

Penn State Sports—

ON the LINE

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A recent magazine story that carried a line that Bethlehem, Pa., home of Lehigh University, is the No. 1 wrestling town in the U.S. drew criticism from a former collegiate wrestler who now lives in Princeton, N.J. Where did he wrestle—you guessed it—Oklahoma A & M.

This fellow says, in effect, that Lehigh and its Captain and National champ Ed Eichelberger are to be congratulated, but that Bethlehem is not the No. 1 wrestling town for you know what.

This is so. For Oklahoma A & M has the digits to back up such a claim—when it makes it.

Since 1928 the Aggies have chopped down the line of opposition with murderous effectiveness. They have strolled off with the title some 17½ times. They man-handled opposition to get the title each time from 1928 to 1931; six years later in 1937 they moved in again, and took six championships from 1937 till 1942. In the interim they took two more titles, plus a co-championship with Iowa State.

Since the war they've won it five times—the two most recent coming in 1954 and '55.

They've been equally successful under two coaches: first E. C. Gallagher from 1928 to 1940, and then Art Griffith who has picked up seven team championships in 14 years. Gallagher had 11 to his credit.

After gaining the title last year in a run away from the East's powerhouses—Pitt and Penn State—Oklahoma A & M boasted two champs. This gives them a total of 63 individual crown bearers in 26 years of national mat opposition. (no meets were scheduled from 1943 to 1945).

Oklahoma leads the pack, naturally, but by what a lead—that's what's astounding. Iowa Teachers is next with 19, then Oklahoma (in the same state?) with 17, and so on. Lehigh is tops in the East with six, and is tied for ninth place with Cornell and Minnesota. Pitt, Iowa, and Penn State each have five for a three-way knot for the 12th slot.

As for attendance. When Penn State visited Lehigh—notoriously lacking in adequate seating arrangements at Grace Hall—it pulled in an overflow crowd of 3200 spectators. Lehigh was forced to close the doors on people, while those inside saw the Lions close the doors on the Engineer's unbeaten string, 17-13.

One week later and more than a 1000 miles away, in Stillwater, Oklahoma,—a town of 20,238—Oklahoma and Oklahoma Aggies—traditional interstate rivals such as the Lions and Lehigh and Penn State and Pitt, drew 8200 spectators. The meet incidentally, ended up in a 12-12 stalemate.

Other facts: Penn State, in 1953, was the first Eastern team to win a team championship. The East may claim 29 individual champs since 1928; a major portion of the remaining 169 come from the midwest. Enough said.

Bill Hulings, Pitt's 115-pound national semi-finalist last year, missed the Panther's 19-9 victory engagement against Lehigh Jan. 23. It was thought Hulings may have had his collegiate wrestling career cut short because of an ulcer.

Since then he's wrestled three times, winning each time; one victory came by a 7-1 tally, the other, 4-1.

Hulings and Ed Peery, 130-pounder and 1955 National champion, will figure prominently in the Lions season finals with Pitt March 3 at Recreation Hall.

Syracuse mentor Joe McDaniels saw his team shellacked by Pitt, and then Penn State. When asked what he thought the outcome of the Lion-Pitt duel would be after seeing both teams in action, McDaniels said: "I think State should be able to stop Pitt."

McDaniels qualified this, "but not by much."

"You have Krufka and Oberly, and they should win; the contest will be decided in the first two weights. If State wins either of the two they could take it."

What about a draw? McDaniels was asked.

"That may do it, but I doubt it, he said.

Hulings and Sid Nodland, the Lions' undefeated 123-pounder have met before. Their meeting in the dual meet ended at 1-1; Hulings edged Nodland 2-1 in the Eastern semifinals; this year at the Wilkes journey Nodland gained a slim victory.

Perry, son of Rex Perry, Panther coach, and Hulings will open the season finale with some of the toughest action either Nodland and soph 130-pounder John Johnston have seen all season.

Penn State lost more basketball games than it won only three seasons in the last 15.

Alpha Sig, Delta Sig, Canadians, Theta Delt Pace IM Cagers

By **LOUIE PRATO**

Sparked by the 21-point bombardment of Dick Ferrari, Alpha Sigma Phi halted Alpha Phi Alpha's five-game win streak, 41-26, Thursday night—blasting the losers from a first place deadlock in Fraternity League B of Intramural basketball.

Ferrari tallied 18 of his points from the field. Buster Thomas led the losers with 11 markers.

The loss dropped Alpha Phi Alpha to a second place tie with the Alpha Sigs, and bolted the high-flying Sigma Alpha Epsilon quintet into the circuit lead. SAE's record

is at 6-0, while the runner-ups now own 5-1 slates.

In another loop B encounter, Theta Delta Chi romped to its third straight win after three successive defeats earlier in the season with a convincing 34-18 triumph over Sigma Pi.

Wagner Scores Nine

It was a team victory all the way as no Theta Delt hit double figures. John Wagner led the winners with nine followed by Bob Ferrari, eight, Dick Kuhn, seven, and Ron Falk, six.

The other League B attraction saw Phi Sigma Kappa knock Alpha Epsilon Pi deeper into the circuit basement with a low scoring 17-12 conquest. The AEPi's have now lost six in a row.

Another cellar-dwelling team, Kappa Sigma of league C, added to its troubles with a 34-13 loss to Theta Xi. Dick DeLuca topped the Theta Xi scorers with eight points.

Delta Sig's Move Into Lead

Norm Schue tallied 11 points for Alpha Zeta but it wasn't enough to stop Delta Sigma Phi from chalking up a 21-16 victory. The win moved the Delta Sig's into the League C lead with a 5-1 record.

Canadian Club jumped into the lead of Independent League G by handing Stalag 10 a 43-14 pasting. Don Shearer ripped the cords for 14 points to cop game-scoring honors. Denny Uhrin and Carl Bennett also hit in the double figures, splitting 20 points.

Dorm 9, Playboys Also Win

Both Dorm 9 and the Playboys scored wins on Thursday night. Dorm 9 plastered Pollock 4, 46-25, while the Playboys squeezed by the Rebels, 16-15.

Seven of the Dorm 9 cagers entered their names in the scoring column with Harold Peak's 19-point outburst leading the parade. Tom Botlock scored 10 for the losing Pollock 4 quintet.

In the other League C fracas, Pollock 12 pushed its season record over the .500 mark by sending the A.H.'s to a 22-16 defeat. Bill Forbes scored six to lead the victors.

Track Records Seen Falling In AAU Meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—The big one of the indoor track season—the National AAU championships—will be held in Madison Square Garden tomorrow and now that the athletes have caught the bug, there's no telling where their record-shattering efforts will end.

Charlie Jenkins, Villanova junior, has been ogling Mal Whitfield's world indoor 600-yard mark of 1:09.5 all season.

Parry O'Brien is the only human being ever to heave the shot 60 feet, but he's never done it indoors. He gets the nomination as the most likely to succeed in his effort tomorrow.

Jenkins is unbeaten in five races and a week ago lowered Whitfield's world 500-yard standard to 56.4. If anyone is to challenge Jenkins, it will be Tom Courtney, late of Fordham, now of the Army.

Pitt's Arnie Sowell is the big man in the 1000, and he'll be challenged by Joe Deady of Washington, who has given up chasing Ron Delany in the mile.

They're the three most likely marks to fall, although in this meet anyone might come through.

IM Deadlines

Entries for intramural wrestling and volleyball should be turned in at the IM office in 202 Recreation Hall by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dutch Sykes, intramural assistant director, has announced.

An organization may enter one contestant in each weight class. However, independents may enter as individuals, and not necessarily as members of a team. Entry fee is 25c per man.

Cagers —

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markers for the evening, the tops for the Nittanies.

Syracuse matched the Lion scoring in the early minutes and moved to a two-point spread midway through the period. The basket-for-basket routine continued throughout the opening half as the largest lead taken by either squad was three. Snyder collected five of his 13 field goals in the opening round and Brown contributed four.

Penn State's two-one-two zone defense baffled the New Yorkers for the first thirty minutes and was the major fact in holding Syracuse in check. The Lions clogged up the pivot and prevented Vince Cohen and Gary Clark from driving through.

Marisa was second high man for the Nittanies as he hit for 18 markers and guard Bob Leisher collected 12. Brown supported Snyder's 34 point effort with 23 of his own, for Syracuse.

PENN STATE			SYRACUSE			
Fg	F	Tl	Fg	F	Tl	
Marisa	7	4-6	18	Cohen	3	2-7
Rainey	1	0-1	2	Brown	3	5-8
Jordy	0	0-0	0	Clark	3	0-0
Fields	6	10-13	22	Gillespie	1	0-0
Leisher	4	4-6	12	Snyder	13	8-12
Hall	2	0-0	4	Louis	0	0-0
Hoffman	1	2-2	4	Aloise	1	0-0
Ramsay	1	2-2	4			
Totals	22	22-30	66	Totals	30	15-27
Penn State					31	35-66
Syracuse					32	43-75

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