

NCAA Mat Tilt Will Open Friday

In less than a week, collegiate wrestlers from every corner of the United States will begin to converge en masse on the Cornell University campus at Ithaca, New York—the scene of the 1955 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship tournament. Although Penn State's entire wrestling team—which surged to a second-place showing last week in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tourney only to lose the title to Pitt's defending EIWA champs—has been maintaining a strict training schedule, the question of who will make the trip for the Lions still is not decided.

Last year the Lions chalked up a third place rating in the NCAA battle staged at Norman, Okla. Oklahoma A & M dominated the championship tourney by earning three

champions and a total of 32 points to walk off with the title and snap the Lions' reign as National champions. Pitt was second with 17, followed by the Lions with 13.

The state of Oklahoma has been well represented in the past by Oklahoma University and Oklahoma A & M—both of which have combined their efforts to monopolize NCAA and individual crowns for the last 24 years. The Aggies have won 19 of the 23 tourney championships. The Sooners have copped three. The Aggies also lead in the number of individual championships with 81. Iowa State Teachers is next with 18. Penn State has three.

Two National champions from the East are expected to enter the 1955 tourney Friday to defend their NCAA titles. Pete Blair, Navy, and Joe Solomon, Pitt, each 1955 EIWA champions, won titles last year. Blair, usually a heavyweight against the Eastern

competition, won his title in the 191-pound class. Solomon was the nation's 167-pound champion.

In the NCAA tourney, wrestlers may enter one of ten weight classes. Unlike the East where only eight weight divisions are set up for dual meet contests, wrestlers may take their pick of 115, 123, 130, 137, 147, 157, 167, 177, 191, and heavyweight in the nationals.

Penn State, Pitt, Lehigh, Navy, and Syracuse entered 20 matmen last year but only fifty per cent weathered the two-day grind to come back with any kind of honors. In addition to Blair and Solomon, Penn State's Bill Oberly and Joe Krufka, Ed Rooney of Syracuse, Ed Eichelberger of Lehigh, and Joe Gattuso of Navy are expected to be among the returning matmen who posed at least a third-placing rating last year.

Stickmen to Meet OSU Tuesday in Practice Tilt

Penn State's lacrosse team unveils its 1955 squad in a practice game with Ohio State Tuesday on either the golf course or Beaver Field. Time for the contest has not been announced.

Taking advantage of exceptionally good weather, coach Nick Thiel's stickmen have been going through heavy practice sessions during the last three weeks and are expected to be in fine condition for the Ohio State game.

Seeking to improve its 1954 record of 2-7, the lacrosse team will be at full strength for the game. No serious injuries have hampered the team so far this year.

Thiel has 22 holdovers from last year's squad who are expected to form a nucleus that could bring the lacrossemen their best season in the last five years.

Heading this year's team is Captain Don Bell who is stationed at the goalie post. Other probable starters for the game are Herb Horikawa, Bob Bullock, Erv Weidner, Bob Hamel, Jim Hay, Frank

Locotos, Dick Klein, George Bicklehaupt, and Ken Chestnut.

The first scheduled game is April 7 with Adelphi, then in the next four days they will encounter Hofstra and New Hampshire. The three teams are on Penn State's schedule for the first time.

The Middies from Annapolis are the Lacrossemen's first home test. The game is scheduled for April 16 at Beaver Field.

Navy, in the past, has always been the Lion's toughest opponent. The stickmen absorbed their worst defeat of the season from the Middies last year, 23-1.

9 Gain in IM Handball

Nine fraternity men moved into the quarter final round of flight action Wednesday night as the intramural singles handball tournament continued at Rec Hall.

Sam McKibben, Phi Kappa Tau, edged Howie Levine, Phi Sigma Delta, 21-19, 21-18; Steve Meisel, Alpha Epsilon Pi, trounced Al Schneider, Phi Epsilon Pi, 21-6, 21-11; Ed Fleming, Pi Kappa Alpha, took two out of three games from Doug Barney, Sigma Nu, 17-21, 21-15, 21-13; Walt Fresch, Tau Kappa Epsilon, stopped Don Hoffman, Beta Sigma Rho, 21-14, 21-15; Gil Freedman, Beta Sigma Rho, eliminated Jim Clark, Pi Kappa Alpha, 21-6, 21-18; Ed Barreird, Delta Upsilon, after losing the first game to Norman Levin, Phi Epsilon Pi, 21-15, rallied strongly to win the last two matches, 21-18, 21-6; Ed Ritter, Sigma Nu, beat Conrad Lentz, Delta Sig-

ma Phi, 21-9; 21-13; Dave Bedford, Acacia, nipped Dick Foster, Phi Kappa Sigma, 21-19; 21-18; and Jim Lysek, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, took two out of three games from John Giles, Phi Sigma Kappa, 21-8, 19-21, 21-0.

In contests held on Tuesday night, Dick Wagner, Phi Kappa Tau, defeated Don Himler, Alpha Chi Sigma; George Canaga, Sigma Chi, stopped Henry Zeybel, Delta Upsilon; John Albarano, Theta Kappa Phi, eliminated Hay Livziex, Theta Chi; Don Fry, Chi Phi, beat Jed Klingensmith, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Mike Meckley, Theta Xi, downed Allan Schneirov, Phi Epsilon Pi; Jack Morrison, Phi Sigma Delta, trounced Wesley Jordy, Phi Gamma Delta; Bill Frengel, Lambda Chi Alpha, gained a forfeit victory from Bill Wismer, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Erwin Schimmel, Zeta Beta Tau, beat Sam Valentine, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Thomas Inks Pact, Settles on \$18,000

PITTSBURGH, March 17 (AP)—Outfielder Frank Thomas ended his holdout siege with the Pittsburgh Pirates today and signed for a reported \$18,000.

That's \$7000 less than the 25-year-old outfielder asked for and \$6000 more than he received during the 1954 season.

Said Thomas: "I'm perfectly satisfied with the terms. I'm only sorry the club and I had a misunderstanding. That's cleared up now and the contract is satisfactory to both."

"I misunderstood what Branch Rickey Jr., the club's vice president, told me Feb. 12. I was under the impression the club was going to contact me if I sat tight."

"Branch Jr. wrote me a letter only a day ago and explained the mixup. I called him and then his father and got it straightened out."

Tennis Managers

Sophomore candidates for assistant managership of tennis are asked to report to Lawrence Cohen, head manager, at 5 p.m. Monday at the varsity tennis courts.

In case of bad weather they should report to the balcony in Recreation Hall.

Golf Managers

Students interested in becoming assistant golf managers are asked to report at 4 p.m. Monday to Frederic Cohen, head manager, at the golf shop.

Candidates must be sophomores with at least a 1.0 All-University average.

Track Managers

Students interested in becoming assistant track managers should report to Bruce Vogelsinger, head manager, this week after 5 p.m. at Beaver Field.

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