

4 Future Mat Foes Win, 2 Lose

Four of Penn State's six future wrestling foes stacked up wins last weekend as the main portion of the Eastern wrestling teams officially opened the collegiate wrestling season.

Maryland, Navy, Syracuse, Army, Lehigh, and Pitt, opponents of the Lions this season who will appear against the Nittany grapplers in this order, saw action. Army and Syracuse suffered defeats, while Maryland, Navy, Lehigh, and Pitt scored impressive high-scoring wins.

Maryland, which will visit Rec Hall Tuesday for the Lions' first home match of the 1955 Centennial season, soundly clubbed Wake Forest, 34-0.

Navy's varsity, set to visit the Lions for the first time after the Maryland match, put on a whirlwind show and quickly disposed of Duke, 40-0.

The Middies made such quick work of the Duke Blue Devils that any customer arriving late probably missed most of the show. And those who got to the meet on time didn't stay very long.

Navy won seven of the eight bouts on falls and the other on a forfeit. The Midshipmen actually licked Duke in less than 20 minutes of actual wrestling.

Four of Navy's eight winners wrestled against Penn State last year when Navy snapped the Lions' 34-match win streak, 19-9. Navy's 157-pounder Phil Brainerd who lost to Doug Frey 5-2 last year won, while Joe Gattuso, 167-pounder who pinned Bill Shawley in 1954, also won.

Navy's Ed Zabrycki won with a pin against Duke; Joe Krufka defeated Zabrycki last year, 5-3. Pete Blair, Navy's topnotch heavyweight who pinned Lion heavy

Bill Oberly last year at 4:28, won by forfeit.

Syracuse dropped a close encounter with Cortland State Teachers College, 18-16. Cortland



Joe Krufka
177-pound Standout

had been defeated by Cornell, the recent 17-10 victim of the Lions in the season opener. Army also was defeated when

Springfield scored a 20-13 win. Army showed most of its strength in the heavier weights with 137-pounder Pete Fikaris, Dale Ward (157), and Jerry Tebben (167), copping victories. These three men along with Frank Greer, who lost in the heavyweight slot at Springfield, saw action against the Lions last year.

Lehigh scored four falls in winning six of eight bouts to defeat Franklin and Marshall, 26-6, for its second straight victory. The Engineers also have defeated Cornell, 18-6.

Lehigh's four veterans who wrestled against the Lions last year are Ken Faust (147), Ed Eichelberger (157), Dick Whited (167), Dave Gallaher (177), and heavyweight Werner Seel. Faust, Eichelberger, and Seel own 2-0 states.

Pitt caused considerable eyebrow lifting on the wrestling front by dropping Michigan State, 24-5, although the Panthers have only three holdovers from their Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championship team.

Ed DeWitt (167) and Joe Solomon, who moved up to 177 pounds, scored wins. DeWitt, second in the Easterns last year, scored the only pin in the Lion-Pitt match to drop Bill Krebs. Solomon defeated Bill Shawley at 167-pounds, 9-4. Pitt regular Bill Kozy, who defeated Hal Byers last year at 130 pounds, did not wrestle against the Spartans.

Pitt has been bolstered this year with three sophomore holdovers—Ed Perry (123), Bill Hulings (130) and Dan Wisniewski at heavyweight. Perry and Wisniewski won, but Hulings lost against Michigan State.

The Scorebook

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"BLUE SKIES"

Although this is supposed to be winter, it looks like "Blue skies, nothing but blue skies from now on" for Penn State's track prospects. Perhaps this is painting the picture a shade too bright, but even Lion track mentor Chick Werner is dispelling fears of "April Showers."

Werner's indoor track squad is potentially one of the finest ever assembled in the Nittany Valley. This year's team has depth, experience, and ability, even if it is hampered by poor training facilities. Heading the list of thinclads who have brought bright hopes for the future are a host of fine runners for the mile relay quartet, two ace shot putters, one of the strongest groups of hurdlers in the nation, and several other promising competitors.

Back from last season's record-smashing mile relay team are Art Pollard, Skip Slocum, and Roy Brunjes, with the final runner still to be selected. Bob Matz, Bruce Austin, Rod Perry, and Dick Mohler are the top candidates to fill the spot on the relay team which was left open by the loss of speedster Ollie Sax.

Last year the baton-passers eclipsed Villanova's four-year-old record of 3:24 in the Inquirer Games, whizzing to a new standard of 3:23.8. The victory gave the Lions a hold on the Liberty Bell Trophy and a chance of retiring the cup should they duplicate their win Jan. 21 at Convention Hall, Philadelphia. Pollard, Dave Leatham—who is expected to return to action next semester—Brunjes, and Sax sped to the new criterion.

However, the record-setting was not at an end. Pollard, Brunjes, Slocum, and Sax covered the banked boards of Madison Square Garden at the Millrose Games in a Nittany record time of 3:19.7.

Rosey Grier and Charlie Blockson are Penn State's two most formidable weight men. In last season's Intercollegiate Amateur Athletics Association of America championships Blockson placed third and Grier fourth in the shot put. Blockson heaved the 16-pound shot 51' 3 1/2" to eclipse Grier's Penn State mark by two inches and help the Lions finish in a tie for fourth in the title competition.

Pollard, the "Coatesville Comet," also competed in the sprints during the indoor campaign, facing some of the world's finest runners and coming through with several impressive showings. Perry, another Coatesville product, was pitted against such outstanding hurdlers as Harrison Dillard, Van Bruner, Wally Monahan, and Charlie Pratt and still came up with plenty of victories although only a freshman last year.

Behind Perry, Werner has several other crack timber-toppers. Bob Young, a transfer from Notre Dame, and two veterans—Gary Seybert and Bill Youkers—have all seen plenty of action. Don Winston, only in his second semester, has also drawn praise from Werner, but will not be competing with the varsity until next semester.

Pole vaulters Harry Fuehrer and Ben Shields and such distance runner as Jim Pastorius, Paul Roberts, Doug Moorhead, Ted Garrett, and John Chillrud will help round out the squad.

"STORMY WEATHER," LITTLE WHITE CLOUDS, AND "RAIN"

The lack of a field house in which to train has been a handicap for Nittany track and field competitors for years, but Werner has consistently been able to turn out high-caliber material. Another factor which may seem to foretell "Stormy Weather" for the harriers is the exceptionally rugged competition they will be facing. Most of the meets in which the Lions will be taking part are invitational affairs, with only the best athletes in the sport battling for the spotlight.

The Lions will be pitted against such world-famous stars as Horace Ashenfelter, Bob Richards, Mal Whitfield, and Lindy Remigino—four Gold Medal winners in the 1952 Olympics. Ernie Shelton, the world's No. 1 high jumper, and Jim Lea, conceded to be one of the two fastest quarter-milers anywhere will also see action. John Landy, the top active miler in this or any other continent, and several foreign standouts will take part in the winter action too.

On Feb. 12 the Lions will travel to Michigan State for what is being billed as the finest meet of the indoor campaign. Missouri, Ohio State, and Michigan State—three strong teams—will battle the Nittany thinclads in the feature attraction of the Spartans' centennial week celebrations. In order to make room for this stellar meet, the annual Michigan State relays have been dropped this season and may be permanently replaced by this quadrangular battle.

With poor training conditions and a rough schedule facing them, it appears as though there are clouds dotting the "blue skies." Werner, however, is basing his hopes on one of the most impressive teams he has ever masterminded. With such standouts as Pollard, Perry, and Grier, plus a sensational mile relay foursome, Werner doesn't mind a few clouds. In fact, he may be able to get one of those "little white clouds" to "sit right down" and shed a few drops of "Rain" on his competitors before the season is over.

World's Best Among Swedish Gymnasts

Ten male gymnasts who will accompany the Swedish women's team when the combined group performs before an expected 6000 capacity crowd at Rec Hall Saturday night represent Sweden's gymnastic best.

Eight of this year's visitors were part of the 13-man aggregation which toured the nation a year ago.

But one member of this year's visiting group will be anything but a stranger to Penn State gymnastic fans.

Jan Cronstedt, number one on Coach Gene Wettstone's N.C.A.A. championship team last year, will be with the group when it visits Rec Hall, and will travel with it as far as Cleveland, twelfth stop on the itinerary. He will then return to Sweden to continue medical studies.

Cronstedt was able to get a three week leave from Karolinska Institute in Stockholm because of his high academic standing.

4 Individual Titles

The Finnish-born gymnast captivated the collegiate world in 1954 by sweeping four individual titles, including the all-around crown in the National Collegiate championships at Champaign, Ill. His Eastern and National titles number 14.

The visiting Swedes range between 19 and 29 in age, and from student to electrician in occupation.

Their top performer, rated as the best Swedish gymnast of all times, is Anders Lindh. Lindh has been a member of the Swedish national team since 1946, and was on the 1952 Olympic team.

Three other standout gymnasts for the visitors are Arne Carlsson, Staffan Carlsson, and Arne Lind, all of whom visited the United States last year.

Excels in Two Events

Carlsson excels in free castastics and on the horizontal bar, and is in addition an excellent tumbler. Like Lindh, he has been a member of the national team since 1946, and was a 1952 Olympian.

Carlsson was the Swedish junior champion in 1953, and at 19 is the youngest member of the team. He is rated a terrific tumbler and table vaulter, and is said to have the highest back layout in Europe.

Lindh is an excellent all-around gymnast, specializing in long horse vaulting and free calisthenics. He owned a reserve berth on the 1952 Olympic team.

Reijo Nieminen, a gymnast with

an unusually flashy technique, stands out on the horizontal bar. In 1949 he was the Scandinavian junior champion.

Lennart Lundgren, Rune Ericksen, Jan Bjorklund, Kurt Wigartz, and Lennart Malmlin compose the remainder of the visiting male gymnasts.

Lundgren and Wigartz were on the '52 Olympic team, and Bjorklund was a member of the 1954 National team.

Lundgren is an excellent performer on the parallel bars, and Ericksen stands out on the side horse. Bjorklund, who just lately came into national prominence, is an outstanding high table jumper, while Wigartz excels on the horizontal bar and side horse.

Malmlin, a relatively new member of the National team with a very promising future, has tremendous strength which gives him definite advantages on the rings and parallel bars.

Erdelatz Inks Five-Year Pact

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 11 (AP)—Eddie Erdelatz decided today to sail along for another five-year hitch with the Navy football team he restored to glory in his first tour as skipper.

The 41-year-old coach abruptly brought serenity to the Severn which has been flustered by reports he was shipping out to the Los Angeles Rams.

"I'm very happy and proud to continue as head football coach at the Naval Academy," he said in accepting the proffered five-year contract at a reported pay raise from \$15,000 to \$17,000.

To further emphasize his contentment, he said he'd like to stay on for as long as he coaches. "The way I feel, I'd like to end my head coaching career where it started."

Big League Dope Sheet

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—The bright, young rookies of the class of '55 soon to make their bid for big league jobs, already are stealing the headlines in the Caribbean winter baseball leagues.

Men like the New York Yankees' Elston Howard, the St. Louis Cards' Ken Boyer and Bill Virdon, Pittsburgh's Bob Clemente and Brooklyn's Chico Fernandez have been attracting raves from the scouting brigade.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 11 (AP)—Al Rosen signed for his ninth season with the Cleveland Indians today and then dropped in at a downtown stockbroker's office, his other source of income.

"I look forward to having my best year in the majors," he told a reporter who reached him there by telephone. The 29-year-old third baseman doubles as a stockbroker in the off season and even on his free days during baseball time.

He signed up today after a brief conference with General Manager Hank Greenberg, reportedly for about \$42,000, the same figure he drew last season.

Outfielder Al Smith also signed his contract today.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (AP)—Marty Marion, the former spidery Mr. Shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals, today finally became official 1955 manager of the Chicago White Sox and predicted a pennant season for the Pale Hose.

Although drafted as Paul Richards' successor as Sox pilot last September, Marion did not sign for this year until a morning huddle with Vice President Chuck Comiskey and General Manager Frank Lane.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals announced today they had swapped righthanded pitcher Ben Wade for southpaw Paul Palme of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Wade, 32, pitched in 36 games last year and had a won and lost record of 1-1. He came to the Cardinals from Brooklyn on waivers late last season. Wade, whose home is in Pasadena, Calif., has an earned run average of 7.28.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 11 (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles announced today that outfielder Gil Coan had signed a contract for the 1955 baseball season. Terms were not disclosed.

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