

2 Lions to Bid For EIGA Title

Armando Vega and Dion Weissend have emerged as Penn State's top candidates for all-around honors in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association championships at West Point Friday and Saturday.

Sophomore Vega and junior Weissend were two of the top scoring threats on the Lion squad, which finished its season Saturday with a 5-1 record.

Both will compete in the traditional Olympic events—calisthenics, side horse, parallel bars, horizontal bar, long horse vaulting, and flying rings—in their bid for the all-around title.

Penn State won the all-around individual championship for the past four years—Jean Cronstedt, the Swedish great, won the honors in '52, '53, and '54, while Karl Schwenzfeier copped the title last year.

Vega is exceptionally strong in the parallel bars where he copped four first places in dual competition. The sophomore standout was ineligible for varsity competition until the current season.

He scored 278 points in the event against Pittsburgh last Saturday for his season's high.

He was also rated as the top Lion entry in the flying rings and the number two man on the side horse.

His best performance on the flying rings was against Navy two weeks ago at Recreation Hall when he finished second to Navy's Fred Hoerner with a 257 total. Hoerner scored 268 points.

Weissend's specialty is the horizontal bar, where he has been the team's number one entry. He won the event against the Panthers last Saturday with a 269 score—third highest individual score of the meet.

He is also listed as the number two Lion entry in tumbling although he was forced to remain in the shadows most of the year due to the outstanding performance of Bill Paxton, who finished the season with an unbeaten slate.

The Lion junior also competed in the parallel bars along with Vega and Bob Fohrt. This, according to Coach Gene Wettstone, is probably his weakest event.

Mat Tourney Opens Tonight At Rec Hall

Defending champion Chi Phi will send four men onto the mats tonight at Recreation Hall in the opening round of the 1956 Intramural wrestling tournament.

Thirty-one matches are scheduled with the initial one slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Chi Phi earned the IM mat title last year by edging the 1955 titleholder Delta Upsilon. Chi Phi scored a total of 155 points to the DU's final output of 117.

Three champions and one runner-up helped to bring Chi Phi its winning margin. Tom Webb, 128; Armour Black, 145; and Ernie Young, 165; were the champions while Don Farmello finished in second place at the 121-pound spot.

Only Young will be missing from the Chi Phi lineup tonight. Since his victory last year, the 165 pounder has graduated to Coach Charley Speidel's varsity team. Webb and Black will move up one weight division since IM rules forbid a champion from defending his title. Black will be seeking his third straight IM mat title. He was the 135-pound king in 1954.

Two other champions and two runner-ups from the '55 tourney will be among the opening round grapplers. DU's duo—Paul Brown, 155, and Jack Stewart, 135—were title winners last year while Beta Theta Pi's Ralph Cryder, 135, and Sigma Nu's Dave Barney, 145, were finalists.

Brown is entered in the 175-pound class while Stewart—the 135-pound champ among the Independents—will be upped to the 145 pound category.

Three other '55 champions are back but none of them see action tonight. Billy Kane, KDR's 175-pound champ is entered in the heavyweight division while two Independents—Bill Pharaoh, 155, and George Weimer, 165—are entries in the 165 and heavyweight classes.

Bob Higgins, Dick Harlow and the late Hugo Bezdek represent the University in college football's Hall of Fame.

Scanning SPORTS

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WRESTLING POST-MORTEM:

After any important game or meet, especially when the home team loses, there's the usual Monday morning quarterbacks re-playing the game, complaining about poor coaching, and the mistakes the referee made. Well, this week is no exception. Yesterday, my old friend Wally the wrestling fan strutted into the office, tapped me on the shoulder and said: "We should have won that wrestling meet against Pitt Saturday."

I knew I was in for an hour-long argument, so I turned around and said: "Now listen, Wally, the meet is over, Pitt had too many guns, and I'm busy, so please let me rest in peace this week?"

"You know for a fact that Oberly could have taken Shurf (Don) if he would have gone for the decision," he replied angrily and anxiously awaited my reply.

"Sure, I know Oberly could have won with ease but he'll get him in the Eastern's, don't worry," I answered.

"I know, I know, Wally said, but it makes me mad; why, did you see when Ob had Schurf by the leg, which would have been an easy takedown, he grabbed him around the neck instead, trying for the pin!"

"Yes, I saw that, and I think any good wrestling fan would have realized then that he was trying for a team win and not a win for himself; but that's what makes a champion."

Wally, cooling off rapidly, and switching his argument to another wrestler, said slowly: "You know something; Joe (Krufka) has a real hard time against fast men. You remember when he wrestled Joe Solomon of Pitt and Joe Gattuso of Navy? He had the same tough time."

"Well," I said, "It's always been that way when two good teams meet. The coach usually brings his 167-pounder up a weight to meet the heavier man, especially when he's considered an excellent wrestler. In the case of Krufka it was DeWitt's speed against his strength and the former won out. He was always a step behind DeWitt and this handicapped him. And there's another thing you ought to know, Wally. Krufka had pulled his shoulder muscle earlier in the week, which forced him to take it easy in practice. I'm not alibiing, but the facts should be told even if they will be looked on with disfavor by the Pitt fans."

Wally said, "Yea, yea, but some ignorant people will think that you're full of alibis even if they know the truth. But I'd like to see the alibis those Pitt fans are giving for the supposedly poor showing of their hero, Ed Peery. Why I bet they're even saying that the tape around his shoulder was bothering him, not knowing of course that he has had shoulder trouble for the past two years."

"You give Johnston another year and he'll wrap that guy up and put him in his back pocket," Wally said.

"You know," I answered, "I was surprised at Johnston. He sure gave Peery a scare and he

only missed tying him by about 20 seconds."

"Ha, Ha," Wally laughed, "did you see his old man screaming and sweating on the bench. Why, you'd think his son was getting killed or sometin'. I thought he was going to jump on the mat and crack Johnston over the head; but you got to give him credit, he knows his wrestling."

"He was really sweating when Bubb (Bob) got into all that trouble, although I think he knew it was coming," Wally said.

"Yep," I said, "Adams (Dave) sure threw a scare into Pitt for a while there, didn't he?"

And Wally, waiting for a question like this, said: "Why, I thought the ref was never going to slam his hand on the mat, and believe me, his shoulders were pinned."

"I know," I said, "but the ref was in a better position than us to know what he's doing."

"He does?" Wally answered sarcastically.

"Okay, Wally, you better go now; you've been here 45 minutes and all we did is argue." I said, sort of roughly. So Wally left; but on his way out I heard him mumble: "We'll get them this week in the Eastern's. We'll get them and good!"

What are you going to do with such a die-hard fan?

Jordan 1 Clinches League F Crown

By LOUIE PRATO

Coming from behind with a thrilling second-half scoring splurge, Jordan One's intramural cagers clinched the Independent League F crown by edging the second-place Fighting Frosh, 32-25, Monday night.

Two other Indie quintets—the Canadian Club and the Playboys—also copped triumphs Monday to pave the way for their playoff meeting tomorrow for the League G championship.

Jordan One fell behind early in its encounter with the Fighting Frosh, losing at one time by five points. But the men from Jordan Hall came through in championship form in the latter half of the game to take the victory.

Tom Wagner, nine, Bill Schwab, eight, and John Solomon, eight, led the winners' offensive attack, but the defensive and rebound efforts of Todd Cook and Bill Anderson played a decisive part in the Jordan victory. Jack Barber, of the losers, topped all scorers with 12 markers.

Jordan, unbeaten in eight games, now awaits the championship playoff games scheduled to begin Monday evening on the Rec Hall court.

Canadian Club eliminated Dorm 9 from the loop G title race, 28-20, to move into a league playoff with the Playboys. Dick Fredrick was the big man for the Canadian Club charges with 11 points.

Paced by the 19-point effort of Cooper, the Playboys warmed up for their battle with the Canadian Club by blasting the Nematodes, 39-15. Cooper tallied 19 points, on eight field goals and three foul tosses.

Three other games were played in League F. The Colossal Five topped the Warriors, 32-29; the Eunuchs stopped the Red Raiders, 25-17; and the Vikings defeated the Kennan's Kats, 28-20.

Led by Bill Mendicino and Dale Landon, the Colossal Five copped its sixth win in eight games with the victory over the Warriors. Mendicino tallied ten points and Landon scored eight. The win left the victors in a second place tie with the Fighting Frosh.

The Red Raiders—who had led

the F circuit in the early weeks of action—lost their third straight game when the Eunuchs handed them a 25-17 defeat. The losers trailed the Eunuchs by three points at the intermission, and fell further behind as the contest progressed. George Young led the Eunuchs scoring parade with 10 points.

In a battle of the second division clubs, the Vikings topped Kennan's Kats. The Vikings ended their season with a 3-5 record while the Kats' final mark stands at 2-6.

Three other scheduled attractions ended in forfeits—two of them a double forfeit. Stalag 10 copped an easy decision from the Rebels while Dorm 23, the Rocks, Pollock Four, and the A.H.'s lost by forfeit.

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