

# Lehigh Mat Test 39th In Series

Lehigh, the second oldest Penn State wrestling foe, will meet the Lions for the 39th time Saturday in the first half of a Rec Hall sports twin-bill featuring wrestling and basketball.

The Engineers opened their series against the Lions in 1911, one year after Navy agreed to tack the Nittany matmen to its schedule. Since 1911, Lehigh and Penn State have missed meeting each other on the mats in only six instances.

But during those 38 meets, the Lions have been the victors in 26 cases. Lehigh has dropped the Lions ten times with two matches ending in ties.

Penn State's 26 wins represent the best margin of victory that the Lions' hold over any of its 1955 foes. Navy has narrowed its slate with the Lions to 20-19. Syracuse has lost 25 meets to the Lions, while winning only three.

The most consistent weights for Lehigh have been at 137-pounds, 147-pounds, 157-pounds, and heavyweight. At these four weights Lehigh has picked up 32 individual wins.

Larry Fornicola, the Lions scrappy 137-pounder who has registered four straight wins, may draw undefeated grapplers Dave Bates or captain Ken Faust. Faust has also worked at 147 and 157 pounds with winning consistency.

### Adams Unbeaten

Also unbeaten for the Lions is Dave Adams, 147 pounder who has rolled over five previous opponents to make his bid as one of the Lions most outstanding and versatile matmen.

Adams may meet Faust or Ed Eichelberger, another undefeated Engineer. Eichelberger can also work the 157-pound slot as he indicated so well last week when he pinned Eastern 157-pound champ Ed Rooney of Syracuse.

If Lehigh uses Bates at 137, Faust at 147, and Eichelberger at 157 pounds, the 167-pound division will be nailed shut by Roger Taylor who has piled up five straight wins since his first and only loss against Pitt.

### Gallagher at 177

In the 177-pound class and the heavyweight division Lehigh continues to field matmen with impressive records. At 177 pounds, where the Lions will depend on Joe Krufka with a 4-1 record, Dave Gallagher will probably get the nod for Lehigh. Gallagher, who has a 5-2 card, will be followed up by heavy Werner Seel. Lehigh boosters have tabbed the undefeated heavy as only second to Navy's Eastern and National champ Pete Blair.

Penn State's 123-pounder, sophomore Sid Nodland, will see action in the only weight where Lehigh has failed to register better than a .500 record. Lehigh has copped only two victories in seven tries at this weight.

The 130-pound class, however, resembles the rest of Lehigh's impressive lineup that has notched repeated wins. Captain Bob Homan, undefeated in five matches, will probably draw well-built Parker Mangus who has chalked up a 4-1 record.

# Cagers Out for Strong Finish Against Old Rivals, Pitt, Penn

Anxious for a strong finish to its regular 25-game campaign, the Penn State basketball team meets the first of two traditional rivals tomorrow when it returns to friendly Recreation Hall.

The Lions meet Pitt in the final event of tomorrow's sports triple-header and then battle Penn Wednesday in the season wrap-up.

And nothing would be sweeter to coach John Egli's Lions than a double victory over the two state rivals as a prelude to the Nittanies' opening game in the National Collegiate basketball championships.

A winning finish would give the Lions an 18-7 record when they tackle the tourney field March 8 at Lexington, Ky.

However, the Nittanies, currently 16-7, will be doubly anxious to knock off the Panthers. They fell to the up-and-down Steel City team earlier this season, 76-66, in Pittsburgh.

The Panthers have been a controversial club all season. At times they have been hot, but in most cases coach Bob Timmons' team has been unimpressive. Led by center Ed Pavlik, the Pitt quintet has won only 10 of 24 games played, but claims among its victims, Penn, Fordham, and New York University.

Pavlik, a burley 6-4, promises to give the Lions' Jesse Arnelles a real scoring battle in tomorrow's game. He's probably the biggest potential threat for scoring and rebound honors the Penn State star has faced this year. Arnelles, who passed the 2000-point milestone in Penn State's 83-64 victory over Rutgers, is averaging just under 27 points a game, and Pavlik is not far behind with a 23 point average.

But even with the big junior in the fold, Timmons hasn't been able to find a satisfactory combination this season. He's backed Pavlik with several sophomores, however, who have shown promise in spots.

At the opposite forward, John Riser, a 6-4 first-year man, has been impressive and sophomore center Bob Lazor has been improving steadily. The guard posts will probably be manned by Al Fenwick and veteran Bob Vimovan.

## NCAA Selects Memphis State

Memphis State, an unheralded small-college team from the banks of the Mississippi River, has been selected as an at-large entry to the National Collegiate basketball tournament.

The Tigers, the last eastern at-large entry to the 24-team tourney, will join Penn State and Marquette at Lexington, Ky., in the regional eliminations. The fourth team in that group will be the Mid-America conference winner, Miami of Ohio currently leads that conference.

The NCAA also announced that 1954 champion LaSalle has been entered in the tournament field. LaSalle received its bid automatically after winning the Mid-Atlantic Conference championship.

## Forfeits Mar IM Play; League C Title Is Won

Five losses via the forfeit route marred Wednesday night's intramural basketball schedule. The most important of these games awarded Dorm 3 its sixth win in seven games. With Dorm 3's schedule completed, its only hope for an independent League A playoff berth depends upon the outcome leading Toppers (6-0) and the Whiz Kids (2-4), March 1.

Dorm 31 needed two consecutive victories in its last games to vie for the League C title, but the Greensmokers put out Dorm 31's fire and, in doing so, became the first independent five to clinch its flag. The Greensmokers had little trouble capturing first place, 45-24.

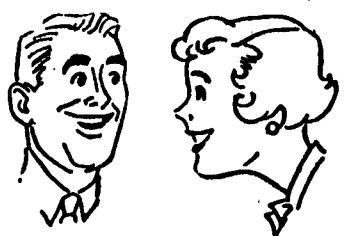
On the fraternity side, Delta Chi bowled over Alpha Chi Sigma, 38-20. It was Delta Chi's sixth straight win without a loss, and it eliminated all its League D competitors except Beta Theta Pi (5-1). The league battle will come to a head when the Betas play Alpha Chi Sig and Delta Chi meet Theta Delta Chi, March 8.

Theta Delta Chi looms as a real threat to Delta Chi on the basis of its finest showing of the season against Pi Kappa Phi. The winners' scoring was divided equally among the regulars, and

Theta Delta Chi ran off with a 38-8 decision.

In other games, Dorm 11 smashed Dorm 34, 37-25; the Asps and Dorm 24 both received forfeit wins over Dorm 22 and the Punchy Five; and neither Dorm 40 nor the Balok's Bombers appeared.

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## Gymnasts Face Owls In Final Home Meet

Coach Gene Wettstone's Penn State gymnasts, making a strong bid for their third straight EIGA title, will face always dangerous Temple University Saturday afternoon at Rec Hall in their final appearance of the season.

The Lions, fresh from a 54-42 rout over Pitt Wednesday night, will be looking for their fifth win of the year against a lone defeat.

In a series that began in 1933, the books show an even 8-8 log between the two teams. In the 1954 encounter with the Owls, the Blue and White gymnasts scored a decisive 61-35 victory.

Navy's strong squad gave Max Younger's Quaker City gymnasts their worst setback of the season by a 57-39 count in the Owls' first EIGA outing.

Younger, in his 28th year of piloting the Temple acrobats, has so far relied heavily on co-captains Bob Zelinsky and Bob Damerjian for most of the heavy scoring.

Zelinsky is the Temple stand-out on the horizontal bars and parallels, and Damerjian is the team's top side horse entry. Bill Rocco owns a fine tumbling routine, and Ken Minyard is the Owls' number one man on the rope.

Younger has also received top-notch support from Chuck Neely, Ray Lunnurato, Tom Lieberman, Jerry Santoro, Dick Brown, and Tony Cocco.

The Nittanies have cleared their two major hurdles—Army and Navy—toward capturing their third consecutive Eastern title.

Wettstone has found most of the Nittany scoring ability in the form of his all-around performer, captain Karl Schwenzfeier.

Skeets Haag has an unblemished record on the rope, with his best climb in three years of varsity

experience coming against Army Saturday. He scaled the 20-foot hemp in a good 3.5 seconds—best time in the East for the past two years and a new Rec Hall record.

Bill Paxton has been the mainstay on the mats and Skip Heim is still holding down first-ranking on the horse. Paxton holds four wins in five outings.

### Marciano to Fight Cockell, Site Pending

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—Terms were settled today for a title fight between Rocky Marciano and England's Don Cockell. Now all that remains to be completed at a conference tomorrow is choice of the site and date and that appears to be San Francisco's Kezar Stadium, May 19.

With all of the principals present except Marciano, President Jim Norris of the International Boxing Club quickly ironed out the financial details. He said Rocky would receive 40 per cent of everything and the challenger 20 per cent.

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