

Lions Host Illini Wrestlers Seek 2nd Win Tomorrow

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Penn State hosts a Big Ten wrestling team for the first time in 16 years tomorrow night at Recreation Hall when Coach Charley Speidel's grapplers go after their second straight victory of the 1956-57 season against highly-rated Illinois.

Not since the 1941 campaign when the Lions edged Michigan, 14-12, has a Big Ten aggregation appeared on the Nittany stamping grounds.

However, the next showing of a Big Ten squad will be like a mere wink of the eye in comparison to the 16-year draught which will end tomorrow. Ohio State will provide the other Big Ten opposition Feb. 2.

Illinois will field a veteran team for its battle with the Lions. Six of the starting positions on Coach Pat Patterson's first team will be occupied by lettermen.

Heading the list of returnees is captain Steve Szabo. Szabo wrestled as the Illini heavyweight last year but he has been moved down to the 177-pound berth this season. Last year Szabo lost a 10-4 decision to Bill Oberly, now gone from the Penn State mat scene.

Dave Moore, 123, and Harold Brownstein, 167, are two year monogram winners for the Illini. In the 1955-56 campaign, Moore dropped a 7-1 decision to Sid Nodland while Brownstein was shutout by the now-graduated Joe Krufka.

Norb Sergeant, 130, Bill Muther, 137, and Bill Gabbard, 157, are the other Illini veterans. All three were defeated in last year's 23-3 Lion victory.

Sergeant was beaten by Johnny Johnston, 8-2; Muther lost to John Pepe, 8-4; and Gabbard was pinned by Earl Poust.

Gabbard, however, may be

showed to a reserve role tomorrow by Werner Holzer. Both have shown up well in practice sessions and the starter won't be known until match time.

The 147-pound and heavy-weight positions will be the only one's (with the possibility of the 157-pound spot) that will not be filled with lettermen.

Tom Gabbard will open at 147 with either Bob Norman or Jim McMillan Jr. at heavy. McMillan is the son of a former Illinois wrestling and football star of the 1920's.

WRESTLING WHISPERS—Sid Nodland successfully defended his 123-pound Wilkes College wrestling tournament title last week at Wilkes-Barre with a forfeit win over former Indiana University Big Ten Champion Bob Carlin...

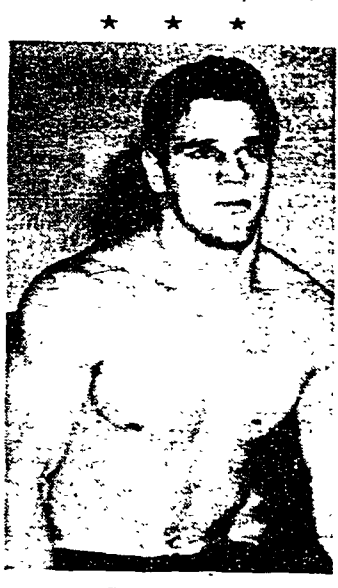
Two other ex-Lion grapplers also won championships for the second straight year... Larry Fornicola decided Pitt's Bob Bubb, 7-6, for the 147-pound crown and Oberly decided Lehigh's Pete Davidson, 4-0, for the unlimited title...

Pitt won the team title at the tournament (referred to as the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling") with a total of 96 points, 54 more than the second place finisher Lock Haven State Teachers...

Lehigh, Michigan, Bellefonte YMCA, Maryland, York YMCA, Syracuse, Appalachian Teachers of West Virginia, and Oswego Teachers of New York filled out the rest of the first ten finishers...

Penn State, as usual, did not enter a team... Nodland and Oberly were unattached while Fornicola wrestled for Bellefonte YMCA...

Four Pitt men walked off with titles... Paul Powell, a freshman, won the 115-pound crown; Vic DeFelice copped the 177-pound title; Bob Richardson claimed the 157-pound championship; and Ron Schirf snagged the 191-pound crown.



Steve Szabo
Illinois captain

Million See 'Lion's Life'

A 16 mm sound film, "A Lion's Life," which depicts a typical football Saturday on the Penn State campus, has been viewed by approximately one million persons on television and in other showings throughout the State.

Plum, Mazar Play In Bowl Tomorrow

Two Lion football stars—quarterback Milt Plum and tackle Walt Mazar—wind up post-season action for Nittany players tomorrow when they play in the annual Senior Bowl game at Mobile, Alabama.

It will be the second post-season game for both players. Plum played in the East-West Shrine game last Saturday in

San Francisco and Mazar participated in the North-South clash Dec. 26 at Miami.

All-American guard Sam Valentine, who was slated to play in the Hula Bowl at Hawaii turned down the invitation because of illness. Valentine is suffering from a heavy cold.

The seven Nittany players who took part in bowl action all showed up well. Halfback Billy Kane played most of the North-South game on defense while Mazar played both offense and defense. Tackle Jack Calderone and center Dan Radakovich both starred for the Blue in its battle with the Gray. Radakovich played at the linebacker spot for most of the game and was in on numerous tackles besides knocking down a Gray pass in the end zone.

Calderone's offensive play brought raves from the scouts. His blocking was exceptional throughout the game and was instrumental in many of the Blue's drives.

Valentine and halfback Ray Alberigi both played the entire

game on offense for the East team while Plum was used mainly on defense. Valentine, noted for his defensive prowess, was a surprise starter on the offensive team.

Alberigi was used as a blocker throughout the contest and carried the ball only two times for a total of six yards. Although he was a halfback with the Lions, Alberigi was placed in the fullback slot by head Coach Terry Brennan.

One highlight of the game was the choosing of Valentine as co-captain. Members of the East squad voted for the co-captains the day before the contest.

Brennan used Plum for only a short time on offense and in that time the Lion signal-caller drove his team down to the West 14-yard line before the drive stalled. Plum completed four out of four passes during the drive.

Coach Rip Engle was assistant to Brennan. It was the fourth consecutive year that Engle has been on the Shrine coaching staff.

Major League Baseball News

BROOKLYN, Jan. 3 (AP)—Johnny Podres, 1955 World Series hero who spent the entire 1956 season in the Navy, signed his Brooklyn contract today to become the third Dodger to enter the fold for 1957.

No terms were announced but it was believed the 24-year-old southpaw signed for the same salary he was to receive last year, an estimated \$15,000.

Podres, who has a chronic bad back, was released from service last October because of his condition. He entered last March.

It is this same back condition that has hampered the young up-stater from Witherbee, N.Y., ever since he came to the Dodgers in 1953.

Other Dodgers in the fold are pitcher Don Newcombe and captain-shortstop Pee Wee Reese.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3 (AP)—Ken Boyer, 25, the cat-quick third baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals who was the National League's No. 5 hitter last year, signed his 1957 contract today, reportedly receiving a whopping pay boost to almost double his previous salary.

The Cardinals' front office did not disclose the terms but it was reported Boyer signed for around \$17,000. In 1955, his first in the big time, Boyer reportedly got \$9,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP)—Shortstop Ernie Banks, who led the Chicago Cubs in batting, RBI's and home runs last season, today became the first Bruin signed for 1957.

An infected left hand in mid-August halted a record string of 424 consecutive games Banks played after joining the Cubs late in the 1953 season from the Kansas City Monarchs.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 3 (AP)—Outfielder Bill Virdon, who was the National League's second

leading hitter in 1956 with a .319 average, today signed his 1957 contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Contract terms were not disclosed but it was reported Virdon received a substantial raise.

General Manager Joe L. Brown also announced the signing of Paul Minner, 33, a southpaw pitcher released by the Chicago Cubs last season.

Waner Stricken By Pneumonia

SARASOTA, Fla., Jan. 3 (AP)—Paul Waner, one time great outfielder and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, was reported in critical condition today with pneumonia.

His wife said he improved somewhat today but still remains on the critical list at a hospital. He was stricken Sunday night and has been in an oxygen tent off and on since then.

It is his second attack of pneumonia in the last five years. Waner, 53, had been active and had been planning to play in an old timers game at St. Petersburg Jan. 19. He is a batting instructor for the Milwaukee Braves farm system.

Waner made his name playing with the Pittsburgh Pirates but also played with the old Boston Braves and the New York Yankees.

Johnston's Clutch Layup Beats St. Louis, 82-81

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Neil Johnston's driving layup with 35 seconds left gave the Philadelphia Warriors an 82-81 victory over the St. Louis Hawks tonight in a ragged and listless opener of a National Basketball Association doubleheader at Madison Square Garden.

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Were \$55	Now \$41.75	Were \$45	Now \$28.75
Were \$60	Now \$44.75	Were \$55	Now \$31.75
Were \$75	Now \$53.75	Were \$65	Now \$33.75

TOPCOATS		SWEATERS	
Were \$35	Now \$33.75	Were \$7.95	Now \$5.45
Were \$39.50	Now \$40.75	Were \$9.95	Now \$6.95
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