

Wrestlers Upset Lehigh, 15-13

Lions Clinch Match in Final Bout

Penn State's once-beaten wrestling team left its spirited followers limp in their seats and mopping their brows Saturday night at Rec Hall when it pulled a hairline finish to edge undefeated Lehigh, 15-13.

The Lions' winning-point margin came in the heavy-weight finale when Bill Oberly tied Lehigh's undefeated Werner Seel, 5-5. The Lions held a slim 13-11 lead at the start of the heavyweight tussle, but Oberly climbed off the bench and clinched the minimum task of tying Seel, owner of a 10-0 slate.

The outcome in three other bouts, however, figured as an integral part of the Lions' upset victory. Sid Nodland's pinning win at 123 pounds for five points, Dan Grey's spirited fight to avoid Lehigh's Ken Faust who worked feverishly and fruitlessly for a pin, and the questionable decision in the Joe Humphreys-Dick White bout each added to the tension that mounted and finally broke with the heavyweight decision.

Oberly lost his early two-point margin to Seel in the first and second periods to enter the third



DAVE ADAMS, Penn State 147 lb. wrestler, gets a leg hold on Lehigh's Ed Eichelberger trying for a takedown in Saturday's Rec Hall duel. Eichelberger, who had previously pinned Syracuse's Eastern 157 lb. champ Ed Rooney, won a 14-11 decision over the Lion entry. The Nittanians won the thriller, 15-13, to give the Engineers their first duel meet loss against seven wins.

period in the bottom position and one point behind. Oberly reversed to gain a slim and brief 4-3 lead that was snuffed out when Seel reversed to regain the lead, 5-4. Oberly's riding time earned in the second period, however, gave him another point that knotted the score.

Sophomore Nodland gave the Lions a well-needed shot in the opening 123-pound bout when he pinned Tom Deppe for five points.

Nodland's pin came at 5:50 after he had picked up a 2-0 first-period lead.

Grey, chosen unexpectedly to fill in for bed-ridden Larry Fornicola at 137 pounds, called on every resource to stay out of the pinning holds of crafty Faust, Lehigh's unbeatable captain. Although he dropped the bout to Faust, Grey did an outstanding job of warding

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Gymnasts Top Temple; Approach EIGA Crown

By RON GATEHOUSE

Penn State's EIGA title-hungry gymnasts, looking for their third Eastern championship in as many years, took another big step towards capturing the 1955 crown when they outmanned Temple University Saturday at Rec Hall, 52-43.

It was the fourth consecutive Eastern win for Gene Wettstone's performers, and fifth of the season against one loss.

Earlier Wettstone had forecast Army and Navy as the Nittanians two man-sized stumbling blocks in their quest of retaining the EIGA title.

But the home forces brushed aside the two service academies only to realize an unforeseen hazard against Max Younger's Owl gymnasts.

In the opening event, tumbling, all-around Lion sophomore, Dion Weissend, suffered an ankle injury which eliminated him from further action and brought about a major change in the Penn State lineup.

In addition to tumbling Weissend was to be entered on the horizontal bar and parallels.

Wettstone, forced to juggle the lineup to fill the wide gaps made by Weissend's injury, called on Nittany captain, Karl Schwenzfeier, to step into the driver's seat and erase the threat of a Temple win.

The 5'7" Lion sparkplug performed awe-demanding routines on two of his regular events, twin bars and flying rings, and on the H-bar, which he substituted for his originally scheduled side horse routine.

And the crowd-pleasing performances he turned in gave the versatile Nittany a triple kill—a first in each of the three events

to bring the Lions 18 team points. Only because of his triple-win did Schwenzfeier's appearance overshadow the record-smashing performance of rope-climbing Skeets Haag who eclipsed his own Rec Hall record by scaling the 20-foot hemp in a speedy 3.4 seconds.

Leroy Fritch and Bill Marshall scored a second and fourth in the verticle climb to give the Lions the biggest single event edge of the meet, 12-4.

Nittany tumbler Bill Paxton flipped into his fifth win of the season to bring the Lion first place total to five out of six.

Although Dud Potter combined with Paxton to give the Lions seven points on the mats, they showed a two point deficit in the opening event and Temple held a 9-7 lead.

Skip Heim, only Nittany entry on the horse, scored a second and the Owls boosted their lead to 20-11.

Al Poydock was good for a sec-

ond behind Schwenzfeier on the H-bar, and Don Rehm and Heim took a third and fifth in that order behind the Nittany captain on the P-bars to put the Lions in the lead, 43-36, going into the final event. It was Heim's first appearance on the twin bars.

In the rings Chuck Marshall finished fourth and Haag, fifth, behind Schwenzfeier to give Penn State a 9-7 edge and its fifth win of the season.

TUMBLING—1. Paxton (PS), 261; 2. Rocco (T), 237; 3. Johnston (T), 211; 4. Innurato (T), 201; 5. Potter (PS), 185.

SIDE HORSE—1. Damerjian (T), 261; 2. Helm (PS), 245; 3. Neely (T), 218; 4. Johnston (T), 120.

HIGH BAR—1. Schwenzfeier (PS), 227; 2. Poydock (PS), 227; 3. Neely (T), 223; 4. Innurato (T), 185; 5. Santoro (T), 145.

ROPE—1. Haag (PS), 3.4; 2. Fritch (PS), 4.0; 3. Minyard (T), 4.4; 4. Marshall (PS), 5.1; 5. Brown (T), 5.8.

PARALLEL BARS—1. Schwenzfeier (PS), 272; 2. Zelinsky (T), 261; 3. Rehm (PS), 219; 4. Neely (T), 207; 5. Helm (PS), 188.

FLYING RINGS—1. Schwenzfeier (PS), 273; 2. Lieberman (T), 217; 3. Innurato (T), 195; 4. Marshall (PS), 192; 5. Haag (PS), 150.

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