

Happy Foursome . . .



Soccer Coach Ken Hosterman (with paper) and his three all-American soccermen enjoy the good news about the Lions' selection as the No. 1 team in the nation. The players from left to right are Dick Packer, Paul Dierks, and Jack Pinezich. Packer and Pinezich were named to the first team of the all-America soccer squad, with Dierks voted to the second team. Members of the Nittany team presented Hosterman with a plaque to commemorate the outstanding season.

West Virginia Will Be Gym Opener

Minus what Penn State gym coach Gene Wettstone claims was three-fourths of last year's national champion team, the Nittany Lion gymnasts are steadfastly preparing for their 1955 opener against the University of West Virginia.

The meet will take place Jan. 27 at Rec Hall.

Wettstone has five veterans returning from last year's squad to carry the Lions' 15-dual meet winning streak into the coming campaign.

Holdovers from last year are captain Karl Schwenzfeier, Skip Heim, Skeets Haag, Bill Paxton, and Tony Cline. A newcomer for whom Wettstone has high hopes on the parallel bars is senior Don Rehm.

Schwenzfeier will appear in three events—horizontal bar, flying rings, and parallel bars. The remainder of the top four will find Heim on the side horse, Haag on the rope, Paxton on the mats, and Cline on the H-bar.

In their final dual meet of the season last year, the Nittanians handily defeated the Mountaineers by a 30-point spread, 63-33.

In 15 years, Wettstone's teams have won 48 dual meets while losing 21 and tying 1. His individual champions, Eastern and

National, number 43 over the 15-year period.

The Lions made their initial appearance Saturday at the Swedish gymnastics exhibition.

Wettstone lost five stars from last season's squad. Jean Cronstedt, winner of four NCAA titles plus the all-around crown last year, is the biggest loss. Al and Frank Wick, Tony Procopio, and

NCAA sidehorse champion Bobby Lawrence will also be missing from this season's gym team.

Two Soccer All-Americans

Jack Pinezich, captain of the unbeaten 1954 team, and No. 1 scorer Dick Packer represent Penn State on the 1954 soccer all-American.

Matmen Crush Terps—

(Continued from page six) land's muscular Mayer Littman in the 177-pound division, pushed the score to 22-5 by winning a 2-0 decision. Krufka, who worked from behind practically the entire match in an effort to throw his burly opponent, earned a second-period escape and time advantage to win 2-0.

The Lions only loss came in the 167-pound class when junior Ed Pasko, wrestling his first meet, defaulted to Al Heir at 5:30. Pasko led 2-0 after gaining the takedown, but in the second period he was knocked out when Heir spun Pasko off his back and to the floor as the two men stepped off the mat.

Mike Sandusky fell prey to Oberly's speed, losing 6-4. Oberly took the takedown but Sandusky quickly reversed to knot the score, 2-2. Rallying briefly Sandusky tried for a pinning position but Oberly squeezed out to gain two more points.

In the second period Oberly

attempted to get his figure four combined with a leg hook to gain the pinning position but failed. Oberly escaped in the final period, and then lost a takedown when he glanced at the clock. He countered, however, for his sixth point by escaping.

Werner --

(Continued from page six) in this year's indoor action. Wes Santee of Kansas, Gunnar Nielson of Denmark, Freddie Dwyer, and Len Truex head the field of milers who will be vying for honors. In the two-mile races Horace Ashenfelder will attempt to maintain his supremacy against Fred Wilt, the FBI Flyer, and Scot titlist Alex Breckenridge, among others. The competition will be at a high level in all events, and with the Olympic Games just over the horizon, there will be added incentive this year.

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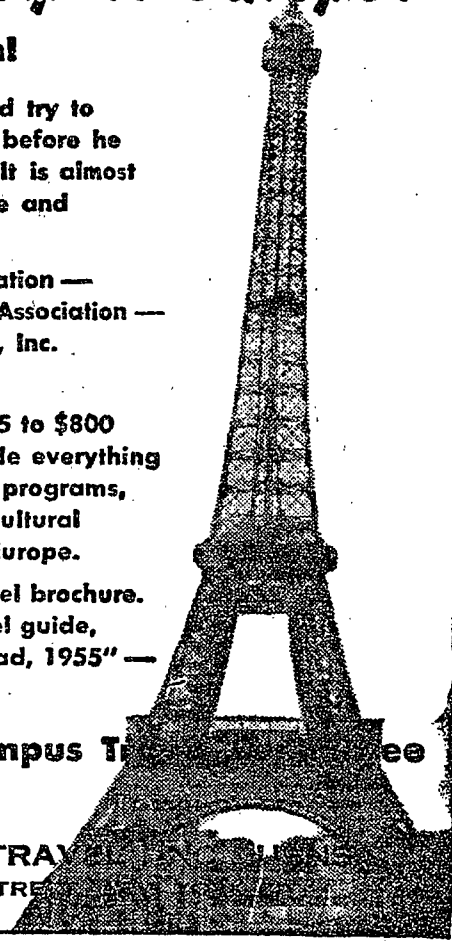
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