

From This Angle...

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SPORTS POTPOURRI

Penn State wrestling fans will get a chance to see what promises to be the most exciting mat show in a long time March 11 and 12—if they act fast and grab a set of tickets for the EIWA championships scheduled for Rec Hall.

The lineup of eastern power this year is mountainous and it's a good bet that the winning team here will be held as a strong contender when the National championships get under way at Cornell later in the spring. Penn State, Pitt, Army, Navy, and Lehigh pack enough muscle between them to give the best from the southwest stronghold a shiver.

Navy has been the odds-on choice for eventual eastern honors but there isn't a soul who is willing to toss the tough Engineers. Pitt (defending champion), or the always dangerous Lions, completely aside.

Early scores have already indicated that there probably isn't a runaway champ around. Lehigh just barely edged the Panthers in their early meet, 14-12, and the Middies squeezed by the Lions, 16-12, indicating a pretty good balance of power on at least four of the contending teams.

Add a few darkhorse individual entries from Cornell, Syracuse, Yale, Columbia, and a few others, and it's a pretty safe bet that the east will have plenty of ammunition for the big show at Cornell.

Meanwhile, Penn State makes ready for its third consecutive major tournament at Rec Hall. Two years ago the University played host to the National Collegiate wrestling tourney, and last year drew the NCAA boxing championships.

The two-day, three-mat circus at the Hall should whet the wrestling appetite of even the most casual mat fan. Since the NCAA tournament will also be held in the east, it's reasonable to assume that entries for the EIWA fling will be heavier than ever, fans who were fortunate to witness the 1952 championships (the Lions won that one) will attest that anything can happen and usually does.

NEW YORK SPORTS writers who cover track events at well-equipped Madison Square Garden ought to visit Penn State's Rec Hall some leisure weekend. It would be well worth the trip. They would probably write coach Chick Werner's indoor track team down as a miracle outfit after one look at the make-shift apparatus which the Lions are forced to use.

The unbanked, narrow, hard wood balcony—training grounds for such national greats as Art Pollard and Rod Perry—would startle the scribes who have watched the Nittanians battle with the nation's best year after year. The Lions haven't the space or the proper equipment to practice the high jump, pole vault, and shot put. But somehow Werner's teams (and I think it's a great credit to the teams and the coach) manage to stay right up among the best in the land.

If the Garden had a cinder track, would the New York newsmen call the Nittanians the "cinder-ella" team of indoor track?

FIVE MORE GAMES remain on the 1955 Penn State basketball schedule but the Lions have already passed the scoring mark they set last year during the regular season schedule. Coach John Egli's quintet has scored 1674 points in 20 games. Last season the Nittanians, under Elmer Gross, scored 1327 points in 19 regularly scheduled contests, setting a new team scoring average of 69.8 points per game. That's another record on its way to the books. The 1955 team is averaging 83.7 points per game.

YES, THAT WAS a baseball uniform you spotted at Beaver Field the other day. Despite the snow coach Joe Bedenk has called for his pitching and catching corps. Winter, or not, the Penn State baseball season is not so far away and the Lion coach must begin work with his mound staff. The annual "spring" practice calls for work beneath the Beaver Field stands.

Olson Favored To Whip Jones

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Middleweight Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson, whose last defeat in 1952 was to Sugar Ray Robinson, tomorrow night meets a man who just gave Robinson a good trimming, Ralph Tiger Jones, in a non-title bout at the Chicago Stadium.

In fact, two of Olson's three defeats in 28 bouts since 1950 were by the once-invincible Sugar Ray whose comeback try was turned to vinegar by Jones a month ago at the stadium.

Olson is a 4 to 1 favorite in the nationally-televised 10-rounder at 10 p.m. (EST-CBS) which offers the 26-year-old Jones the chance of his modest ring career. Tiger can ride to an almost certain title shot at Olson if he upsets the 160-pound king in the overweight bout.

With both required to enter the ring over 160, Olson is expected to weigh 166 and Jones about 161.

The scrap should be a good yardstick for Robinson to learn whether he is hopelessly over the hill, or made the mistake of grabbing a Tiger by the tail while still rusty from his song and dance fling after abdicating as middleweight champion in 1952.

Baseball Managers

Sophomores interested in becoming second assistant managers in baseball are requested to sign up at the Athletic Office at Rec Hall.

Handball Entries Due Tomorrow

Entries for this year's intramural handball tournament are being accepted at the intramural office, 202 Recreation Hall. Deadline for the entries is tomorrow.

Plans call for the tournament to be conducted on single elimination basis for fraternity entries but a round robin system of elimination may be employed in the independent action.

Fraternities will be able to submit four entries, each one eligible for the singles championship.

Hurdlers, Sprinters Pace Track Team

Hurdler Rod Perry and sprint ace Art Pollard have blazed a fiery path across the indoor track horizon this season, and with the help of several other record-smashers have helped earn Penn State the ranking of one of the top squads in the nation.

In their lone intercollegiate meet of the campaign, held Saturday at East Lansing, Mich., the Lions erased seven records.

Chick Werner's team is at its best in the hurdles and sprints mainly because of Perry and Pollard, but there are other hurdlers and sprinters to back up these two aces.

Behind Perry are such topflight timber-toppers as Bill Youkers, Gary Seybert, and Don Winston. Youkers finished third in the 70-yard high hurdles in Saturday's quadrangular meet with Michigan State, Missouri, and Ohio State, not more than a yard behind winner Perry. Seybert came with an eyelash of getting into the finals of the high timbers. Winston, who is rated very highly by Werner, has been ineligible so far this semester.

Morin Led 300

Jack Morin, Bruce Austin, Harry Mitchell, Dave Leathem, and Bob Matz form a speedy quintet of sprinters to back up Pollard. In the quadrangular meet Morin led the pack for better than half of the 300-yard race. Morin faded and finished fourth. However, it was only his first race of the indoor season and it showed that the Nittany sophomore has definite possibilities in future competition. Werner said that Morin was "as close as possible" to a fourth place berth in the 60-yard dash as he could be and still not finish in the scoring.

Austin won his heat in the 440, but two faster times were recorded in the other heat and he placed third. Mitchell is ineligible at the present but has shown a lot of promise on the banked boards.

Leathem missed fourth place by one-tenth of a second. Matz finished fourth in the 600 and ran

the second leg for the record-breaking mile relay quartet. Morin, Leathem, and Pollard ran the other three laps and helped set a new field house and Penn State criterion of 3:19.5 for the event.

Pollard's blazing 30.6 sec. clocking in the 300 was one of the finest performances of this season's indoor competition. It eclipsed the 30.8 sec. running by Kansas State's Thane Baker in 1952. Baker, an Olympian in the 1952 Games at Helsinki, held one of the top spots among the nation's dash stars and his record for the 300 at the Michigan State field house was expected to stand for many years. But Pollard shattered the mark and earned himself an enviable spot in the record books.

Perry's Top Race

Perry's finest race of the indoor campaign came on Jan. 21 in the Philadelphia Inquirer Games when he defeated Olympic Gold Medal winner Harrison Dillard in the 50-yard high hurdles, equaling the world's record for that distance in the process.

Werner's talented group of hurdlers and sprinters have paced the Lions so far during the present indoor action and should be the team's main strength in the IC4A championships on Feb. 26.

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