

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 critical 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 affected 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 middleweights where they felt their 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 strong Cornell lightweight, Carmen Molino. With plenty of action coming early in the first period, the two grapplers spent more time off than on the mats in the 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. Nodland 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.

Johnston, working the 130-pound bout, put on a smooth, confident display with apparent good condition, strengthening him as he went, and notched a 10-4 decision over Cornell's veteran lightweight 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.

After a season's layoff since his 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.

After gaining a lone-point lead with an escape, Byers was reversed to lose 3-1 with riding time going to Gratto.

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

Pepe, with a 6-3 lead, was penalized for stalling, but maintained his three-point lead with time to win, 7-4.

The Lions' usual 147-pounder, Dave Adams, moved up to 157 pounds where the junior letterman recorded the evening's only pin. In a fast moving match, Adams held a commanding 9-2 lead late in the third period when he

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 with an escape, takedown, and time.

Heavyweight Bill Oberly and 177-pounder Joe Krufka—co-captains—each won decisions to gather six more points for Speidel. 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 Smeihurts plus riding time to win easily, 8-2.

Oberly handily defeated a less experienced but equally game George 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 period. He picked up two more tallies on a third-period reverse plus one for riding time.

Penn State, in 15 meetings since 1911, has yet to defeat Pennsylvania on the tennis courts.

Penn State owns a perfect record of six out of six against Maryland on the football field.



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 halfway point of its regular league schedule. Of the 18 teams which saw action Friday night, 14 were playing their fourth game 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 fraternity games featured Friday night's action.

Led by Don Gordon and Pete Gano, the Marauding Lions rebounded from a loss in their last outing to trip the Phantoms, 19-14. Gordon, with eight, and Gano, with seven, accounted for all but five of the winners' points.

It was the second straight loss for the Phantoms. Both clubs now own a 2-2 record in League D.

The other three independent games were in League E. The Toppers brought their winning total to three by thumping the Birds, 33-16. The Toppers have lost one. Six of the victors de-

ed the scoring column with Chuck Sterrett and Dave Griffith leading the way. Sterret threw in nine while his teammate sank seven.

The Gnarps gained undisputed possession of first place with a 44-24 victory over the Hawks. Before the fracas, both teams were tied for the lead with three wins and no losses. McCartney, 12, and Walt Shanks, 10, led the winners' scoring output. John Fridy scored 10 in a losing cause.

In the other Indie attraction, the Eight Angels threw the Dickers for their fourth straight loss, 23-18. Show topped the Angel dribblers with eight points. Alpha Chi Sigma scored its second win after two defeats in League E, tripping Alpha Gamma Rho, 40-24. Ken Christianson tallied 13 for the winners, hitting on nine of eleven foul shots. Aaron Denlinger flipped in 12 markers in a losing cause.

Phi Gamma Delta came within one-half game of Alpha Tau Omega. (Continued on page seven)

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.

"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 Nittany 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 squad.

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

mile and two-mile runs on veterans 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 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 Fuehrer were chosen as the Lion pole vaulting entries. Fuehrer, 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

whole, Werner said, "We've been working hard in the short time we've had. Pollard and 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 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.

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