

Stickmen to Play In Hofstra Tourney

For the second straight year Coach Nick Thiel's Lion lacrosse team inaugurates its season with a four-game jaunt to Hempstead, N.Y., over the Easter recess.

The Nittany stickmen are part of a five-team lineup participating in a Round-Robin tournament sponsored by Hofstra College, a powerhouse in national lacrosse circles.

Opening with New Hampshire Thursday afternoon, the local stickmen face Dartmouth the following day, rest Saturday and Sunday, and then finish tourney competition Monday against Adelphi and Hofstra.

Despite the fact that each team is expected to oppose the other four at least once, no tournament champion will be crowned.

A twenty-five man traveling squad will be making the trip. Thiel has already decided upon a starting lineup for the New Hampshire fray but he expects to use all available bench strength throughout the tourney.

Six lettermen will be at starting positions when the opening whistle sounds. However, two of these men—John Steinmuller and Lou Girard—have not seen intercollegiate competition in two years, having returned from the Armed Forces last fall.

Steinmuller is ticketed for a midfield berth while Girard will join Bill Hess and either letterman Andy Bergeson or Tom Seeman at the attack positions.

Hess, an outstanding sophomore from New York, is highly regarded by his coaches. An all-American standout in high school, Hess is expected to provide much of the Lion scoring punch.

All-American candidate Captain Bob Hamel and veteran Jeff Bostock will team with Steinmuller at the midfield spots.

Bob Bullock, Willard Snell and Glen Fiscus are slated to start at the defensive positions with Jim Houck handling the duties at the goal. Bullock, a starter in 1955, is the top defensive man on the squad.

Fred Donahue and Ken Chestnut are the first line reserves at midfield slots with Steve Friedman and Dave Friedenbergs providing the relief on defense.

On the basis of last season's performances, Hofstra and New Hampshire loom as the tourney favorites. Hofstra was the top Lacrosse team of the Class B colleges in 1955 and New Hampshire was the kingpin of the C category. Teams are divided into classes according to the competition on its schedule, strength of team, and won and lost records.

Since the 1955 campaign, Hofstra has advanced to the A division where National Champion Maryland reigns as king. Penn State, incidentally, is a member of the Class B division, finishing the 1955 season in a sixth place tie with Dartmouth and Cornell.

NCAA Gym —

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The 16 AAU Champions will be crowned on Saturday with the presentation of the final United States Olympic Gymnastic Teams climaxing the two-day competition.

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NCAA Mat —

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voted the tournament's outstanding wrestling award. Hedge scored four pins and one decision in his way to the title. Myron Roderick, Oklahoma A&M, was awarded the Gallagher trophy for the performance showing best the "courage, determination and teachings" of the late Aggie Coach.

Lion Coach Charley Speidel was elected president of the American Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association at the group's annual meeting before the tournament.

The Final Summaries:

- 115—Terry McCann, Iowa, decisioned Bill Hulings, Pitt, 6-0.
- 123—Ed Peery, Pitt, decisioned Harmon Leslie, Oklahoma A&M, 7-5.
- 130—Myron Roderick, Oklahoma A&M, decisioned Bob Lyons, Oklahoma.
- 137—Jim Sinadinos, Michigan State, decisioned Ron Day, Colorado A&M.
- 147—Ed Eicheberger, Lehigh, decisioned Dave Adams, 6-2.
- 157—Larry TenPas, Illinois, decisioned Doug Blubaugh, Oklahoma A&M.
- 167—Ed DeWitt, Pitt, decisioned Fred Davis, Oklahoma, 5-4.
- 174—Dan Hedge, Oklahoma, pinned Roy Minter, Mankato State, 1:37.
- 191—Ken Luer, Iowa, decisioned Jim Gregson, Oklahoma A&M.
- Heavyweight—Gordon Roessler, Oklahoma, decisioned Joe Konovsky, Wisconsin.

Former Olympic Coach

Gene Vetteone, Penn State gymnastics coach, was at the helm of Uncle Sam's Olympic entry in 1948.

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