

3 Grapplers Left in NCAA's Pitt Leads Aggies by One; Lions Tied for 6th Place

By ROY WILLIAMS

ITHACA, N.Y., March 25—Three Penn State wrestlers enter the semi-final round of the National Collegiate Wrestling tournament here today. Larry Fornicola, Joe Krufka, and Bill Oberly represent the Lions in the second day of the mammoth tournament.

Pitt registered four wins in the quarter-final rounds last night to advance four men into today's semi-final competition of the 25-year-old tournament and took a slim lead over defending champion Oklahoma A and M here at Cornell's Barton Hall.

The Aggies hold a 10-point team total and will enter three men this afternoon in the semi-final round.

Penn State, with six points, is in sixth place behind Oklahoma University (9), Iowa University (8), Lehigh (7), Michigan (7). Navy also has six team points.

Fornicola turned in a stellar performance tonight when he outclassed and out-pointed rugged Art Keith, Oregon State's Pacific Coast champ in the 137-pound division. The first period was scoreless but in the second period the score changed hands three times.

Keith then escaped and got a takedown to lead 5-2. Fornicola rallied in the final thirty seconds of the second period with a reverse and then gained another reverse and a predicament in the final period to win 8-5.

Krufka defeated Dick Francis, 177-pound Pacific Coast champion from San Jose State. Francis held a 6-2 lead in the second period but Krufka suddenly caught fire and cut the lead to 6-4 in the second period. In the third stanza he reversed Francis and rode to cop win 7-6.

Sam Salerno far outweighed the Lions' Bill Oberly in the heavy-weight scrap but Oberly held the edge in skill and know how. Colorado's Big Seven champ gained a 1-0 lead in the second period but in the final two periods Oberly netted four points to Salerno's two, to win 5-3.

None of the East's individual champs for 1955 have been eliminated. Pitt's Bill Hulings meets Dave Bowling, Oklahoma A and M, at 115 pounds. His teammate Ed Peery at 123 pounds will go against Bob Gunner, Michigan State. Fornicola meets Don Hart, Oklahoma, while Andy Kaul, Michigan, tangles with Warren DePregner of Cornell College. At 147 pounds, Ed Eichelberger has been holding the spotlight. Lehigh's outstanding eastern matman has registered three pins today and meets George Mulligan of Rutgers.

Also at 147, Lloyd Corwin, Cornell College, will face Clarence Weick, Purdue. Ed DeWitt, Pitt, has scored two pins at 157 in winning three times and meets Bill Weick, Iowa State College. Ed Rooney, 155-pound eastern mat titlist also has two pins and three victories and meets Michigan's Big Ten champ Mike Rodriguez. At 167, two eastern titlists, Joe Gatuso, Navy, and Joe Solomon, Pitt, enter the semi-finals. Solomon meets Larry Tenpass, Illinois, and Gatuso tangles with Fred Davis, Oklahoma A and M.

At 177, Don Wem, Toledo, meets Dan Hodge of Oklahoma and Frank Rosenmyer, Colorado, meets Krufka. Dick Anthony, Indiana, faces defending champ Pete Blair while Ken Leuer, Iowa, meets Gus Gatto, Iowa State Teachers. In the heavyweight,

Oberly will meet Bob Konovsky, Wisconsin Big Ten champ, who placed second in NCAA's last year. Willis Holland, Colorado, A and M, meets Werner Seel.

In the afternoon eliminations 101 wrestlers battled for quarter-final positions in a session that lasted 4½ hours. The first round was divided into two preliminary sessions. However, 30 entrants drew byes into the second round preliminary eliminations while 37 were forced twice in the fight for quarter-final slots.

Two NCAA records were set when 66 colleges entered and 181 individual entrants weighed in for the tournament. For the first time in 25 years five mats were used in the preliminary rounds.

Of the Lions seven entries, four lost preliminary bouts and all wrestled in the second round. Oberly byed directly into the quarter-finals. Nodland was the first to lose. After earning a bye, he bowed to Sam Cario, Cortland State, 8-3. Nodland led 3-2 at the end of the first period but Cario knotted Nodland's attack in the final two periods while stacking up six points.

Captain Homan's come-from-behind effort in the final period failed when he was dropped by Cornell College's (Iowa) Mark Murray, 9-6. Homan trailed 2-0 at the end of the first period and 4-2 when the second stanza closed. In a rash of third period scoring Murray collected two reversals and a point for time.

Fornicola turned in a stand-out performance when he pinned Michigan State's Jim Finadions at 4:44 of the second period. Finadions, a speedy junior with a 9-0-2 card, led 2-0 at the end of the first period. Fornicola reversed in the second and then pulled a fast pin with a grape vine and bar arm.

The Lions lost the 147 and 157 battles. After a scoreless first period Stan Wintermote, Wyoming's well-built, speedy sophomore earned three points over Adams in the 147-point scrap. Wintermote rode Adams in the final period to whitewash the Lion sophomore.

In the 157-pound battle Humphreys ran into Pitt veteran Ed DeWitt who earned a second round decision over Jerry of Mankato State. After a scoreless first stanza DeWitt rode Humphreys the entire second period. In the third he gained an escape and a take down before registering a pin at 8:25.

The Lions' second win in the preliminaries was registered by Krufka who pinned Fred Braun, Lafayette's undefeated junior with a 12-0 record. Krufka took a fast two points with a takedown and then reversed in the second period before scoring the pin with a near arm and body press at 4:14.



Lenny Moore
Absent from Drills

Drills Open On Monday Minus Moore

Penn State's Centennial-minded football heroes will be without their No. 1 ground gainer, the fleet-footed Lenny Moore, when they launch spring drills Monday.

While a replacement for Moore, who ran into academic difficulties, looms as Coach Rip Engle's foremost problem, the white-thatched mentor also is concerned about his ends and tackles.

Of Engle's 13 losses—all by graduation in June—four are ends and three are tackles. Only one man remains in each position from the traveling squad of a year ago.

Leo Kwalik, is the hold-over at end and co-captain Otto Kneidinger is the only regular remaining at tackle. Kneidinger, one of the East's better tackles, will need help and Engle hopes to find it during spring drills.

Up for Grabs

The left halfback spot left vacant by Moore's leaving will be up for grabs. The only back with any experience in the role is Ray Alberigi. Matt Yanosich, who interrupted his college career to enter the service, is another prospect if he returns to campus before fall.

Moore, who has indicated he will seek re-admission at the end of the current semester, will be a question mark right up to the opening kickoff even if successful in gaining reinstatement. The Reading Flash faces the necessity of carrying a full academic load through 12 weeks of summer school in order to right himself.

In Good Hands

With this exception, the backfield will be in pretty good hands. Back from a year ago will be quarterbacks Bob Hoffman, Milt Plum, and Jim Hochberg; wingbacks Billy Kane and Bobby Allen, and fullbacks Bill Straub, Charley Blockson, and Jim Lockerman.

Blockson, Lockerman and Sam Valentine, former all-State guard at DuBois, will engage in only token drills because of other sports. Blockson is a weight man on the track team and Lockerman and Valentine are prime candidates.

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Chi Phi Takes Lead In IM Mat Tourney

Chi Phi swept back into the lead of the intramural fraternity wrestling tournament last night with a commanding 13-point lead over defending champion Delta Upsilon. The Chi Phi squad picked up two pins and a forfeit in the evening's action which saw previous pace setter Delta Sigma Phi lose two men and drop to third place.

Sigma Nu jumped prominently into the mat picture by collecting nine points and bringing its point production to 38. Chi Phi currently has 55 points and Delta Upsilon 42.

Tom Webb, former 128-pound runnerup, boosted the Chi Phi stock when he pinned Dave Shantz, Sigma Chi, with 10 seconds remaining in the match. Webb scored with a half nelson and crotch hold after laboring for a 9-0 lead.

Broomfield Pins Gehrig

Bob Broomfield, 135, collected the second pin for the leaders when he turned the trick against Gary Gehrig of Delta Sigma Phi. Broomfield pinned Gehrig in 4:28 with a body press.

Delta Upsilon's 1954 champ Art Marks decisioned his 135 opponent, Chuck Triscott, Kappa Sigma, 6-2. Marks remained in control of the action as he drew nearer to his second title. Jim Brubaker also picked up points for the champions when he defeated Beta Theta Pi's Terry Hunter, 5-2, in a 145 scrap. Both wrestlers displayed science and an abundance of speed and experience. However, Brubaker scored with a takedown, reversal, and point for riding time.

Sigma Nu Enters Picture

Sigma Nu vaulted into the picture on the strength of Woodie Griffiths 5-2 win over Joe DeThomas, Delta Chi, in a 175 match, and Dave Barney's 11-3 shellacking of Dick Evanko, Tau Kappa Phi. Andy Bergesen also helped the Sigma Nu squad when he edged Bob Dawn of Tau Kappa Phi, 3-2. Bergesen received

a point for time advantage and also the match along with it. Both matmen had scored with reversals.

Another time advantage may have cost Delta Sigma Phi the title when Bob Wenner, Pi Kappa Phi, defeated Jack Phillips, 3-2. Mason Walsh also pinned Jim McHenry, Sigma Pi, in 2:32 with a body press.

Jim Leslie, Phi Kappa Sigma, pulled his 155 match from the fire with a pin over Walt Cron, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Cron was leading Leslie 5-0 at the time of the fall. Billy Kane, Kappa Delta Rho, also decisioned Steve Baidy, Alpha Chi Rho, 2-0, in an extremely close battle.

Dan VanDuyne, Alpha Gamma Rho, pinned Ed Robinson, Phi Delta Theta, with a spectacular bar and half nelson hold. Dave Lewis, Sigma Chi, also pinned John Showalter, Phi Sigma Kappa, with a body press.

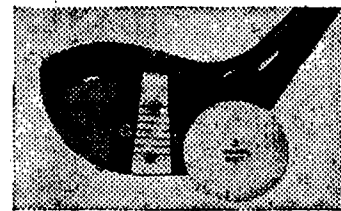
Dean Vesling, Beta Theta Pi, decisioned Ron Carlson, Alpha Gamma Rho, in a 155 match, 6-3, and Bob McMillan, Delta Tau Delta, won by 3-0 over Gene Banker of Delta Chi.

Rowing for Cambridge

LONDON, March 25 (AP)—Two giant Americans, both former Harvard University men, will pull oars for the underdog Cambridge crew in the historic race with Oxford tomorrow on the River Thames.

They are Phil DuBois, 23-year-old New Yorker, who is 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 185, and Robert A. G. Monks of Boston, 6-5 and 191 pounds.

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