Matmen Swamp Cornell, 20-6

Speidel Gamble Wins; Big Red **Cops 2 Events**

By ROY WILLIAMS Penn State, facing its first opponent of the 1956 season, presented the Big Red of Cornell a juggled wrestling lineup Saturday night before a near capacity crowd of 5300 in Recreation Hall; less than two hours later, Penn State handed Cornell its second loss, 20-6, in three outings.

Coach Charlie Speidel is a criti-cal strategist when it comes to placing his men at certain weights. And although he faced the "opening night" of his 30th year at the

helm, he gambled and won. The initial change, which af-fected the next three weights, came in the 137-pound class where senior Hal Byers moved in for John Pepe. Pepe then moved up to 147 with Dave Adams and Joe

Humphreys taking the next two weights in that order. The move by Speidel gave the Lions added strength in the mid-dleweights where they felt their strongest weakness

strongest weakness. In taking six of eight bouts, Penn State rolled up a solid 20-6 victory, but failed to match Lehigh's winning score over the same team during the first week of December, 26-7. Cornell's lineup against the Engineers was basically the same as that which faced the Lions with the only exceptions at 130 and 147 pounds.

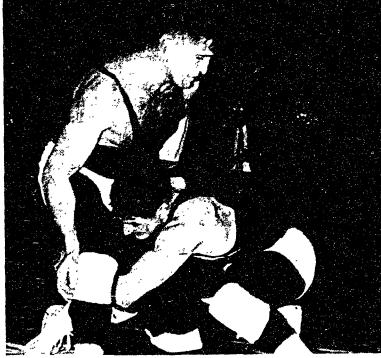
Hal Byers, 130 pounder, and Joe Humphreys, 167-pounder, lost.

Sid Nodland, 123-pounder, won a squeaker from a surprisingly Gratto was pointiess in the first strong Cornell lightweight, Carmen Molino. With plenty of action coming early in the first period, the two grapplers spent more with an escape, Byers was re-time off than on the mats in the going to Gratto. second stanza.

Nodland, down at the start of the period, escaped midway in the period to take a 1-0 lead.

In the final stanza, however, Molino escaped to tie it at 1-1. Ncdland attempted a takedown late in the period, but missed by inches. With 30 seconds left, Molino was penalized two points for stalling, giving Nodland the narrow 3-2 win.

narrow 3-2 win. Johnston, working the 130-pound bout, put on a smooth, confident display with apparent good con-dition, strengthening him as he went, and notched a 10-4 decision Bill Jemison. Johnston got five points in



DAVE ADAMS, junior letterman, dives for a leg of Cornell's Pete Turco in the 157-pound battle to gain the takedown and two points. Adams later pinned his muscular Cornell foe, for the only Penn State five-pointer of the evening.

the first period, and nearly completed a mid-air grapevine in working for a pin. Late in the second period Jemison escaped for one point, but Johnston countered with a two-point takedown. He completed his scoring with a reverse early in the final period and thus gained the 9-4 decision plus a tally for riding time.

sophomore year, senior Byers faced Cornell's three-year veteran, Chuck Gratto at 137 pounds. Gratto was pointless in the first period, and rode Byers nearly the entire second period.

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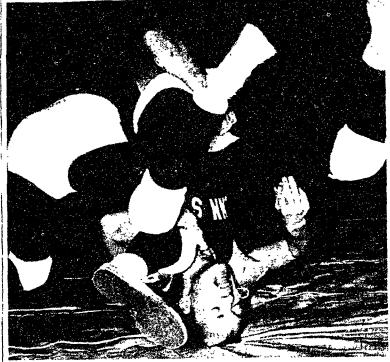
With a 6-3 lead John Pepe, a junior who earned a 2-1 rec-ord in a brief stint last year, piled up four points—two on a reversal and two on a take-down—in the third period after Dick Vincent tied him 2-2 in the second period.

lized for stalling, but maintained lies on a third-period reverse plus his three-point lead with time to one for riding time.

caught Turco with a body press and chancery for the pin at 8:01. Cornell's 167-pounder, Bob Lynch, was outworked in the first period against Joe Humphreys, but escaped and then reversed Humphreys in the second stanza for a 3-0 lead. The Senior Lion reversed in the second period to narrow it to a 3-2 lead, but Lynch went on to take a 7-2 decision After a season's layoff since his with an escape, takedown, and

> del. Krufka, using his deliberate but sure form, gained a 5-0 third period lead, forfeited a reverse, and then came back with another reverse on Steve Smeth-

another reverse on Steve Smeth-urts plus riding time to win easily, 8-2. Oberly handily defeated a less bounded from a loss in their last corge Fillus at heavyweight, 8-0. Oberly with a 4-0 first-period lead, tried in vain for the Yale lock, and then missed pinning his man by a hair in the second per-iod. He picked up two more tal-lies on a third-period reverse plus one for riding time. Pepe, with a 6-3 lead, was pen- iod. He picked up two more tal-



CORNELL'S Chuck Gratto, 137-pounder, puts Penn State's Hal Byers in a rather unique—and uncomfortable—position in their wrestling bout witnessed by 5300 Lion mat fans. Gratto took this bout, 3-1, to narrow the Lions' margin to 6-3.

Intramural Cage Action Reaches Halfway Mark

Intramural basketball is at the ed the scoring column with Chuck halfway point of its regular lea-Sterrett and Dave Griffith lead-gue schedule. Of the 18 teams ing the way. Sterret threw in which saw action Friday night, nine while his teammate sank 14 were playing their fourth game seven. while the other four reached their The Gnarps gained undisputed

ternity games featured Friday winners' scoring output. John night's action. Led by Don Gordon and Pete In the other Indie attraction, night's action.

Toppers brought their winning in a losing cause. Total to three by thumping the Birds, 33-16. The Toppers have one-half game of Alpha Tau Ome-lost one. Six of the victors dent- (Continued on page seven)

while the other four reached their while the other four reached their fifth. From seven to eight contests are played by each team during the regular season. Playoff's begin the first week of March. Four independent and five fra-fernity games featured Friday winners' scoring output Lohn



Track Lineup Named for Cadet Meet

By VINCE CAROCCI Indoor track mentor "Chick" Werner announced his starting lineup yesterday for the Lion's 1956 debut at West Point on

Saturday. Werner named_Captain Art Pollard and Gary Seybert as the Lion's entries in the 60-yard run. Werner was particularly impressed with the improvement Pollard has shown in his starts during last week's practice sessions.

mile and two-mile runs on vet-erans Doug Moorhead and Don Woodrow—two of this season's cross country runners.

Pollard, Austin, Matz, and sophomore Charles Tullar will combine their talents in the mile relay race. Pollard and Austin are the

Perry have looked exceptionally good while the rest have

shown some potential." "We have a fairly strong lineup although most of the boys are not in their best shape

"Pollard has looked very good this past week and should be in top running condition by Saturday," the Nittany coach said.

Rod Perry, Dick Winston, and Seybert will carry the Nit-tany banners in the hurdles, which, according to Werner, look like the team's strongest event.

"Perry has improved immensely since opening workouts and, combined with the other two boys, gives us a high-scoring potential in the hurdles," he said.

Austin, Matz to Enter 600

Veterans Bruce Austin and Bob Matz were selected as the Lion's entries in 600-yard run. Both were members of last season's varsity souad.

For the 1000-yard run, Werner named Paul Roberts, Dave Nash, and Clyde Thomas as his entries. All three have had previous track experience.

Werner laid his hopes in the

two returning members of last year's relay contingent while Matz served as a replacement

in that event last season. Ron Lewis, Roberts, Nash, and probably Moorhead were selected as the Lion's two-mile entry by Coach Werner. Blockson Heads Weightmen

In the field events, Werner named Charlie Blockson and Tullar as the shotput entries. Blockson already has two varsity seasons under his belt, while Tullar was the top weightman on last year's frosh squad.

Bob Findley, Clyde Thomas, and either Herb Hollowell or sophomore Ogier Norris will enter the high jump for the Lions.

Norris and veteran Harry Fuchrer were chosen as the Lion_pole vaulting entries. Fuchrer, a junior, was the top varsity pole vaulter last season while Norris was doing his leaping for the freshman squad. Werner selected Hollowell and Thomas as his broad jump entries to round out the Lion team.

Speaking about the team as a

yet," he continued.

The Lions will leave State College at noon Friday, to meet a train in Lewistown which will take them to West Point. They will return Sunday morning.



