

Lightweight Titleholders Highlight Mat Outlook

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(This is the first in a series concerning prospects for the 1956-57 wrestling team. Today we look at the 123, 130, and 137-pound classes.)

Two Eastern champions and an Eastern runner-up. That's the present outlook that greets wrestling Coach Charley Speidel everytime he discusses the candidates seeking varsity spots in the three lightweight divisions.

For in the 123, 130, and 137-pound weight classes, Speidel can look forward to seeing an experienced wrestler who has a collegiate wrestling title or near title listed among his mat accomplishments.

His 123-pound champion is co-captain Sid Nodland. Last year Nodland upset defending champion Bill Hulings of Pitt, on a referee's decision. It was the first time in four matches between Nodland and Hulings that a winner had emerged. The three previous bouts had ended in draws. Another match between the two men could occur this year for the Pitt ace also returns.

Johnny Johnston, gives the Lion matmen their second champion, winning the 130-pound class crown. In the EIWA finals, last year, Johnston decisioned Springfield's Joe Alissi for the title.

John Pepe almost won the 137-pound title at the Eastern tournament last season but his bid was stopped by Lehigh's Joe Gratto in the finals. It was Pepe's first loss after 12 straight victories.

Speidel has three other better than average men in the running for the 123-pound starting berth in the presence of George Smith, Tom Kissinger and Joe Cramp.

Smith, a senior, has not seen much varsity action in his two years on the team but is still rated high by the Lion coach. Smith did wrestle once last season losing a close 7-6 decision to Southern conference champion McHugh of Maryland.

Kissinger, a junior, was the number three man in the division last year. He is a good wrestler, according to Speidel, but has been kept in the background by Nodland and Smith.

The fourth of Speidel's leading contenders, Joe Cramp, is up from the freshman team where he posted a 1-1 record. He is touted as an up-and-coming wrestler by the Lion coach, but needs more experience.

Hal Byers and Don Peters supply Johnston with the most competition in the 130-pound class. Byers, a senior from State College, has had only two varsity matches. Last year he lost a 3-1



Johnny Johnston
130-pound star

decision to Chuck Gratto of Cornell while competing in the 137-pound class.

Peters is another sophomore. He had a 0-2-1 mark last year, while wrestling with the freshmen. He was the best frosh in his weight last year but, according to Speidel, he needs more contact.

At 137, Pepe faces competition from sophomore Dean Seltzer and juniors Wilson Reitz and Dan

Gray. Seltzer was unbeaten as a frosh last year with wins over opponents from Illinois and Cornell.

Reitz is a big question mark in the division. He has many possibilities, says Speidel, but is very inconsistent. He wrestled in his freshman year but did not see action last year.

Dan Gray, although a junior, saw action against Lehigh two years ago, losing to Lehigh captain Ken Faust.

Close Games Top IM Cage Contests

Closely-played tilts featured Thursday night's intramural cage action, with three quintets winning by less than five points.

The schedule's closest contest saw the Nittany 38's edging the Twenty-Five Fives, 21-20, while Schmoos Boys dropped the Duces Wild, 33-29, and the Hungry Five nosed out the Zips, 35-33.

In other action, Dorm 13 scored a comfortable 36-20 decision over the Nittany Supporters; the Kreams downed Pollock 4, 23-15; the McKee Five beat the Aces, 31-21; and the Gnarps recorded a 30-23 victory over the Hamilton Five. The Bulls beat the Panthers and the Black Knights won over the Rebels for forfeit.

Susha led the Nittany 38 scoring with seven points, but Graboski of the losing Fives counted markers to take game laurels.

Duckett and Willard, Schmoos Boys, teamed up to lead the Boys' win over the Duces. Both cagers tallied 12 points, and Van Vechten paced the losers with 17.

McKuen, with 14 markers, led the way in the Hungry Five's victory. Ferrentino's 13 led the losing Zips.

Condo and Goetz dunked 12 points apiece in Dorm 13's defeat of the Nittany Supporters. Bailey's eight counters topped the losers' scoring column.

Adams paced the Kreams win over Pollock four with eight markers, and Gruber and Roland netted four points each for the losing quintet.

Molenari's 12 points paced the McKee Five's triumph. Wolff tallied a dozen markers for the Aces.

Latta's 12 counters sparked the winning Gnarps.

Undefeated KAT Wins

Kappa Alpha Theta remained the only undefeated team in Wednesday night's basketball league of the coed intramural schedule by beating Gamma Phi Beta, 23-10.

Penny Erb scored 15 of KAT's points while Rosie Tanney hooked six for the losers.

In other action this week, Beta Sigma Omicron evened its record at 2-2 by handing Tri Sig its first defeat in a 39-35 battle. Barb Cox and Pat Barnitz hit the double scoring columns when they netted 30 points for the winners.

Delta Zeta toppled Little Lions II, 24-3, with Barb Drum scoring 14 points.

Delta Gamma upset Phi Mu in a high, point-producing tussel, 65-42, with Betsy Morrill exploding for 32 tallies.

Delta Delta Delta eked out Alpha Chi Omega, 18-16. Blanche Kurtz sank 11 points for Tri Delt while Mary Ann Gbur had 10 for the losers.

Zeta Tau Alpha whipped Kappa Delta, 30-11, behind the 19-point scoring splurge of Jeanne Melvin. Sally Laine had eight for the losers.

Thompson III chalked up their fourth win in five starts to lead the Tuesday night league when they tumbled Alpha Gamma Delta, 41-16. Pat Couch scored 19 and Dot Querry, 16, to lead the winning attack.

Brown 'Back of Year'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — All America halfback Jim Brown of Syracuse today was named the outstanding collegiate football player of 1956 by the Pigskin Club of Washington.

2 Fraternities Post Bowling Shutouts

Fraternity "D" bowling league results included a pair of shutouts and a forfeit decision among five contests.

Sigma Tau Gamma whitewashed Delta Sigma Kappa; Sigma Alpha Epsilon recorded a shutout win over Alpha Phi Delta; Beaver House copped a forfeit from Alpha Rho Chi; Phi Kappa Tau defeated Beta Sigma Rho, 3-1; and Sigma Phi Epsilon split with Delta Tau Delta.

In "C" league action, Lambda Chi Alpha downed Chi Phi, 4-0; Delta Sigma Phi divided four tilts with Theta Kappa Phi; Beta Theta Pi swept a series from Sigma Phi Alpha; Pi Kappa Alpha downed Zeta Beta Tau, 3-1; Alpha Gamma Rho beat Acacia by a like margin; and Phi Kappa Sigma shutout Sigma Nu, 4-0.

Joe Wible (182-436) led the Sigma Tau Gamma victory, while John Giles (160-426) paced the losers.

Jim Varshay scored the high game and series in SAE's triumph. He recorded a 175 single and felled 475 pins for the match, as Joe Santoro (168-457) was tops for Alpha Phi Delta.

Walt Scott (208-472) sparked Phi Kappa Tau's win over Beta

Sig. Ray Fireman led a losing cause with a 446 series.

Ken Fasick (184-511), SPE, and Bill Reilly (180-466), DTD, were high men as their clubs divided four.

Ed Lyon continued as the "C" circuit's most consistent kegler, leading Beta Theta Pi to a whitewash win with a 187 game and 518 series. Bob Schuman's 438 series led Sigma Phi Alpha.

Bob Ferris chalked up a 436 series in leading the way to

Miami 1 TD Pick Over Pitt

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 7 (AP) — The University of Pittsburgh Panthers did not come to Florida to get their ears pinned back by the University of Miami Hurricanes in tomorrow's nationally televised game. Coach Johnny Michelosen said today.

But the Hurricanes, with their rockhard defense that's rated the best of the season in college football, are a one touchdown favorite.

The Panthers are bound for the Gator Bowl and a match with Georgia Tech Dec. 29 and Michelosen says he doesn't want the team's record to be any worse than it is already.

Lambda Chi's conquest of Chi Phi. Jack Long (371) topped the losers.

Jerry Panati (167-445) sparked PiKA's victory.

Football center Steve Garban, with a 200 game, and Bill Kovaleski, with 459 for the match, paced the Theta Kappa Phi keggers in their split with Delta Sigma Phi. John Rusnak (184-476) led in both departments for Delta Sig.

Leon Eshelman (200-499) showed the way in AGR's win, although Acacia's Owen Dorman (208-515) grabbed individual honors for the match.

Jacob Shook's 425 series was high in Phi Kappa Sig's triumph. Sigma Nu's Bill Shupert rolled a 393 set.

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