

Mat, Gym Teams Host Orange

Wrestlers Put 4-Game Streak on Line Tonight

By FRAN FANUCCI

Penn State's undefeated wrestling team puts its four-game victory streak on the line tonight when it meets the once-beaten Syracuse Orangemen in the first half of a twin attraction at 7 tonight in Recreation Hall.

The Lion gymnastic team meets Syracuse immediately following the wrestling match.

Both coaches—Charley Speidel and Joe McDaniel of Syracuse—are noted for their juggling of lineups and tonight's lineups seem to be no different.

McDaniel, who has used 20 men in the last three matches, has 15 top men from which to choose. And the eighth who will start tonight will not be known until match time.

Speidel will probably choose his eight from approximately 12 men. The veteran mentor was undecided as to who would get the starting nods.

The Lions—who have beaten Cornell, Lehigh, Navy and Ohio State—will be strongest at the two extremes of the lineup—the lower weights and higher weights.

Speidel will probably start undefeated Sid Nodland at the 123 slot and undefeated Johnny Johnston at 130. McDaniel to counter these two will probably pit either Don Clark, George Creason, or Ed Carlin against them with the possibility that Bill Waples might drop from his regular 137 spot to the 130 class.

Both Creason and Carlin can wrestle effectively at 130 and could be the likely starters. At 137 will be either Waples or Tommy King. King is a regular 147 performer but can drop a weight if he is needed. If this does happen then Gordon Carberry will probably get the call at King's position.

Syracuse beat Army in its last outing, after dropping a decision to Pittsburgh the preceding week. It beat Cortland State in the season's opener.

For the Lions John Pepe, who is also unbeaten, will be at the 137 post unless he is pushed up to 147. Then Hal Byers will man the 137 slot. Dave Adams, who can wrestle at both the 147- and 157-pound spots, will probably get the nod at 147 with either Joe Humphreys or Bill Thomas starting at 157.

Syracuse will send either Bill Murphy or Ron Marinaelli against Humphreys or Thomas. Marianelli was pinned last year by Adams when the Orange dropped a 22-8 decision to the Lions.

Besides having difficulty finding capable men at the 157 slot, Speidel has been confronted with a bigger problem at the 167 slot. In tonight's match he can choose from either Ray Pottios, Ed Pasko, or Humphreys. Both Pasko and Pottios have been hot and cold in practice, which leaves this position in the air until tonight.

It will be either Bob Smith or Alvaro Gonzalez facing either of these three at that slot.

At 177 pounds it will be one of Speidel's "dependables"—Joe Krufka—facing either William White or Marty Lavanhar. White appears to have the inside track on this position.

National champ Bill Oberly will be in the heavyweight position for the Lions opposite Dick Lasse of the Orange. If McDaniel decides against starting Lasse, then Gerry Sprague will probably start.

Pro Grid Leagues Meet Wednesday

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10 (AP)—The National Football League and the Canadian football pros will meet here Feb. 15 in a novel open session to try and thrash out mutual problems.

Commissioner Bert Bell of the NFL announced today that he would meet with Ralph Cooper, representative of the executive committee of the nine clubs in Canada.

"It will be an open session with the press invited to sit in and listen," Bell said. He added that after the two league executives complete their discussions, questions will be accepted from the press.

Handball Singles Slated to Start

Entries are being received for the Intramural handball singles tournament.

Those interested, fraternity or independent, should stop at the IM office, 202 Recreation Hall, by next Thursday.

The tourney, slated to begin on February 22, is for the singles only. A doubles tournament will be announced later.

Packer in Select 10

Dick Packer, scoring star, is the tenth Penn State soccer player to win All-America recognition two years in a row. Harry Little was the last, in 1949 and 1950.

Gymnasts in Home Debut; Vega Ready for 1st Meet

By VINCE CAROCCI

Penn State's gymnastic team, strengthened by the addition of Armando Vega to its roster, will make its 1956 home debut against Syracuse University tonight at 8:30 at Recreation Hall.

Vega—a West Coast high school sensation—was ineligible for varsity competition last semester because he was a second semester freshman, forcing him to miss the West Virginia and Temple meets.

Now that he is eligible, however, varsity coach Gene Wettstone is depending on his all-around ability to add to the already potent Lion scoring punch.

Vega in 3 Events

Vega, who performed so capably in the match exhibition against the Swiss at Rec Hall last January, is expected to enter three events—the side horse, the parallel bars, and the swinging rings.

Wettstone said that, although the rings is probably Vega's best event, his natural ability should make him a definite threat in the other two, especially the side horse.

Dion Wiessend, another experienced veteran who has carried the bulk of the scoring load for the Lions in the past two meets, will also be counted on heavily by Wettstone to figure in the Nittany scoring.

Led Lion Scorers

The youthful junior led Penn State scorers in both the Mountaineer and Temple encounters, breaking into the scoring column in each event in which he participated.

Wettstone listed Wiessend as an entry in the tumbling, horizontal bar, and the parallel bar events.

Captain Tony Cline—who performed creditably in the Lion's two gymnastic wins—is also listed as a three-event entry in tonight's meet.

The Lion senior will answer the call in the side horse, horizontal bars, and swinging rings events.

Orange Strong in Tumbling

The tumbling event, according to Wettstone, could be the closest competition of the meet where two-time first place winner, Bill Paxton, meets the three Syracuse standouts—Dick Hall, George Satter, and Lowell Meier.

"Syracuse presents the toughest competition Paxton has yet to meet," the Nittany mentor said. "However, we can't underestimate Paxton's ability to score."

Wettstone looks for the rope climbing competition to hold a strong determining point as to the winner of the meet.

According to releases from Syracuse, the Orange are weak in the rope climb, thus offering the Lions the opportunity to score a possible sweep in that event.

Mullen Tops Rope Climbers

Phil Mullen, sophomore sensation, Leroy Fritch, and either Bob Boudreau or Dick Rehm will probably be the rope-climbing Nittany entries.

Mullen won in his specialty in the West Virginia meet, while he and Fritch tied for first against the Owls.

Ed Sidwell will team up with Cline and Vega as the Nittany third entry in the swinging rings. Sidwell copped a first place against the Mountaineers and a second against the Owls.

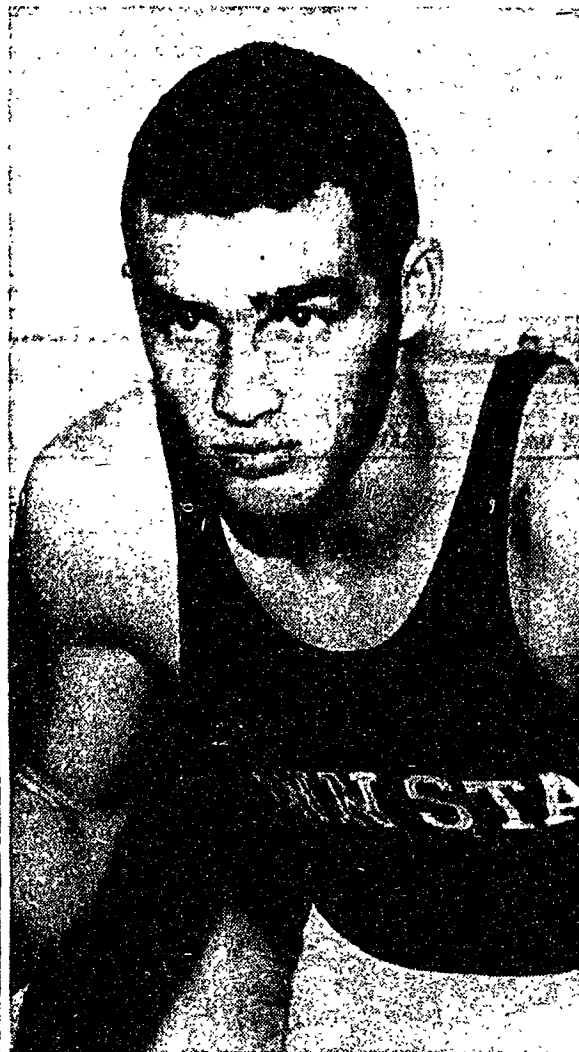
Bob Foht, who performed impressively in the West Virginia meet, will be the third Nittany entry in the parallel bars.

Phil Stevens and Jack Beisterfelt are expected to enter the tumbling and side horse events respectively, while John Coller rounds out the Penn State lineup on the horizontal bars.

14 Race in \$50,000 Santa Anita Today

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 10 (AP)—Fourteen candidates, all eligible for the \$100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap and topped by the highly regarded Bobby Brocato, today were named to race in the \$50,000 added San Antonio Handicap at Santa Anita tomorrow.

Bobby Brocato, two-time stakes winner at the current meeting, drew the outside post position for the mile and one-eighth race.



JOHNNY JOHNSTON, undefeated Nittany Lion matman, will attempt to continue his undefeated skein against the Syracuse grapplers tonight at Rec Hall.



ARMANDO VEGA makes his debut in inter-collegiate gymnastic circles tonight at Recreation Hall when the Lions host the Orange from Syracuse.

2 Frosh Squads Meet Navy Today

Dean Seltzer (137) and George Gray (167) will put their undefeated mat skins on the line this afternoon at Annapolis, Md., when Coach Don Watkins sends his Freshmen grapplers against the Plebes of Navy in the season finale.

Seltzer and Gray own 2-0 records. Both have a pin and a shutout decision to their credit—the pins coming against Cornell and the decisions against Lehigh.

Gray pinned his opponent in the first period while his teammate gained his fall in the second stanza.

Coach Watkins will send two newcomers to the mat in an attempt to lift his team's season record over the .500 mark. The Frosh grapplers whipped Cornell's Yearlings 16-14 in the season inaugural and then dropped a 20-6 encounter to the Little Engineers of Lehigh.

Jim Fleming will replace Bill Labone at the 157-pound spot and Bob Verkrich will be in the 177-pound berth left vacant by the loss of Bruce Gilmore. Gilmore voluntarily left the squad because of scholastic difficulties.

However, Labone, winless in both of his starts, will see action—replacing Johnny Evans in the 147-pound division.

Joe Cramps is slated to open the match at 123 pounds. Cramps saw action in the Cornell fray, losing a close decision. Don Peters (130), and Clem Newbold (Heavyweight) are the other starters for Watkins.

Peters dropped both matches by tight decisions. The closest being a 3-2 loss at the hands of Cornell's Paul Seybold.

2 Champs Win In IM Bowling

Alpha Sigma Phi and Beta Theta Pi, first-half champions in Fraternity Bowling Leagues C and D, opened the second-half of their schedules Thursday night with more luck than the titleholders of Leagues A and B had done earlier in the week.

Alpha Sig, the C champ, defeated Beta Sigma Rho, 3-1, while Beta Theta Pi blanked Delta Chi, 4-0. Earlier in the week, Theta Delta Chi—the League B winner—was handed a 3-1 loss, and Delta Tau Delta—loop A titlist—was held to a 2-2 tie.

Sigma Chi, who lost the League C crown by one game, found it a little easier in throwing a 4-0 whitewash on Theta Chi. Phi Kappa Phi's 4-0 win over Phi Kappa Sigma was the only other shutout in the C circuit.

Other games saw Kappa Sigma stop Lambda Chi Alpha, 3-1; and Theta Xi halt Delta Upsilon, 3-1. In League D, Sigma Phi Alpha equalled the Beta's shutout bid.

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