

From This Angle...

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SPORTS POTPOURRI

A full slate of 128 wrestlers, representing 16-member schools of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, converge on Recreation Hall today for the opening round of the EIWA mat tournament—a two day affair that promises to be one of the most thrilling in the Association's long history.

From all indications, this could be the tightest team race in years. Four teams are all heavy contenders and there will be a full load of outstanding individuals from several other entries.

Pitt, Penn State, Lehigh, and Navy figure to be in the thick of the fight for the championship when the final round gets underway tomorrow night. But at this point its just about impossible to name a real favorite.

The four teams really mixed it up during the regular dual-meet campaign. Pitt, given the pre-tournament favorite's role—simply because there always has to be a favorite—dropped the Lions but lost to Lehigh during the regular season. Lehigh in turn lost to Penn State but whipped Navy, which had beaten Penn State. Pitt didn't meet Navy during the dual-meet season.

So these four teams, based on their topsy-turvy records against each other this season, are running almost abreast on the tournament dope sheet. Any one of them could conceivably win the championship.

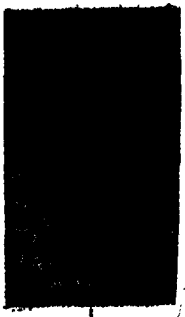
An EIWA ruling requires member schools to enter a full eight-man team, enhancing the possibilities of some early upsets and a darkhorse contender.

Lion gymnastic coach Gene Wettstone, who takes his squad to the eastern championship meet tomorrow, is marveling over his captain Carl Schwenzfeier.

"He has been simply tremendous for us this year. I never dreamed we could do so well without Cronstedt, but Carl has been great. He certainly made a difference."

Wettstone's team, already the eastern team champion by virtue of its record over EIGA opponents, will be after individual honors when it compete at Temple University today and tomorrow, and Schwenzfeier is the favorite to win the all-around title along with several individual events.

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Heavies, 177 Pounders Should Provide Thrills

(This is the last in a series of three stories reviewing some of the top wrestlers in each weight expected to compete in the EIWA tourney set to begin today at Rec Hall. Today the review covers the 177-pound and heavyweight divisions.)

If the records of the 177-pound wrestlers from Pitt, Navy, Lehigh, and Penn State can give any pre-tourney hint of the caliber of competition that will enter that division, wrestling fans can expect some hotshot firework this weekend at Rec Hall.

Joe Solomon, defending 177-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association champion from Pitt, will be out to retain his title after scoring an impressive undefeated season with an 11-0 record. Joe Gattuso of Navy will be tabbed as a likely candidate to give Solomon his toughest competition.

Dave Gallaher, Lehigh's probable choice for 177 pounds, scored a 5-3 record, losing to Solomon, 5-3, Gattuso, 8-1, and Penn State's Joe Krufka, 3-0. Krufka registered a 5-2 slate in losing to Gattuso, 7-3, and Solomon, 5-4.

Yale will also be vying for 177-pound honors with John Kousi. Wrestling eight bouts, Kousi notched a 7-1 record, losing only to Lehigh's Gallaher by a fall.

Gattuso and Solomon, however, may be involved in a switch that will virtually clean out the 177-pound division. In three meets Solomon slid down one weight to wrestle at 167 where he won in each instance. Gattuso also was conditioned well enough to drop to that weight and win in three matches.

Because the Gattuso-Solomon

rivalry has been so intense in the past, Gattuso may weigh in at 167 if Solomon selects that weight instead of 177 pounds. If Solomon and Gattuso drop to 167 pounds, Navy will probably insert Ed Zabrychi, holder of a 4-0 streak for the Middies at 177.

When the three men considered the East's best entries in the heavyweight step up for their wrestling action this weekend, it will be like old home week for them.

Navy sits in the driver's seat with defending NCAA and EIWA champion, Pete Blair. Wrestling seven of Navy's eight matches, Blair was undefeated. He defeated Werner Seel of Lehigh, 4-3, and pinned Penn State's heavy, Bill Oberly.

Seel of Lehigh stacked up a 6-1-1 record. In addition to his

loss to Blair, he was tied by Oberly 5-5 when Lehigh had its seven-match victory streak broken at Rec Hall. Oberly scored a 5-1-1 slate, losing to Blair and tying Seel.

Princeton will have one of its most outstanding grapplers, Jim Macaleer in the heavyweight scrap. Macaleer was 4-2 at heavyweight, suffering one loss to Seel, 2-1. Macaleer defeated Dave Gallaher of Lehigh, 3-2 in the 191-pound class of the pre-season Wilkes Tourney.

basketball team has lost the services of captain Tom Evans for its try at the NCAA basketball championship. Evans is a graduate student and the NCAA says no soap on tournament play. The Wildcats refused to enter the tournament last year when several of the team members were rejected for the same reason. Coach Adolph Rupp had previously lost two other members of his original starting five.

Overheard after the Penn State-Memphis State game: "Memphis State ought to have a pretty good football team next year if any of the basketball team plays. They have beautiful downfield blocking and know how to throw a fore-arm shiver."

3 More Fives In IM Playoffs

Three more independent basketball teams clinched their league crowns Wednesday night.

Town Council met the Deltasigs for the League H crown, both sporting 8-1 records. Town Council, trailing through most of the game, suddenly caught fire with five minutes to go and stopped the Deltasigs, 24-21. Harold McAllister netted 13 points for the winners.

Hamilton Six defeated the Watts Warriors in their last game of the regular season, and ran off with the League G title. The winners virtually clinched the game in the first half when they outscored the Warriors, 13-4. From then on, the losers matched point for point, but the Six won, 27-18.

In the last major league score, the Vikings came from a 12-11 halftime deficit to overcome the Wenshobees' attack, 24-21. Teamwork played the top role in the Vikings' win.

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