

# Nittanies Seek Eastern Titles

## EIWA Tourney Begins at 1; Pitt Favored

By FRAN FANUCCI

BETHLEHEM—Speculation concerning the question of what wrestlers were picked top-seeded mounted here at Lehigh University with the opening of the Eastern Wrestling championships only a few hours away.

The wrestlers who were chosen will not be made public until shortly before the first round begins at 1 p.m. The drawing committee, who selected the top-seeded men in each weight division, was composed of two members of the ECAC, two graduate managers, President of Eastern wrestling coaches, Jim Miller of Cornell; and two coaches—Rex Peery of Pittsburgh and Gerry Leeman of Lehigh.

The probable top-seeded men will be Bill Hulings, Pitt, at 123 pounds; Ed Peery, Pitt, at 130 pounds; John Pepe, Joe Gratto, Lehigh, or Bill Simmons, Temple, at 137 pounds with a possibility that two men may be selected. Lehigh's Ed Eicheleberger is a shoo-in at 147 pounds. Dave Johnson, Pitt, although only a sophomore seems the likely man at 157; Ed DeWitt, Pitt, runnerup twice in the Easterns will probably be number one at 167, with the Lions' Joe Kruska a possibility at 177. Bill Oberly will probably be top-seeded at the heavyweight spot although Dave Gallagher of Lehigh and Don Schrif of Pitt are rated good chances.

Penn State was seen as the only team capable of stopping Pittsburgh from grabbing its third straight title, with Lehigh, Navy, and Syracuse given the "dark horse" tag.

The wrestlers from Skyscraper U. possess the best all-around strength boasting contenders in all but two divisions. The Lions, on the other hand, are ruled out in at least three weights.

Johnson is the pre-tourney pick to grab the 157 honors with Navy's Larry Marr given a good outside chance to stop him.

Pitt's DeWitt, unbeaten in three years of dual competition, is the favorite in the 167-pound class. Phil Brainerd, of Navy, and Roger Hinkson, of Yale, are his only strong competitors.

Kruska, beaten by DeWitt last weekend, will be the man to beat at 177 pounds, but should receive strong competition from Don Huff, of Pitt. Navy's Zabricki, and Yale's John Kohr. John Nicholson, of Army, is also listed as a top contender.

Oberly, who was NCAA champion last year, is the favorite at the heavyweight spot. Top-rated (Continued on page seven)

## 10 Gymnasts Vie for Titles At West Point

By VINCE CAROCCI

A 10-man Nittany gymnastic team left early this morning for West Point where it will bid for individual titles in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association championship meet.

Armando Vega and Dion Weissend—two Lion entries in the all-around competition—top the Lion entries.

Vega will be one of the top contenders in the parallel bars where he finished with an undefeated record.

He is also rated as a dark horse entry in the flying rings where he finished second to Navy's Fred Hoerner—listed as the top entry in the event along with teammate Larry White—in the Lions' dual meet with the Middies.

Besides competing in the all-around events, Weissend will also be vying for the horizontal bar title.

The junior standout is also expected to enter the parallel bars and tumbling competition.

Senior Bill Paxton will be looking for his first championship in tumbling. He finished third behind Syracuse's Corky Sebbo and Navy's Burt Munger in last season's Easterns.

Adie Stevens is listed as the Lions' third entry in tumbling. Jack Beisterfeldt and Ed Sidwell are two dark horses in the side horse and flying rings.

Beisterfeldt is the Nittanies' number one man on the side horse while Sidwell, along with Vega, head the Lion rings entries.

Phil Mullen and Dick Rehm will be two Nittany entries in the rope climb. Mullen came within one-tenth of a second, 3.5, of tying ex-Lion Skeets Hagg's Eastern record against Pitt last week. (Continued on page seven)

## 17 Pins Mark IM Mat Action

By MATT MATTHEWS

Last night's Intramural Wrestling bouts were marked by nine decisions and 17 falls.

Heavyweight contender Sam Valentine, Sigma Phi Epsilon, opened the second night of wrestling with a 6-2 decision over Beta Theta Pi's Al Jacks. Bill Wehmer, Alpha Sigma Phi, established himself as a top contender by pinning Delta Upsilon's Bob Hoffman in 35 seconds of the first period.

Tau Kappa Epsilon's Ed Rohm was pinned by Alpha Gamma Rho's Ken Gregg with a half-nelson and bodylock. Ron Falk, Theta Delta Chi, pinned Ron Alwine, Phi Mu Delta, in the second 145-pound match.

Kappa Sigma's 145 entry, Ray Starr, blanked Barry Bittlinger, Alpha Zeta, 7-0 as Starr collected all the riding time. Ed Palmer, Sigma Nu, applied an arm bar and half-nelson at 1:10 to pin Rich Walton of Theta Xi.

John Lange, Phi Gamma Delta, pinned Jim Lambert, Alpha Sigma Phi; Gary Lyons, Sigma Nu, pinned Lew Shemery, Pi Kappa Phi; Jim Riley, Sigma Phi Epsilon, dropped John Hafer, Alpha Chi Rho; Marlin Troutman, Lambda Chi Alpha, defeated Larry Miller, Phi Epsilon Pi; and Ed Huston, Theta Xi, used a headlock with 15 seconds remaining, to pin Fred Doyle, Beaver House, in 135-pound action.

Harvey Nixon, Phi Epsilon Pi, used a reverse nelson to stop Phi Mu Delta's Willis Manges.

In another 155-pound bout,

Harry Leonard, Phi Kappa Tau, blanked Frank Meacci, Theta Kappa Phi, 4-0.

Also in the 155-pound class, Alpha Sigma Phi's Rich Gray pinned Ted Kennedy, and Rog Levin, Alpha Chi Sigma, won by a pin over Ron Kolb, Delta Sigma Phi.

One of the most exciting matches was between Acacia's Phil Saunders and Rich Shillinger. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Saunders grabbed an early two-point lead on a take-down, but Shillinger picked up a point on an escape and the bout developed into a stalemate with Shillinger getting riding time and a 2-2 tie. The referee gave the decision to Shillinger.

Sam Griffiths, Sigma Nu, pinned Larry Nace, Lambda Chi Alpha; Joe Bors, Phi Kappa Tau, shut out Jim Edmonds, Beta Theta Pi, 4-0; and Ted Klein, Phi Kappa Sigma, decisioned Al Dash, Beta Sigma Rho, 6-3.

Lou Camp, Alpha Tau Omega, dropped Irving Buck, Gamma Rho, at 3:18 of the first period.

In the 175-pound division, Dick Dagle, Delta Chi, decisioned Bill Kirsch, Phi Kappa; and Ben Williams of Sigma Nu stopped Garry Crothers, Kappa Delta Rho, 2-0. Heavyweights Jim Holmes,

Sigma Chi, and Phil Petter, Alpha Epsilon Pi, scored impressive wins. Holmes defeated Lou Klein, Phi Sigma Delta, and Petter stopped Phi Kappa's Ignatious Hokaj.

John Burns, Phi Delta Theta, pinned Rich Mohler, Sigma Chi, with a cradle, while Duke Miller, Delta Sigma Phi, dropped a close decision to lanky Ron Grapsy, Theta Kappa Phi, 2-0.

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