

Wrestlers Seek Whirlwind Finish at Pitt

By ROY WILLIAMS
Penn State's wrestlers, determined to finish their 1955 campaign in a whirlwind finish that will include knocking off two of the East's top teams—Lehigh and Pitt—are out to serve warning this weekend.

The Lions travel to Pitt Saturday for the annual finale at the Panther's spacious field house—a place where wrestling gets about as much attention as geechee bird hunting in the Andes.

Although the Panthers took the Eastern title last year as the association's greenhorn team, they don't get the student backing the Lions are accustomed to. Penn State knows the boys from Sky-scraper U. know their way on the mat.

Coach Rex Peery has piloted his Panthers to an 8-2 record and

has a triumvirate of undefeated grapplers including his son, Ed, at 130 pounds, 167-pounder Ed DeWitt, and Joe Solomon at 177 pounds. Four of Peery's five remaining matmen have cornered records that are well above the .500 margin.

DeWitt was second in the Eastern last year at 157 pounds and has seen action this year in both the 157 and 167 classes. One of DeWitt's most impressive wins was against Ed Rooney of Syracuse in the 167-pound tussle when he dropped the Orange Eastern champ, 8-7.

At 157 pound Don Huff—one of the six men Peery has had to rely on to help rebuild his team—has seen action in nine contests and has a 6-2-1 record. Huff and DeWitt can, and do, switch weight when the need arises.

Dan Wisniewski, one of three sophomores who have carried much of the winning brunt for the Pittsburghers has tagged a winning 7-1-1 slate against mediocre opposition. He lost to Cornell's Tom Brady, 4-2, and drew with George Finck, Syracuse, 1-1. In the pre-season Wilkes tourney Wisniewski was decisively won by Werner Seel on a referee's decision.

The Lions' heavy, Bill Oberly, in comparison, defeated Finck, 6-4, and tied with Seel last week, 5-5, in a nine-minute thriller.

Working one weight below Wisniewski is Joe Solomon, the Panther's National 167-pound champ. Wisniewski has carried an impressive 10-0 record. Solomon has been the second part of the Panther's solid one-two punch from the 167-pound weight to 177.

Undeclared DeWitt has been followed by Solomon at 177 pounds in eight of the Panther's ten matches. Solomon has also shown he can slide into the 167 pound weight and win—he has done it twice this year.

Ed Peery and Bob Cook have been Coach Peery's two most promising lightweights, with 123-pounder Bill Hulings taking the third seat. Peery is 8-0 at 130 pounds and Cook has an 8-2 card at 147 pounds. Hulings has handled most of the work at 123 and has come out with a 6-3-1 record.

At 137 pounds Peery has one of the weakest links in his team with Nick Swentosky, who has just hit the .500 mark with a 5-5 score. Swentosky has wrestled every meet thus far, indicating that Peery does not have a substitute he can use to help strengthen the weak spot.

Eight Gain In Fraternity Handball Play

Eight fraternity men advanced into the second round of the intramural handball singles tournament Monday night.

Three of the contests resulted in forfeit victories or Stan Dore, Alpha Tau Omega, James Caldwell, Theta Chi, and Arthur Crum, Sigma Nu, over Herb Hollowell, Delta Tau Delta, Russ Mandeville, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Lloyd Mengel, Delta Sigma Phi, respectively. One other contest resulted in a double forfeit as neither Doug Henderson, Phi Gamma Delta, nor Sanford Burke, Sigma Alpha Mu, appeared for their match. In the other matches, Al Hinkle, Lambda Chi Alpha, humbled Harry Leshner, Triangle, 21-0, 21-1; Dave Adams, Delta Upsilon, trounced Jerry Rosenberg, Phi Epsilon Pi, 21-5, 21-4; Paul Dierks, Phi Delta Theta, stopped Don Schwartz, Zeta Beta Tau, 21-6, 21-16; and Norton Freedman, Alpha Epsilon Pi, easily defeated Columbus Cascio, Alpha Chi Rho, 21-1, 21-2.

Relay Squad, Youkers, Pollard in K of C Meet

Bill Youkers, Art Pollard, and a mile relay team will represent Penn State in the final indoor track meet of the season at Madison Square Garden. Saturday's Knights of Columbus meet will bring together some of the nation's top track and field stars for the final competition on the banked boards.

Last weekend in the intercollegiate championships Youkers, rated as one of the most improved hurdlers in the country, finished third in the finals. Rod Perry, the Lions' No. 1 hurdler, had been slated to run this weekend, but a painful heel injury has forced him to be dropped in favor of Youkers. At the IC4A title meet Saturday Youkers won his preliminary and quarter-final heats and came in a close second to Manhattan's Charlie Pratt in the semi-finals. Youkers placed third in the finals, with Pratt in first, and Perry second.

Youkers Impressive
Youkers has seen action only twice this season, and both times has been impressive. In his only other competition Youkers placed third in the 70-yard highs at East Lansing, Mich., in a quadrangular meet with Michigan State, Missouri, and Ohio State. He did not place in the low hurdles event during this affair. Youkers has been overshadowed this season by Perry, but has displayed fine talent and ranks with the best collegiate timber-toppers.

Pollard, the IC4A outdoor 100-yard dash king, has divided his efforts between the dashes and the mile relay and will probably run in both events this weekend. In last year's outdoor title meet Pollard tied the century mark at 9.6 sec. and lowered the standard in the 220 before being injured in the finals of the latter race.

Haines Edges Pollard
Johnny Haines of Penn barely edged Pollard in the fight for the 60-yard laurels Saturday. Pollard won his first three heats in this event, but was consistently getting off to bad starts. "The Coatesville Comet" did not get off to a speedy start in the finals, and although he gained on Haines, he missed upsetting the defending tipster by inches.

The lineup for the mile relay quartet is not set. However, it appears as though John Morin and Harry Mitchell will run two of the quarter-mile laps. Among the top prospects to fill the other two slots are Pollard, Skip Sloucum, Dave Leatham, Bob Matz, and Bruce Austin.

Injuries Dim Gym Team's Hopes for EIGA Victory

The chances of the Penn State gymnasts taking the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Association title for the third straight year by virtue of a win over Syracuse Saturday were made quite a bit dimmer when the Lions conquered their fourth consecutive EIGA foe, Temple, last weekend.

Dion Weissend, promising Lion sophomore all-around performer, suffered an ankle injury while going through his tumbling routine, and as a result is very unlikely to accompany the Lions when they visit the Orange.

Weissend's injury only added to a man-sized headache Nittany mentor Gene Wettstone possessed even before the Temple duel.

Tony Cline, side horse and horizontal bar, suffered a shoulder injury during practice last week and didn't appear against the Owls. And it is also doubtful if he'll make the Syracuse trip.

Two Major Obstacles
So, Wettstone is confronted with two major obstacles as he goes for his third unbeaten EIGA season—how to replace Weissend and Cline.

Although Lion Captain Karl Schwenzfeler has been the big gun in the Nittanies' attack in each of their six previous outings, to fill in for both of the injured Lions and at the same time perform to his capacity in the positions he's taken so far would be an impossibility. Also, an EIGA rule prevents an individual from entering more than three different events in any one meet.

All that remains is to juggle the lineup hoping to gain valuable second and third place points from a group consisting of mostly sophomores—some of whom have had considerable experience, but the majority of whom can't be considered seasoned veterans.

Consistent performers all season—Skeets Haag, Bill Paxton, and Skip Heim—should be able

to hold their own with the Orange acrobats.

Have Big Bearing
But in the performances of several Nittanies, including Leroy Fritch, Dud Potter, Don Rehm, Bill and Chuck Marshall, Al Poydock, and Chuck Fegley will have a huge bearing on the final outcome of the duel.

Most of these have contributed their share of second, third and fourth place points over the season, and if they can keep pace with the Syracuse performers, the Nittanies have an even chance of rolling to their third league title in as many years.

Stella Walsh has won the National AAU Senior Women's Pentathlon championship five consecutive years.

Spring Grid Clinic

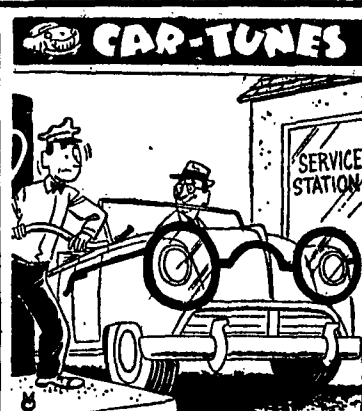
A clinic for high school coaches once again will climax spring football practice at Penn State, where coach Rip Engle will bring his 20 days of drills to a close April 29-30.

Third Title Shot

Rosey Grier, Penn State's giant football tackle, will be shooting for his third—and last—IC-4A shot put title this spring. The Linden, N.J., senior won indoor and outdoor honors in his last two tries.

Blagetti Leads Golfers

BATON ROUGE, La., March 2 (AP)—Leo Blagetti of Sandusky, Ohio, fired an eight under par 64 today to lead the qualifiers in the fourth annual \$12,500 Baton Rouge Open golf tournament.



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