

Lion-Pitt Wrestlers In Showdown Battle

By FRAN FANUCCI

The much anticipated showdown battle between the Nittany Lion wrestling team and the Pittsburgh Panthers will finally take place when the two unbeaten collide at 7 tonight in Recreation Hall. An expected 6000 fans will see the final appearance of the year for both clubs.

Also making their final appearance of the regular season will be seniors Joe Krufka and Bill Oberly—co-captains of the Lions—and Ed DeWitt and Don Huff for the Panthers.

Lion Coach Charley Speidel was uncertain over his starting lineup but said that it would probably be the same as against Maryland with the exception of Sid Nodland who will start tonight.

"We're not going to do any shifting which will hurt us," he said, "because we don't know who Pitt is going to start." Speidel said that Pitt, who wrestled Toledo at home last week, had an opportunity to start some of its second string wrestlers while the Lions, who were at Maryland, were limited in the number of men they could use.



Don Huff

The probable Nittany lineup has Nodland at 123 pounds facing Bill Hulings. Nodland and Hulings hold wins over each other with one contest ending in a draw. Nodland's win was a pin scored in the Wilkes wrestling tournament last December.

The match which has all the earmarks of being a thriller will be in the 130-pound division where national champion Ed Peery meets Johnny Johnston, undefeated junior. Johnston, if he can upset Peery, can give the Lion matmen an invaluable lead, which may prove sufficient to down the Panthers.

John Pepe, undefeated 137-pounder, will meet once-beaten Vic DeFelice, a sophomore who has scored seven straight wins after dropping the season's opener. Pepe has seven wins without a loss this year and is one of three undefeated juniors—Johnston and Nodland are the other two.

Both coaches can shift capable men into the 147-pound class, but logical opponents are Dave Adams of the Lions, and Pitt's Bob Bubb. If Adams is moved to the 157 spot then Earl Poust will get the call at the 147 slot.



Bob Bubb

Pitt can call on George Ulassin or possibly letterman Nick Swentosky to replace Bubb. Swentosky can also be used at 130 pounds if Peery is shifted to 123 pounds.

It's the same story in the 157 class; this time for the Lions only. Joe Humphreys is slated to meet Dave Johnson, but Speidel can use Adams here and shift Humphreys to the 167 class.

Ernie Young, who has won the only two matches he wrestled this



Vic DeFelice
137-pound Pitt sophomore

WRA Coeds to Hold Sports Day Saturday

The coed annual winter sports day will be held next Saturday at White Hall with Bucknell, Juniata, Lycoming, and Penn State participating.

The competing events will include bowling, basketball, volleyball, swimming, and badminton. Creative group work in modern dance will be featured as a non-competitive event.

year, is the probable starter at 167 facing rugged DeWitt. DeWitt edged Humphreys in the '55 meeting between the two teams, so there is a possibility that Speidel might start Humphreys against DeWitt, because of his experience. Ray Pottios might also be called on to man this position if Speidel decides to use surprise strategy.

Speidel's "dependables," Krufka and Oberly, will anchor the Lion lineup. Krufka, at 177 pounds, will face Don Huff, who lost his only match to Toledo's Dick Bonacci. Oberly might meet either of two men—Don Schirf, who is the likely opponent, or Dan Wisniewski, who was Pitt's regular heavyweight last year until he was hurt in the Lehigh meet.

Oberly beat Schirf, 6-4, last year in a match which saw nine points being scored in the final three minutes.

It's Pupil Vs. Teacher In Gym Tilt

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It'll be pupil versus teacher this afternoon. For the second time this season Coach Gene Wettstone faces a team coached by a former member of his gym team. Today it is Coach Warren Neiger of Pitt.

Wettstone, who has six former pupils and team members coaching across the country, has never been defeated by one of now-coaching pupils. He recently defeated Coach Bill Bonsall at West Virginia, 1948 gymnast here at Penn State.

Neiger, a major in physical education, competed for Penn State in 1945, 46, and 47. He was second in the Eastern all-rounds in his second year.

In addition to Neiger and Bonsall, Notre Dame, the University of Illinois in Chicago, North Carolina, and Duke gymnastic squads are headed by Lion alums.

Bonsall of West Virginia and Bill Meade, North Carolina, were teammates in 1948. Meade will host Wettstone at Chapel Hill, N.C., home of the 1956 Nationals.

"They're all out to beat one of my teams," Wettstone smilingly admitted, "but none have—yet?"

The hesitant "yet" prompted the question—can Pitt do it? "I doubt this year," Wettstone said, "but in a few years they'll be an Eastern powerhouse I'm sure. They've only had the sport there two years, but they'll soon be the first team with the potential to beat us."

Neiger after graduating went to Georgia Tech from 1948 until 1952 where he served as assistant gym coach. When Pitt's gym coach Wally Hayes died that same year, and Tom Hamilton became Pitt's athletic director, Neiger was brought in with the intention of developing a more powerful, well-rounded athletic program.

"He was well-liked at Tech," Wettstone said, "and he's well-liked at Pitt. He has patience, takes time with his boys, is quiet, and handles them with a fatherly instinct."

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ON the LINE

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PITT, BOOS, AND STALLING—

Comparisons are odious, but if the past speaks as loudly as it often does, tonight's wrestling match could be very unexciting. Why?

Pitt wrestlers operate in a unique cycle. Often they start it at the opening thrust of the ref's hand to wrestle. Other times they wait until the waning moments of the period. Their idea is to get a lead, not much, maybe one or two points. Then they ride, float, stall indiscriminately, grab a toe, a foot, or a carelessly flung arm. If they're ahead and in standing positions they force the opponent to chase them. They do it cleverly.

Is this illegal, poor sportsmanship, lousy wrestling? No. It's smart, but unexciting mat action. Every wrestler tries it if he can. Pitt has an uncanny ability of doing it without getting penalized.

Last year Pitt did it against the Lions in a Skyscraper U. dual meet; it did it again as many fans saw at Rec Hall in the 1955 Eastern tourney. They did again when we saw them in the Nationals at Cornell. They practice it, and have gained a winning adeptness for such tactics. A 2-1 or 9-8 decision looks as good in the win column as a 8-1 or 4-1 rout. It wins meets and championships for Pitt's Coach Rex Peery.



Coach Peery

What can an opposing coach do? Fight fire with fire. If he tells his boys to slow up, work close, let him come to you, don't get behind in score and don't run after him, a stalemate easily develops. Thus the booing, for the wrestlers aren't wrestling for the fans, but for a win.

Yesterday, Ross Lehman, executive secretary of the alumni association, and former Collegian editor and wrestling reporter in the early forties, and Coach Charlie Speidel were talking over tonight's outcome.

We were about to ask Charlie what he'd do about this when Ross said: "Let's play some gin rummy tonight, tomorrow morning, and tomorrow afternoon. Charlie. That'll give us something to think about till the match."



Schirf

Charlie said as he began walking away: "I'm going to take a sleeping pill now, so long." That answered our question.

Pitt has defeated nine teams this year, running its string to 16 since it lost in early 1955 to Michigan State. It has beaten the Lions the last two years.

The Panthers' most recent win was over Toledo, 31-3. Two men, however, did not wrestle—Peery's son, Ed, and heavyweight Ron Schirf. Peery, 130-pound National champ last year, owns a perfect 25-0 record for three years of var-

sity work.

Juggled lineups are always par-

amount in such meets, and Schirf and Peery may be involved in this one. Peery may be shoved to 123 and Schirf to 177 against Joe Krufka with Bill Oberly, heavy weight, meeting Pitt's Dan Wisniewski. Schirf lost to Oberly, 6-4, last year at Pitt, but Oberly has wary eyes on the Panther heavyweight. He considers him in a class with Pete Blair, Navy, and Lehigh's Werner Seel—both troublesome. Oberly never defeated Blair, two-time Eastern and National champ.



Wisniewski

Perry and Schirf may have sat out Saturday's Toledo match in an effort to concentrate on conditioning to drop weight and reach the lower class. Such a move would strengthen Pitt at 123 with Perry replacing Hulings who was pinned by 123-pound Lion Sid Nodland in the Wilkes tourney. Don Huff, once-beaten 177-pounder, would be dropped in this case with Schirf strengthening 177.

Pitt would sacrifice strength at 130 and heavyweight with such a move because Nick Swentosky, a letterman with a 4-7-1 two-year record who has been used sparingly this year, would replace Peery and Wisniewski—bigger but not as strong as Schirf—would handle a heavyweight. With either lineup, however, we say Pitt has to take two of the first four weights, or the Lions will win, 15-13.

In this merry-go-round, however, anybody's guess is as good as another. What's yours?

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3 Fraternities Near IM Cage Titles

Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Phi Alpha, Phi Kappa Tau, and Phi Gamma Delta swept to Intramural cage victories Thursday night on the Recreation Hall hardwood to spark a nine game all-fraternity schedule.

Phi Delt eliminated Delta Sigma Phi from the League C title race, 30-22, thus preparing the way for its battle with SPA for the loop crown March 6. Both Phi Delt and SPA own 5-1 records.

Bill Kutz and Jim Garrett led the Phi Delt charges, splitting 16 points John Rusnak flipped in eight for the losers.

SPA topped Kappa Sig SPA wound its way into the league championship game with Phi Delt by trimming Kappa Sigma, 22-15. Lloyd Underhill, SPA, topped all scorers with seven markers.

Phi Kappa Tau moved to within one game of capturing the League E championship trouncing Alpha Rho Chi, 29-17. Phi Tau, unbeaten in seven encounters, meets Beta Sigma Rho in

its final game Wednesday night. A Phi Tau defeat could possibly mean a playoff to crown the circuit champ. Phi Kappa Sigma, 6-1, and Phi Sigma Delta, 5-1, are still in the running. Sam McKibben sparked the Phi Tau attack with 18-points.

Phi Gam Preserves Streak Phi Gamma Delta—who cinched its League D title last week—preserved its undefeated streak by walloping Pi Kappa Alpha, 42-16. Phi Gam has won eight. Seven of the victors registered points with Barry Hough's 10 leading the way.

Theta Xi broke a 13-13 half-time deadlock to defeat Alpha Zeta, 30-27, in a loop C fracas. Jim Yochim led the Theta Xi's with eight points. The winners ended the season with a 5-2 slate.

In the other League C match, Theta Chi romped to a 36-8 win over Sigma Alpha Mu. Jim Caldwell and Ed Rhoads paced the Theta Chi offensive. Caldwell tallied 13 while Rhoads scored 12. Wiser Tallies 15

Gordon Wiser's 15 points—13 in the second half—sparked Del-

ta Theta Sigma to a 39-15 win over Chi Phi. Jack Frey also helped the winners attack with 12 points. Delta Theta Sig finished its season with a 2-6 mark while Chi Phi, with one game remaining, owns a 0-7 record.

Pi Kappa Phi, losing at intermission 5-4, scored 18 points in the second half to defeat Phi Mu Delta, 22-19. Tommy Holmes was the high scorer with 12 points. Jack Harmon tallied 10 in a losing cause.

Beaver House gained its third win of the season with a forfeit over Alpha Tau Omega. Beaver House has lost four.

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