

Nittanies in 'Must Meet' With Navy Saturday

By VINCE CAROCCI

Can the Nittany Lion gymnasts rebound after their demoralizing defeat at the hands of Army last Saturday? That question will be answered when the Lions host an undefeated Navy team Saturday night at Recreation Hall.

This is a "must meet" for Coach Gene Wettstone's once-beaten squad. The Nittanies must beat the Midshipmen if they wish to remain in contention for the Eastern Inter-collegiate Championship which they have won the past three years.

A victory over Navy, coupled with a Middle upset over the Cadets—which would throw the three clubs into a three-way tie for the honors—is the only remaining hope for the defending champions. An Army victory over Navy would practically clinch the title for the Cadets.

This year's Navy team is considered by Coach Chet Phillips to be one of the best he has had in his 15 years of coaching at the Naval Academy.

Thus far, the Middies have won five of their six victories by wide margins. Syracuse, whom the Lions trounced here two weeks ago, lost to Navy by eight points, 52-44, last Saturday at Syracuse.

Defeated W. Va., 59-27

Navy defeated West Virginia, 59-27, and Temple, 69-26, which is some indication of the strength of the Middle squad.

Penn State defeated the same two teams by respective scores of 63-33 and 62-34.

According to reports from the Naval Academy, tumbling has been the team's weakest event throughout the season.

Charles Korzinak and Bill Kronzer, the two leading tumblers on the Navy team, have been unable to win a single first place in each of its six meets.

Hoping for Tumbling Sweep

Wettstone is hoping for a sweep of the first three places in tumbling in order to offset Navy's definite advantage in the sidehorse.

Undefeated Bill Paxton, Dion Weissend, and Adie Stevens will probably be the Lion tumbling entries. Paxton was one of the two Lions to win a first against Army.

The sidehorse presents a completely different problem for the Lions to cope with.

Undefeated Steve Arnold—defending Eastern Intercollegiate sidehorse champion—Pat Ford, and Jack Leonard give the Navy aggregation one of the strongest sidehorse entries in the East. All three have been consistent scorers in each of the Middle meets.

Lions Weak On Sidehorse

The Lions, on the other hand, have been weak in that event all season.

Wettstone, however, has been impressed by the improvement Captain Tony Cline, Jack Biesterfeldt, and Armando Vega have been making on the sidehorse as the season progresses.

"Although this is Vega's weakest event from the standpoint of Olympic all-around competition," Wettstone said, "he has greatly helped to overcome our weakness in this event."

"The Navy sidehorse entries may be capable of neutralizing any advantage we might gain in the tumbling competition," Wettstone said. "This could possibly be one of the key events in the meet," he added.

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with a 32-22 decision over Dorm 26. Only Dirty 30, who also copped a win Monday, has a chance to catch the 29ers. Dorm 30 is one game behind the pace setters with a 5-1 slate. Both have two games remaining.

Dirty 30 registered its win over the Tigers, 30-21. Bob Pivik ripped the cords for 14 markers to lead the Dirty 30 scoring march.

Two forfeits marred the 'Indie' card. Stalag 24 picked up an easy win over the Nittany 41 quintet when an ineligible player played on the Nittany team.

Hartman's Five gained the other forfeit when the Musketeers failed to appear.

Musical at Rec Hall

Recreation Hall, home of Penn State's indoor athletic events, will house a Broadway musical for the first time Feb. 24 when Fred Waring brings "Hear! Hear!" to the campus for a one-night performance. The huge gymnasium will be converted into a theatre capable of seating 6,000 people.

Heavies in Top TV Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Sid Flaherty sends his latest protegee, heavyweight Eddie Machen of San Francisco, into the ring tomorrow night for a national television date with Cuban Julio Mederos, 23.

The scheduled 10-round bout, which hits the nation's TV screens at 10 p.m. (EST) will mark the grand opening of the newest fight arena in this red hot boxing town—promoter Bennie Ford's San Francisco Garden. Ford and Flaherty match up like bacon and eggs.

The word is that Flaherty is grooming Machen, currently unbeaten in 11 pro fights, as a mealticket successor to Carl (Bobo) Olson. It was Flaherty who piloted Olson to the middleweight title, which he lost last summer to Sugar Ray Robinson after an

unsuccessful try at Archie Moore's light heavyweight crown.

The fact that young Machen is getting a TV bout is a sign that Flaherty figures he's ready to step up in the heavyweight ranks. He had a string of 10 consecutive knockouts going until the middle of last December when Ben Wise forced him to go the route for a decision. But the best he met during the stretch was Howard King of Reno, who lost a decision here last night to Archie Moore.

Flaherty had his eye on another Cuban, Nino Valdes, for his youngster's debut, but Valdes came down with an ailment and was forced to cancel out. Tommy Harrison signed on as a substitute, but he came down with a knockout at San Diego recently and was cancelled out. Mederos then was signed.

West Chester Nips Muscle Men, 12-9

By JOE CHEDDAR

The Penn State Barbell Club lost 12-9 to the West Chester State Teachers College weight lifting team Saturday at West Chester. According to members of both teams, it was the first inter-collegiate weight lifting meet ever held in Pennsylvania.

West Chester is the first college in Pennsylvania to give weight lifting the same status as other varsity sports. The sport is popular in many schools, especially throughout the Midwest.

It was the third start of the year for the barbell club lifters. They had previously lost twice to the Shippensburg Legion lifters in their first two outings.

Tom Rathmell, who has split in two decisions thus far this year, got the lifters off to a good start defeating the Teachers' Carl Marsden. Rathmell lifted 130 pounds in the military press, 130 pounds in the snatch, and 160 pounds in the clean and jerk for a total of 420 pounds. His opponent totaled 395 pounds.

Larry Hutchinson, the club's 132 pound representative, lost to Harold Gold of Shippensburg, enabling the teachers to tie the score, 3-3. Hutchinson's combined total was 310 pounds and his opponents total was 415 pounds.

The barbell club's 148-pounder Chuck Givler hefted a mighty 565 pounds total to win over Vince Campannaro by 100 pounds. Givler pressed 170, snatched 185, and

clean and jerked 210 to compile his score.

Jim Birdsall, the 165 pound representative for the club, put six points ahead by outlifting West Chester's Zygmunt Papiak 555 pounds to 470 pounds. However, Bob Smith, the club's 181 pounder, lost to the opponents' Art Loewen and forfeited in the 198 pound class, enabling the West Chester team to tie the score at 9-9.

With the outcome of the meet riding on the heavyweight match, the barbell club's Claude Wallick, lifting in competition for the first time, was beaten by West Chester's Bob Bradley 605-530.

The Barbell Club will have a return meet with the West Chester squad March 10 at Recreation Hall. The club will travel to Shippensburg the following weekend for a four-way contest with the Shippensburg Legion, Harrisburg YMCA, and West Chester STC teams to end the season.

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