

Matmen Rout Ohio State, Navy; Face Orange Next

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Penn State's wrestling team turned on the "heat" between semesters registering overwhelming wins over Navy and Ohio State to extend its streak to four straight wins.

The Lion grapplers beat Navy, 23-7, and shutout Ohio State, 34-0.

Sid Nodland, Johnny Johnston, John Pepe, Joe Krufka, and Bill Oberly retained their unblemished records this year by winning each of their two matches.

The Lions avenged a 16-12 defeat handed them by Navy last year winning every match but two, one of which was a tie.

Nodland, putting on an impressive display of mat know-how, decided Marshall Masterson, 9-2, in the 123 pound division. Capitalizing on a takedown and a nearfall in the first period, he coasted to the easy win over the outclassed Middle Masterson scored his two points in the third period when he reversed Nodland.

Johnston Pins Opponent
In the 130-pound class Johnston, after piling up a 6-2 lead, used a half nelson and an arm bar to pin Bob Green in one minute of the third period. Johnston fell behind in the early minutes of the match when Green scored a takedown, but the sophomore grappler reversed his opponent and then scored a near fall to take a 4-2 lead. In the second period he reversed Green and then rode out the period.

John Pepe, wrestling at 137 pounds, proved too strong and fast for his opponent, Joe Longton, and registered a 6-1 victory. Longton's escape in the third period was his only point for the match.

Scores 2 Takedowns
Pepe scored two takedowns and one escape and was given one point for time advantage in piling up his six points.

In the 147-pound division Earl Poust and Middle Fred Thomas battled to a 5-5 draw. Thomas scored a takedown early in the first period taking a 2-0 lead but Poust escaped and then was awarded two points because of unsportsmanlike conduct on Thomas' part. Thomas scored a takedown and an escape in the second period and led 5-3, but Poust

scored an escape in the second and third periods to tie the match.

Adams-Marr in Draw
The second draw of the night was registered in the following match between Dave Adams and Larry Marr. Marr, leading 3-0 going into the last period, saw his lead knotted when Adams scored a reverse and received one point for riding time tying the score at 3-3.

The only defeat the Lions were handed was in the 167-pound class when Phil Brainerd decisioned Joe Humphreys, 7-3. Brainerd scored a takedown in the first period but Humphreys came back with two escapes to tie the score. Brainerd then came through with a takedown, an escape, and a predicament in the third period handing the Lion his loss.

Krufka Shuts Out Zabeycki
Joe Krufka, runnerup in the national championships last year, showed why he is rated the top man in the 177-pound class as he shutout Navy's captain, Ed Zabeycki, 9-0.

Krufka registered a takedown and a predicament in the first period and then followed with a reverse, a nearfall, and a predicament in the last period plus one point for riding time to top his opponent.

In the heavyweight class, Bill Oberly, 1955 national champion, pinned Art Wright in 2:21 of the second period giving the Lions five points. Oberly took charge of the match from the outset and appeared too strong for the Middle heavy.

The Ohio State match was a complete runaway with the Buckeyes able to garner only three points in eight individual matches.

Winter Olympics Claim Last Victim

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy, Feb. 6 (AP)—After all the hazardous spills on ice and snow, the seventh Winter Olympic Games had their final accident tonight.

The victim was a Cortina policeman, taking down one of the big signs that directed spectators at the ice stadium. It fell on his head. He was taken to the hospital for seven stitches.

Nodland, Poust, and Oberly pinned their opponents for the only pins of the match. Nodland used a half nelson and arm bar to dispose of Henry Gray in the first match. And Oberly, outweighed 50 pounds by his opponent Jim Parker who is also a standout football player, used brute force and excellent mat savvy to pin his opponent with only one minute remaining. Parker's weight proved a stumbling block for the "small" 200-pound Oberly in the first two periods of the match.

Poust Wins
Poust used a half nelson and arm bar to pin Ted Swingle in 2:42 of the first period. Poust was leading 6-1 when he scored his pin.

The Lions also picked up 10 easy points when Johnston was awarded a forfeit in his match when his opponent failed to make the weight, and when Ed Nicholson sustained an injury and failed to come out for the second period in his match with Humphreys.

In the other matches Pepe decisioned Joe Branco 11-1; Adams decisioned Gene Weiss, 7-1; and Krufka shutout his opponent, Lloyd Moore, 13-0. All three opponents were completely outclassed by the veteran Lion matmen.

The Lions meet Syracuse Saturday night in Rec Hall in their second home appearance of the season.

Captain and Cheerleader
Penn State's gymnasts need not look far for vocal encouragement. Their captain, Hugh Cline, of Yeadon, also is head cheerleader.

Nittanies Down Mounties, Owls in 1st Two Meets

(Continued from page nine) step towards successfully defending their Eastern crown.

Again it was the skillful Weisend who led the Nittany attack as he won the high bar competition for the second consecutive time along with finishing first in parallel bars and fourth in the tumbling event.

Cline took the second place spot in both the high bar and the flying rings. Sidwell tied Cline for second place in the rings as Temple's Tom Liberman won the Owl's only first place with 264 points.

Paxton Wins
Paxton won the tumbling event for the second straight time with 267 points, well ahead of Temple's Bill Rocco.

Jack Biesterfeld won the side horse competition with 229 points while Roy Fritch and Mullen tied for first in the rope climb with a time of :4.1.

Young Vega was ineligible for the Lion's first two meets because he was only a second semester

freshman. However the talented youth from the West Coast will be eligible for the remainder of the 1956 season.

Following the Syracuse meet, the Lions will face the University of Pittsburgh in their second home meet of the campaign on March 3.



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Boasted Two Champs

Penn State, for the first time in history, boasted two National Collegiate wrestling titlists in 1955. Larry Fornicola has since graduated but heavyweight Bill Oberly of Asbury, N.J., is co-captain of the current team.

Lacrosse Candidates To Meet Tomorrow

All candidates for the Lion varsity lacrosse team should report to the second floor of the water tower beside Beaver Field after 4 p.m. tomorrow. Coach Nick Thiel has announced.

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