Marshall College pushed it to the team scoring lead in the nation's major college basketball statistics this week after topping the 100 mark in three of its first six games.

Marshall, scoring at a 97.2 points a game clip, replaced Connecticut as the leader in the tabulations, based on games through last Tuesday.

Furman, team scoring champion the past two seasons, is tied with the UConn's for second this week, holding its own with a 93.6 average despite the loss of the fabulous Frank Selvy through graduation.

The three unbeaten—Kentucky, Dartmouth and Auburn—contributed only one team to the top 30 in scoring, with Auburn ranked 20th.

There's a new defensive leader again this week, but it's still a Pacific Coast representative. San Francisco, winner of nine of its first 10 games, tops the list, allowing only 50.1 points a game.

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'Reds' Banned In Brooklyn; To Fight Back

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6 (AP)—Walter O'Malley, president of the Brooklyn Bums baseball club, today sent an urgent message to General Manager Gabe Paul of the Cincinnati National League organization saying: "State Department has banned Reds from Brooklyn, the only one of five boroughs in New York City out of bounds. What should we do about our schedule?"

Paul's reply:

"I can understand why Reds have been banned from Brooklyn because of the revolution they are planning at Ebbets Field in 1955. They hope to bomb you right into the dirt. The Reds do strange things. They've changed to Redlegs and will be permitted to enter the Borough of Brooklyn for the 11 games at Ebbets Field in 1955. Whether they are Reds or Redlegs—watch out."

April Bout For Saxton?

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (AP)—Blinky Palermo, manager of John Saxton, indicated today that Philadelphia may have to endure the welterweight champion's first title defense in April.

Palermo ruled out Syracuse, N.Y., as a possible site for the defense against the number one 147-pound challenger, Carmen Basilio.

"We won't fight in Syracuse, that's certain. Why, we haven't even received an offer from Norman Rothschild, Syracuse promoter," Palermo said.

Philadelphia was the site of Saxton's "victory" over Kid Gavilan here last November. Gavilan cried "fix" after losing his title.

Patterson to Test Hopes Against Troy

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Floyd Patterson, just turned 20, is expected to enhance his reputation as a lightweight contender tomorrow night in a Madison Square Garden bout with hard-punching Willie Troy of Washington.

Rated No. 4 among the 175-pounders behind champion Archie Moore, the flashy Brooklyn boxer is a solid 18 to 5 favorite on the strength of his fine 18-1 record for 19 pro fights with 10 knockouts. Only a disputed decision by ex-champ Joey Maxim, June 7, mars Patterson's record since he returned from Helsinki in 1952 as an Olympic champion and turned pro.

The carefully planned schedule of Cus D'Amato, Patterson's cautious manager, originally called for a Troy bout in November. He accepted Jimmy Slade as a sub when Troy was injured. So now he is retracing his steps to take on Troy, the original opponent.

Because the match originally was made last year when Patterson still was 19, (his 20th birthday was Jan. 4) the contracts call for an eight-rounder at 165 pounds, give or take a pound.

The first Garden fight since Dec. 17, the Patterson-Troy bout will be carried on network radio and TV (NBC), starting at 10 p.m. EST. As in all New York bouts, two judges and a referee will score on a round basis with a supplementary point system.

Troy, only 22, is more experienced than Patterson with 32 pro fights since he came out of the amateurs in 1951. He also has a high batting average in the knock-out league, stopping 23 opponents

Marciano Has 3 Title Offers

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Rocky Marciano's manager, Al Weill, said today he will know by Feb. 15 when the heavyweight champion will be ready to make his next title defense. He can pick among three propositions offering total guarantees of \$950,000.

Weill so informed Promoter Jim Norris of the International Boxing Club at a breakfast meeting. He sent the same answer to Jack Solomons, British promoter, who offered a \$300,000 guarantee plus transportation for a Marciano-Don Cockell match at London in late April or May.

"By that time, Feb. 15, I'll know what kind of shape Rocky is in and how the cut on his nose is standing up. He'll go to camp at Grossinger's Sunday to do preliminary work for some exhibitions," Weill said.

in 30 winning fights. However, his two defeats were by knockouts to Holly Mims in 1953 and to Joey Giardello last March.

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