

# Matmen Drop 1st, To Visit Orange

By ROY WILLIAMS

Penn State's wrestlers will break camp this weekend after a two-match home stand that netted them a 1-1 record when they travel to New York to meet Syracuse's matmen Saturday. The Lions, who had their two-game streak snapped by power-laden Navy at Rec Hall ten days ago, now own a 2-1 record.

The Lions' first two wins came against Cornell, 17-10, and Maryland, 25-5, Navy then pipped the Lions' victory bubble 16-12 with an expected impressive showing.

Navy, with two titlists on its roster and a serious contender for the top laurels in the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, had to come from behind to gain the bulk of its points.

The Middies, top dogs because of the return of Easterns and National titlists at 167-pounds and heavyweight, had a rugged time with the Lions in the lighter weights. Coach

Charlie Speidel's first three grapplers—Sid Nodland (123), Captain Bob Homan (130), and Larry Fornicola (137) each won victories by decisions to give the Lions' a nine-point spread.

Then the Lions lost four of the five final bouts—two by pins. The Lions first loss came when Navy's Bob Daughenbach decided John Pepe, 147-pounder, 2-0 to hand the spunky Lion his first loss and cut the Nittany point margin to six.

Dave Adams, Lion 157-pounder, remained undefeated and pushed the Lion lead back to nine points when he decided Middy Larry Marr, 5-2.

Then Navy's expected power in the final three weights burst through stacking up 13 points to eclipse the Lions' 12-3 lead.

John Brainerd handed 167-pounder Ed Pasko—who lost his first bout by forfeit against Maryland when he was knocked unconscious during the first period—his second defeat with a pin in 8:36.

## Krufka, Oberly Lose

In the final two bouts Navy won eight points with a decision win at 177-pounds and a pin in the heavyweight position. Double title-winners Joe Gattuso, who usually wrestles 167 but was moved up to 177 for the Lion match, and heavy Pete Blair did the damage to the Lions' victory hopes.

Football hero Gattuso pulled his team to within one point of the Lions when he took a 7-3 decision over the Lions Joe Krufka at 177 pounds. Gattuso, working for the pin when he released Krufka purposely late in the final period, took an early 3-0 lead and never lost it although Krufka reversed in the second period and escaped in the third period.

Bill Oberly, undefeated heavy for the Lions who has made it a repeated habit to clip practically every heavyweight he meets, met his "old friend" in defending champ Blair.

## Blair Troublesome

To Oberly, the Navy master matman has been a continual mystery which has caused the tricky Lion nothing but trouble plus more trouble plus four losses.

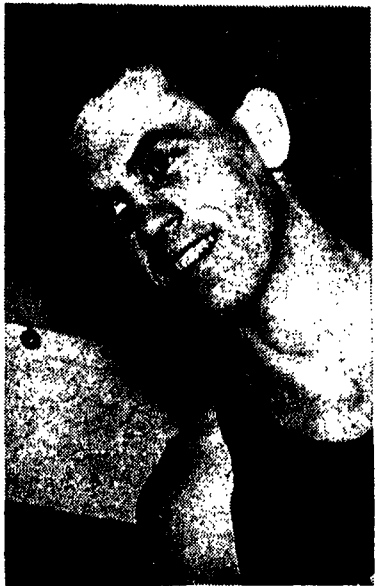
Oberly, who lost to Blair last year in a dual meet, in the Easterns, and in the Nationals, lost his fourth bout to Blair when he was pinned in 7:48 with a chancery and an inside crotch.

Blair, weighing in at 191 pounds, quickly took a four-point lead, in the first period. In the second period Oberly indicated he might have found the wandering to unlock Blair's winning secrets; but the champ pulled out of an Oberly pinning attempt and gained two more points. With less than two minutes gone in the final period, Blair pinned Oberly for five points and a 16-12 Navy win.

Captain Homan and Dave Adams 157-pound sophomore hold the best slates at 3-0. Fornicola and Nodland each have won twice without suffering a loss, although Nodland, also a soph, drew in his varsity debut.

Sophomores Pepe and Krufka and Oberly, a junior, each have 2-1 cards while Pasko (0-2) and Bill Shawley (157) and Bob Snyder (167) pounder injured in his first meet—have been unable to check into the win column.

Penn State's basketball team pipped 100 points only once in its first 55 years, three times in the current season.



Bob Homan  
Undefeated Captain

## Tables Turned-- Praiser Is Praised

Jim Coogan, assistant director of public information and head man in the distribution of sports news at the University, recently had the proverbial tables turned on him.

Coogan, the man who continually spills from his typewriter news and praises of Penn State's stars and Lion athletic accomplishments, was on the receiving end of the praise this time when he was honored by the American College Public Relations Association.

Coogan, who took over his present position at the University 12 years ago, was chosen for his exemplary work in general public information and especially for his national leadership in sports public information. Coogan two years ago served as the first president of the national sports group.

## Sports Briefs

### Louis Seeks Second's License . . .

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 (AP)—Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champion, said today that he has applied for a second's license to work in the corner of his protege, Paul Andrews, at New York Friday night.

Andrews will meet Harold Johnson. Louis wired his application to the New York Athletic Commission.

Louis said he regarded light-heavyweight Andrews as "one of the most promising fighters now in action and I have been helping condition him out of friendship for his manager, and my old manager, Marshall Miles."

### Bobsledder Killed . . .

LAKE PLACID, N.Y., Feb. 7 (AP)—Bobsledder Franklin Beattie of Ausable Forks, N.Y., died today of injuries suffered when the sled on which he was riding shot off the Mt. Van Hoevenburg run yesterday during the National AAU four-man championship.

Beattie, 43, was thrown into the air and landed on rocks when the sled shot off famed Zig Zag Curve in the third heat of the championship.

He had been bobsledding about 10 years and this was his first major accident.

### Bonus Baby Robbed . . .

HONOLULU, Feb. 7 (AP)—Pfc. Wilmer Morton of Stockton, Calif., victim of a holdup last week in which a companion was wounded in the hand, said today he is a \$65,000 "bonus baby" of the Cleveland Indians.

Morton and Pvt. Harvey L. Hall of Dos Palos, Calif., both attached to the U.S. 25th Division at Schofield Barracks, were held up at gunpoint by three men. One robber took Morton's wallet containing \$46,000. Hall was shot through the right hand as he tossed away his wallet.

Both men are back on duty. Four suspects have been charged with robbery.

Morton, 20, a righthanded pitcher is due for discharge in May.

### Eagles Sign Robinson . . .

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7 (AP)—Wayne Robinson, former Minnesota star, today signed his 1955 contract with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. Robinson is a linebacker.

Teddy Gene Vaught, former Texas Christian U. end, who was drafted by the Eagles for the 1953 season also was signed. Vaught has been in the Navy.

### Gromek Signs Contract . . .

DETROIT, Feb. 7 (AP)—Steve Gromek, veteran righthander who had an 18-16 record last season, signed his 1955 contract with the Detroit Tigers today. He is the 28th of 45 Tigers to sign.

### Giant Affiliate Named . . .

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP)—The New York Giants today agreed to a limited working agreement with the new Wilkes-Barre, Pa., baseball club, which is seeking entry into the Class A Eastern League.

Under the agreement, the Giants will furnish some players to Wilkes-Barre, but not the entire team, and will be permitted to select a limited number of players from the Wilkes-Barre roster at the end of the season. Wilkes-Barre will train with the Giant farm clubs at their Melbourne, Fla., base.

## From This Angle . . .

By DICK McDOWELL  
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### HOT ROD KEEPS 'EM LAUGHING

West Virginia's court jester, Hot Rod Hundley, who makes his initial Rec Hall appearance against Penn State tomorrow night, has been keeping Mountaineer fans happy this season even if the Morgantown team has failed to live up to expectations. The Mounties, with Hundley moving into camp after a great freshman year, were given some pretty good press notices in pre-season selections. And for a while it looked as though coach Fred Schaus' mountain boys were going to live up to expectations. They started with a bang, winning their first five games. But then the roof fell in.

While West Virginia sat in stitches over the antics of their boy Rodney, Schaus' team was taking it on the chin. Apparently the paying customers don't care, though, because they keep coming back for more. Last year, the field house at West Virginia was packed to the rafters for every basketball game—until the varsity attraction began, that is. The fans just showed up to see Hundley in action with the freshman team. Now they come in force for the main show and Hundley holds the spotlight.

However, the 6-3 showboat, who evidently has all the basketball ability in the world, but doesn't worry about how it's used, must be a coach's nightmare. At times he becomes a serious player, but for the most part, he is nothing more than a clown in a deadly serious basketball game—not a globe trotter exhibition.

However, Schaus has no alternative but to play him, for he might break loose for fifty points—should he feel like scoring (he scored 62 in one game last year) and in many instances he has helped win some ball games. Against Virginia Tech, Hundley had scored only two field goals and as the game neared completion the two teams were tied 60-60. Suddenly the happy-go-lucky guard decided it was time to do something about the situation. He dumped in two quick field goals to put his team ahead 64-60 and then proceeded to put on a one man freeze for more than two minutes. Seconds before the buzzer rang sounding the end of the game, Hundley tossed the ball far into the air, grinned at the crowd, and walked off the floor. The buzzer sounded just as the ball descended to the floor.

More than 6000 fans—dwarfing any previous crowd at the Pitt Field House this season—turned out to see the clown prince against Pitt last week. At one point during the contest, Rod was knocked down in a rebound attempt. Pitt retrieved the ball and went up court with it, but Hundley remained on his back while his team mates retreated to the defensive. When West Virginia got the ball, one player threw a long pass down court to the still prone Hundley. He grabbed the pass, rose to his knees and cut the nets from ten feet out.

Despite his evident abilities, Hundley has apparently not helped West Virginia to any extent this season. He has the ability to score when he wants to use it. The trouble is, he seldom does. Even with him in the fold, the Mountaineers have lost eight of 19 contests this season. Yet his behind-the-back passing and dribbling, plastic-man passing and shooting, and his clown tricks on the floor have kept the fans moving the turnstiles, although Schaus must be sitting on needles wondering what the unpredictable kid will try next.

### SPORTS POTPOURRI

**I'VE-GOT-A-HUNCH DEPT.** . . . Jesse Arnelle, now pushing the 2000-point scoring mark, will be named to more than one all-American team when the 1954-55 basketball season is over . . . Gymnastics coach Gene Wettstone might come up with the gymnastics show to top even the Swedish appearance within the next two years. The Lion maestro is reportedly laying plans to bring another great European team to the States . . . The Lions basketball team will be playing in the NCAA tourney again this spring. An even split in their remaining four road games and three wins at home will give the Nittanies an 18-7 record, and it could be 20-5 when it's all over. That plus a throwback to the Lions tremendously impressive performance in last year's championship tournament should carry them in . . . An all-star team composed of Pennsylvania basketball players could win their share against any other all-star combination in the nation. Put Tommy Gola (LaSalle), Dick Ricketts and Si Green (Duquesne), Maurice Stokes (St. Francis) and the Lions' Jesse Arnelle together, and a few other scattered ball players from around the state and you have quite an aggregation . . . Lenny Moore might be the nation's most heralded halfback in the 1955 football season. The Lion flash is as good as any in the business today.

## Boxing Probe to Be Aired

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 7 (AP)—An administration-backed proposal for a large-scale investigation of professional boxing in Pennsylvania reached the General Assembly tonight.

Sen. Benjamin R. Donolow (D-Phila.) introduced a resolution stating there is "evidence that racketeers and crooked gamblers possess a stranglehold on the profession."

Donolow conferred with Gov. George M. Leader on his proposal last week and received the go-ahead signal.

The resolution provides for appointment of a nine-member boxing investigation committee with authority to subpoena witnesses to testify at public hearings.

Three members would be state senators, three representatives and three others named by the governor.

"Boxing is no longer limited to the few who attend fights but is now transmitted into nearly every American household by way of television and has a strong influence upon our youth," the resolution said, adding:

"There is evidence of fraud and fixed fights, and many of the decisions of fights recently held show the incompetence of some referees and judges."

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is greatly in need of a code of laws to properly regulate and supervise the boxing profession."