Grapplers Open Season Saturday

Penn State-long the scourge of its collegiate wrestling opposition-will open its 1956 season at home Saturday when it hosts Cornell.

Six letterwinners represent the nucleus around which Coach Charlie Speidel hopes to build another title contender in wrestling.

Leading the array of returnees, of course, are the two co-captains—Bill Oberly, of Asbury, N.J., and Joe Krufka, of Plymouth. Oberly won the National Collegiate heavy-from the East in the annual East-West Shrine game at Kezar Sta-

weight title in 1955, and Krufka was second both in the EIWA and NCAA's.

in for the 123-pound job this year, went undefeated in that weight last year as a sophomore. He tied once in 'the regular season and then lost twice in post-season tournaments. He was third in the 1955 EIWA championships.

and then won three out of five tournament battles. He's also expected to be a regular in hand-ling the 147-pound class.

also at 157 pounds.

Ed Pasko, 167-pounder who al-so wrestled last year, is again out

Speidel's most telling losses bus. from last year's team that posted from last year's team that posted from last year's team that posted a 5-2 record and placed second in b o th the Eastern and National tournaments, will be the absence of Larry Fornicola (137) and Cap-tain Bob Homan (130). Fornicola defeated Vic DeFelice, over a group of other gymnasts because of their great skill and artistic finesse. Schwenzfeier, who last year Oberly, and Sid Nodland—copped

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and 167-pound weight classes. Solid strength in the other weights, however, should surely give him a solid outlook for 1955. These include Nodland (123), By-stone says is "farther advanced (uently Speidel will be without ers (130), rugged John Pepe (137), and Dave Adams (147) in the lightweights and Krufka (177) and Oberly (heavyweight) in the top weight divisions. Humphreys, Phe-lan, Baker, and Pasko will be bat-lan, Baker, and classes.

against Cornell in the opener at home Saturday, then Lehigh (away, Jan. 14); Navy (away, Jan. (away, Jan. 14); Navy (away, Jan. 28); Ohio State, (away, Feb. 4); Syracuse (home, Feb. 11); Illinois, (away, Feb. 17); Maryland (away, Feb. 25); and finally Pitt (home, March 3.) The ELWA champion-ships will be March 9-10 at Le-high, and the NCAA's March 23-24 at Norman, Okla. Last year's record included wins over Cornell, 17-11; Maryland, 25-5; Syracuse, 22-8; Army, 28-8; and Lehigh, 15-13. The Lions lost to Pitt; 19-8, and Navy, 16-12. Pitt copped the Eastern title over the Lions, 22-21, but the Lions rebounded with more pow-er in the Nationals to land a solid

er in the Nationals to land a solid second with 31 points behind Ok-lahoma A and M with 40. Pitt was



Four Penn State wrestlers-three of whom will be returning

Had the four Lion matmen been competing as a team, they would have easily taken team honors. As a result, Pitt piled up

points in the early rounds and coupled them with a first place to regain the team title.

137-pound title, was awarded the the six to set up another East TD.

In taking the 137-pound crown, Fornicola defeated Vic DeFelice,

Cornell in 1955-and each will be expected to carry a heavy load

this year. Nodland copped the 123-pound itle. He defeated Mike Krishart, Pitt, 11-1 in the semi-finals, and then went on to knock off last year's champion from Pitt, Bill Hulings. The scrappy Lion junior pinned Hulings in 8:29 to take the title

the title. Joe Krufka—senior co-captain who was runnerup in both the East and nationals last year first defeated Jack Manchello, Michi-Maryland. It was the fourth crown in Wilkes tourney competition for Krufka.





FOOTBALL

Penn State's representation of the 24 players and three coaches dium was notable.

For the first time in Lion history a Penn State coach worked the game. Rip Engle, helping Ohio State mentor Woody Hayes, sat in the press box and spotted the holes that led to the East's resounding victory.

And what of Lenny Moore? Here's what: The East rolled 71 yards in 14 plays for its first TD. Moore carried the pigskin on eight of these occasions. His runs netted him 6.5 yards per carry. He then carried from the nine to the one before getting knocked out of bounds.

After the East's score Moore became ineffective on the cross bucks and end around plays that quarterback Jerry Reichow called for.

A slippery field-his old nemises-caused him to slip twiceonce when he was open on an end sweep.

State College will have three contributions vying for a spot on the eight-man lineup with Hal Byers, 130-pounder who sat out last year's season; Dick Baker, working to enter either the 157 or 167-pound classes; and Joe Humphreys, who saw action last year, also at 157 pounds. Three Dane State Contributions the eight mutual carty rounds and coupled them with a first place to regain the team title. Ditt scored 69 points followed by Michigan (59), Syracuse (45), Cornell (29), Lock Haven State Teachers (22), and Lehigh (19). Definition in the carty rounds and coupled them with a first place to regain the team title. Pitt scored 69 points followed by Michigan (59), Syracuse (45), Cornell (29), Lock Haven State Teachers (22), and Lehigh (19). Definition in the carty rounds and coupled them with a first place to regain the team title. Pitt scored 69 points followed by Michigan (59), Syracuse (45), Cornell (29), Lock Haven State Teachers (22), and Lehigh (19). Penn State was the only school to have more than one winner. Larry Fornicola, who won the line team title. Then, ironically, Moore did a direct about face and became a

Larry Fornicola, who won the Em Lindbeck scooped up Clarke's fumble, and raced 34 yards to

so wrestled last year, is again out ga, and Gil Leu-were featured billy Sheridan, "Dean of Ameri-phreys will each expect competi-tion from Baker and Dick Phe-formed gymnastic feats and dis-lan of Washington. Byers will face ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the Educational Gym short, which ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the Educational Gym short, which ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the Educational Gym short, which ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the Educational Gym short, which ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the Educational Gym short, which ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the Educational Gym short, which ston of Clearfield at 130 pounds. was a part of the hour long Omni-the final matches. Speidel's most telling losses hours

All in all the Lions placed three men among the 24 selected for the tilt from the East. Two of these started. Also, one of the three coaches was from Penn State. And the Lions' football contributions didn't sit on the bench; they played, and played well. Each of them did. All in all, it was a good day.

Of the ten champs in the Wilkes Wrestling tourney, two of them were Oberlys! Bill Oberly, co-captain, saw his brother W. Johnston Oberly cop the heavyweight title. Oberly won the 191-pound title while his "little" brother took the heavyweight title. Little brother weighs 235. The 17-year-old high school junior won his semi-final and final matches on pins-the latter over Cornell's Bill Murray. Both pins were in less than five minutes.

WRESTLING-things to come?

Syracuse, Pitt, and Lehigh-each eventual opponents of Penn State's matmen this year-each had one champ at the Wilkes tourney. Syracuse, Pitt, and Cornell also had a runner-up spot apiece.

Cornell's Bill Murray lost to Johnston Oberly, unattached, in the finals in the unlimited class.

Syracuse's Don Clar took the 115-pound title, while his teammate George Creason lost to Lehigh's Leon Harbold by a pin in the 130-pound division.

Pitt's Ed Dewitt won the 167-pound title, and Panther Bill Hulings was second at 123 behind the Lions' Sid Nodland.

GYMNASTICS-Support it.

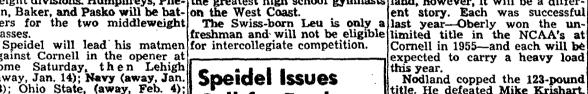
The Swiss gym team will be in Recreation Hall Saturday, Jan, gan, with a pin at 8:49, and then 14. Ticket sales—they've been on now for more than a month— went on to win the 177-pound are moving we understand, but not to students! Seems as though title with an 8-2 decision over most of the reserved tickets in the second balcony have been bought 14. Ticket sales-they've been on now for more than a month-Richard Dean of the University of by faculty members and a sprinkling of townspeople. They're still some seats left however. It'll cost you a buck for an unreserved seat on the first floor. Not much left in the way of reserved seats

Three Penn State gymnasts-Karl Schwenzfeier, Armando Ve-

Speidel will also face an old won Eastern and National colle-problem—the same one that con-giate all-around honors, will grad-fronted him in 1955—in the 157 pate this month, but he plans to crown and then the National Col-difference of the second term of the term of term of the term of term remain on campus as a graduate legiate Athletic Association titles

issued an "urgent" call for freshmen interested in wrestling to report today to Rec Hall to supplement the present frosh squad. The Lion Cubs meet Cornell Saturday in a preliminary to the Varsity contest. Cornell recently defeated Lehigh's freshman team. 14-12.

Speidel said he hoped to

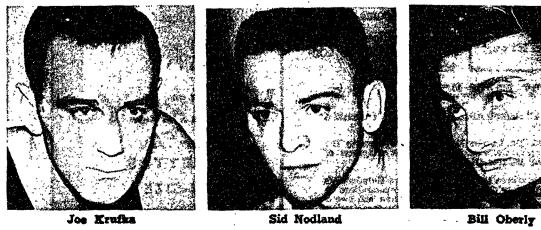


Call for Frosh

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has been named manager of the del said, and w	re need more	Oklahoma A and M's unattached	games the Lions have tied their record four times. Now it stands
team, succeeding Richard Seng, of freshmen.		entry, Tim Woddin, of the Ithaca,	
Pittsburgh.		New York, Grapplers, 12-3.	Practice sessions have become near football fracases with players

3 Returning Matmen Who Won Wilkes Crowns



attempting to win a starting berth. Evidently this hasn't helped many of the benchmen's chances of playing because that's where they're staying during games on the bench.

With foul shooting heavily accented in recent practice sessions the Lions made only 12 of 20 fouls against Carnegie Tech. Tech was able to walk to the foul lane 27 times. Rough practice sessions where fouls come-and go-are sometimes not easily forgotten when the Lions realize they're in a game-when you're penalized for such antics.

Of course Techs' Al Frank's didn't help matters as he hit on all ten of his free throws-six of them in the final half.

THIS AND THAT-

Joe Krufka, four-time winner of a Wilkes tourney crown was interviewed over WILK-TV during the holidays in Wilkes-Barre giving a rundown of the tourney's history . . . Jack Sell, son of sportswriter Jack Sell of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, will be coming up to the Lion varsity next year. He played end for the frosh in '55 ... Lion trainer Chuck Medlar served in that capacity at the Blue-Gray game for the losing Blue squad at Montgomery, Ala.