

Panthers Claw Matmen, 16-12

Snap Skein At 7; Pepe, Adams Win

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Charley Speidel and his once-beaten matmen have only one thing on their mind as they prepare for the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships at Lehigh University this weekend—revenge for the 16-12 loss the Pittsburgh Panthers handed them Saturday night.

The undefeated Panthers stretched their streak to 17 straight wins while snapping the Lions' streak at seven wins. It was the second consecutive year that the wrestlers from Pitt snapped a Lion winning skein, and the third consecutive year that they have beaten the Lions.

Pepe Extends Streak

Of the six Lion unbeaten who wrestled, only one kept his slate clean. Sid Nodland and Bill Oberly, although not losing, were held to draws while Johnny Johnston, Ernie Young, and Joe Krufka were each beaten for the first time this season. John Pepe was the only wrestler to extend his streak. Dave Adams was the other Lion to win his match.

The Lions, scoring wins with apparent ease in the 137 and 147 divisions, jumped to a 10-5 lead over the Panthers. But Pitt retaliated winning three of the last four matches and scoring a draw in the other to win the meet.

Peery Shifts DeWitt

Pitt Coach, Rex Peery made a strategic move in the 167 and 177 divisions when he shifted Ed DeWitt up a weight to meet Krufka and Don Huff to the 167 slot to meet Young. The move worked perfectly. DeWitt, appearing extremely fast and agile, decisively won the hitherto unbeaten Krufka, 5-1. And Huff decisively Young, 3-0.

With the score 14-10 in Pitt's favor, the Lion matmen wrestled their only hope with national champ, Oberly. But Oberly trying too hard for the pin, which would give the Lions the victory, made too many mistakes and took too many chances and could only grab a 4-4 draw.

Adams Pins Bubb

The match which had the 6400 fans screaming for the entire nine minutes was the Dave Adams-Bob Bubb 147-pound thriller. Adams pinned his opponent with only one second remaining in the match after scoring a nearfall and a predicament in the two previous periods.

Wrestling his best match of the year, the powerful Adams had his opponent helpless for practically the entire nine minutes. He led 9-2 before he pinned Bubb with a body press.

Peery 'On Ropes'

The 130 pound duel between Ed Peery and Johnston would grab second honors for the most thrills if a poll were taken of the fans. Johnston had Peery, who has won 27 straight matches, on the ropes when he scored a reverse early in the second period. But Peery came back moments later to tie it up when he reversed Johnston. Then in the final period he scored an escape to sew up the win.

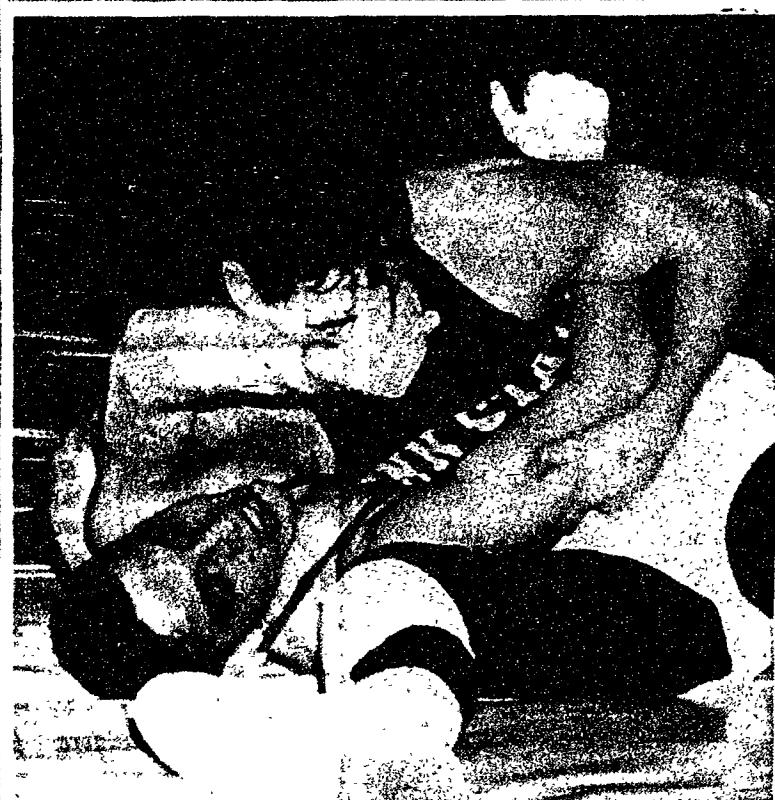
Nodland and Bill Hulings, for the second consecutive year battled to a draw. Nodland trailed 1-0 at one point but reversed Hulings to take a 2-1 lead. Hulings came back, with Nodland up, to score an escape which tied the score, 2-2.

Pepe in 8th Win

John Pepe scored his eighth win when he completely outclassed and outmaneuvered Vic DeFelice in the 137-pound class. Pepe scored three takedowns and two escapes in winning 8-4. DeFelice had a takedown and two escapes to notch his four points.

Joe Humphreys was shutout by

Lions Win Meet, Lose Title



—Joe Rorhbaugh photo

PENN STATE'S Dave Adams about to pin his Panther opponent Bob Bubb Saturday night at Rec Hall. Adams registered the fall with only one second remaining in the match.

Dave Johnson, 4-0, in the 157-pound division. Johnson, a high school champ at Lock Haven, reversed Humphreys in the second period and scored an escape to grab a 3-0 lead. He then rode out the final period gaining one point time advantage.

The next two matches told the story for Pitt. Huff, getting a reverse and a point time advantage over Young, put Pitt in front 11-10. And DeWitt, completely surprising the partisan crowd, outwitted Krufka to push three more points on the board for Pitt. Then Don Schirf added two additional points to guarantee the win drawing with Oberly.

Advanced Rifle Course Offered

The College of Physical Education and Athletics will offer an advanced rifle marksmanship and hunter safety course for students and faculty.

The non-credit course is designed to qualify men and women as National Rifle Association Smallbore Rifle Instructors, Assistant Smallbore Rifle Instructors, and Hunter Safety Instructors.

The course will be divided into two phases: knowledge and firing. The knowledge phase will entail ten hours of classroom instruction for teachings methods in the nomenclature, function, and safety rules connected with firearms. The second phase includes instruction in proper range management and fire for NRA qualification ratings.

A \$10 fee covering cost of ammunition, targets, and equipment and a one-year membership in the NRA will be charged.

Those interested in the course should attend an organizational meeting at 7 tonight at the rifle range in the basement of the south wing of Recreation Hall.

Homecoming Highlight

Penn State's football game with Holy Cross, October 13, has been officially designated as the highlight of the Homecoming celebration in 1956.

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The Lion gymnastic team hit its season peak Saturday afternoon beating Pittsburgh, 63-33, but failed to win its fourth consecutive Eastern title when Army rolled over Navy, 55-41, at Annapolis.

The Lions completed 14 of 18 routines, good for five first places, but this was overshadowed by the Cadets who finished with their first unbeaten season in three years.

Despite the shattering of their title hopes, Coach Gene Wettstone was highly impressed with the Lions' performance.

"It may be a good indication of what's to come this weekend at West Point," he said.

The Lions compete in the fight for individual honors in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League championships at the Point Friday and Saturday.

It was a team victory as no Nittany performer managed to win more than one first place.

However, there was room for debate as to which first place was the most outstanding.

Was it: Phil Mullen's sparkling time of 3.5 seconds in the rope climb which fell one-tenth of a second short of tying ex-Lion "Skeets" Hagg's Eastern record?

Mullen had climbed the 20-foot rope in 3.6 in his first attempt to tie his best previous time of the season. On the second attempt, he literally ran up the rope to the delight of the crowd.

Or Armando Vega's outstanding performance on the parallel bars? Vega scored 278 on his specialty for the highest individual score of the meet. It was also his fourth consecutive first place in the parallel bars.

Or Bill Paxton's 270 total in tumbling to send the Nittanians into an early lead? It was his sixth consecutive first in tumbling, giving him his first undefeated season in three years of varsity competition.

Or Dion Weissend's skillful routines on the high bar? Weissend totaled 269 points on the high bar to win easily.

Or Jack Biesterfeldt's performance on the side horse? Biesterfeldt, one of nine sophomores on the Lion roster, won the side horse with 259 points, nine more than Vega.

The only event the Lions failed to win was the flying rings where Panther John Hammond grabbed first-place honors with 260 points.

Teammate Tom Darling finished second with 252 points while the Lions' Ed Sidwell was third with 245 points.

Dick Rehm, junior rope climber, also came in for praises from Wettstone. Rehm made the climb in 3.8—his best mark this season.

An interesting sidelight was that Vega, scratched from his usual flying ring assignment, competed in the horizontal bar on an exhibition basis. His 235 total on the high bar, which would have placed him fourth in actual competition, did not count in team score.

Tumbling—1. Paxton (PS) 270; 2. Hammond (P) 241; 3. Weissend (PS) 235; 4. Starz (P) 229.
Side Horse—1. Biesterfeldt (PS) 259; 2.

Santee Lawyer Hits Brundage

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—The attorney for Wes Santee threatened contempt of court action against Avery Brundage today for a statement attributed to the president of the International Olympic Committee.

The attorney, Charles P. Grimes, also said he planned to try to get Congress to investigate operations of the IOC and the Amateur Athletic Union, with whom Santee is staging a running fight over a life-time suspension.

"If Mr. Brundage was quoted correctly, then he was in clear contempt of court," said Grimes. "I warn him he had better stay out of the jurisdiction of New York courts or I'll try to have him cited."

Varsity 'S' Club To Meet Tomorrow

Penn State's Varsity S club will hold an important meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Sigma Pi fraternity house. All members are urged to attend.

Letter winners who are not yet S club members are also invited to attend the meeting.

Highlight of the evening will be the initiation of monogram winners eligible to belong to the organization. Freshman grid coach, Earle Bruce, will be the speaker.

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Horizontal Bar. 1. Weissend (PS) 269; 2. Cline (PS) 246; 3. Mullen (P) 236; 4. Darling (P) 232.
Parallel Bars—1. Vega (PS) 278; 2. Foht (PS) 262; Hammond (P) 264; 4. Mulvihill (P) 249.
Rope Climb—1. Mullen (PS) 3.5; 2. Rehm (PS) 3.8; 3. Boudreau (PS) 4.2; 4. Ruber (P) 4.6.
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