

# Matmen, Lion Hopes Dangle On 3 Key Bouts

By LOU PRATO

PITTSBURGH, March 2—Penn State's twice-beaten wrestling team will try to throw a monkey wrench into the University of Pittsburgh's plans for a second straight undefeated mat season tonight at the Pitt Field House when the two teams clash in the final dual meet of the season for both clubs.

The wrestling match, which is the second half of a Penn State-Pitt double-header athletic event here in the Steel City, begins at 9 o'clock. Penn State's Eastern champion gymnastic team tackles the surprising Panther gymnasts at 7:30.

A victory by the Panther matmen tonight will stretch their three-year dual-match victory skein to 27 and give them their second unbeaten mat team in the history of Skyscraper U. Last year, Coach Rex Peery's men rolled over 10 opponents on their way to Pitt's first undefeated campaign.

The Lions were one of Pitt's victims last year, losing 16-12 on the Nittany campus. It was the third year in a row that the Panthers had defeated their arch-rivals. In 1954 the score was 22-9 and two years ago Pitt won 19-8.

Both teams were undefeated when they hooked up in the 1956 battle but things are a little different this year. Pittsburgh is undefeated once again with nine victories, but the Lions have been beaten twice and tied once in eight meets.

Pitt owns victories over Michigan, 25-3; Iowa State, 17-8; Maryland, 26-4; Syracuse, 17-9; Cornell, 22-8; Lock Haven, 23-3; Purdue, 25-3; Army, 28-0; and Lehigh, 15-9.

The Lions picked up their wins against Colgate, 23-8; Illinois, 14-12; Maryland, 17-11; Ohio State, 36-0; and Syracuse, 24-8; and lost to Lehigh, 16-13, and Navy, 14-13. The tie came last week against Cornell, 12-12.

Ten men who wrestled in last season's meet are back this year; four from Penn State. Sid Nodland, Johnny Johnston, John Pepe, and Dave Adams return for the Lions while Bill Hulings, Ed Peery, Vic DeFelice, Bob Bubb, Dave Johnson, and Ron Schrif remain for the Panthers.

Nodland, Johnston, Adams, Peery, and Schrif are unbeaten this season as is Pitt's sophomore ace Ted Bienkowski. Peery has the best record with nine victories followed by Johnson and Schrif who have eight. Schrif also has a draw on his slate. Nodland and Bienkowski have identical 7-0 marks and Adams owns a 6-0-2 record.

For the second straight year, Johnson and Peery will match their untarnished marks in the 130-pound scrap. Peery, a two-time 123-pound National champion, and 1955 130-pound champ beat Johnson, the defending Eastern titlist, in last year's meet, 3-2.

## WRA Sponsors Sport Events

The annual winter sports day of the Women's Recreation Association will be held this afternoon in White Hall.

The program will include competition between Penn State, Bucknell, Juniata, Lock Haven, Dickinson and Lycoming Colleges in volleyball, basketball, badminton, bowling, and swimming.

Members of the Penn State volleyball team are Jean Melvin, Joan Brown, Doreen O'Bryan, Jet Kohl, Betsy McKenzie, Jean Nigh, Carolyn Falk, Mary Neel, Jo Bedenk, Barb Cox, and Jerry Schaefer.

The following coeds make up the basketball team: Pat Barnitz, Judy Clancy, Jean Melvin, Maxine Hampton, Joan Brown, Mary Herbein, Barbara Drum, Barbara Knight, Carolyn Briggs, Rita Witmer, Mary Troutman, Carla Widowson, Patricia Ulrich, Sally Jer-

# Gymnasts Poise for Dangerous Pitt



Bruce Gilmore  
May meet Dave Johnson

The loss was the first and only one of the season for Johnson.

Adams will meet either Bienkowski or Bubb at 147. If Bienkowski gets the nod, then Bubb will be at 157. It will work just the opposite if Bubb is nominated at 147. In the 1956 encounter, Adams decked Bubb with a body press with one second to go in the match.

Another re-match is slated for the 123-pound bout where Nodland faces Bill Hulings. If past meetings of these two are any indication of tonight's battle, then this will probably be the most exciting match of the meet. In six encounters they have split even—one win, one loss and three ties.

Pepe will get his second chance to defeat DeFelice when the two hook up at 137. Last year, Pepe decisively beat the Pitt junior, 8-4. Pepe owns a 7-1 mark this season while DeFelice goes one better at 8-1.

Johnson and Schrif will be up against new foes this season. In the 1956 meet, Johnston topped Joe Humphreys, 4-0, and Schrif drew with Bill Oberly, 4-4.

Johnson will be at either 167 or 177 and Schrif will handle the heavyweight spot. If Johnson, the defending 157-pound Eastern champ, wrestles at 167 he will meet Bruce Gilmore, 2-6-0, and if he moves up one weight he will tangle with Les Walters, 0-3. Schrif will face Sam Markle, who owns a 1-6-1 record.

Bob Richardson could get the nod for Pitt at either 157 or 167 while sophomore Tom Alberts could start at 177. Richardson is 3-5 for the season and Alberts is 6-2.

The other Lion starting post at 157 will go to either George Gray or Earl Poust. Gray has a 2-3 record while Poust is 1-2 for the season.

## Vega & Co. Seek 6th Straight Tonight

By MATT PODBESEK

PITTSBURGH, March 2 — Pitt gymnasts—third-ranked in the East—will find out just how much depth Gene Wettstone's acrobats have in the final dual meet of the season tonight at the Pitt Field House.

Wettstone's "best balanced team he has coached" in his 18-year tenure will take the floor against the Panthers at 7:30 tonight in an attempt to give the Olympic coach his seventh undefeated season.

They have already guaranteed the lean mentor his eighth Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League team title with last Saturday's win over Army. Even if the Lions should lose tonight, the worst they will finish is in a tie with the Cadets for first.

And from all indications of the past few weeks the Panthers do not intend to sit on the sidelines and gaze in amazement at the talents of the unofficial champs.

Coach Warren Neiger's boys have shown all season that they are the most improved team in the East this year.

Led by two daring triple-threat performers—sophomore Dave

Hirst and junior Jack Hammond—and a defending Eastern titlist and double-threat acrobat—junior Tom Darling—the Panthers own a four-meet winning streak.

The streak includes a trouncing of West Virginia, 67-29, and wins over three very strong gym schools, Temple, 55-41; Navy, 52-44, and Georgia Tech, 47-33.

They lost a 50-46 verdict to Army early in the season and a squeaker to Syracuse, 49-47. But they have improved tremendously since then.

Hirst has been the big gun for the Panthers all season. He is one of the top tumblers in the East and is rated high to snare the eastern title next week at Syracuse. Close behind his consistent 260 scores are teammates Hammond and Sophomore Don Neeld. This combination gives Pitt a definite advantage over Dave Dulaney (258), Adie Stevens (260), and Dion Weissend.

Hirst is rapidly becoming one of the top parallel bar men with scores like his 261 against Tech last week. But with weak backing from Hammond and Jim Mullvihill, the Lions are expected to sweep the top places with Eastern champ Armando Vega (282) on his specialty and the recently-aroused Gil Leu (257) and Bob

Foht (251).

Hirst's third event is the flying rings which he won against Navy when teammate and defending champ Darling developed arm trouble. With Hammond capable of 260 also, the Panthers could slam the event if Vega (288) has another terrible night. Jack Donahue (236) and Ed Sidwell (234) back Vega.

As was the case last week, the rope climb is going to determine the outcome to a large extent. Mullen will have a hard time breaking 3.9 on the slow loose hemp in the Field House. But Dick Rehm (3.9) and John Hiding (4.3) may beat Pitt's lumberjacks' Dave Ruber (4.0), John Caclice (4.8) and Bill Cowan (4.8).

Mullvihill has had a 270 on the horizontal bar and Tom Darling has played a top supporting role, almost enough to balance an average performance by the Lion high bar trio—Leu (275), Vega (262) and Weissend (281).

The one event the Lions are sure of is the side horse with Jack Biesterfeldt (261) leading the pack. Walt Heiler (240) and Leu (260) may make it a slam over Pitt's 220 scorers (and lower) Mullvihill, Charles Kerber and Joe Lamartine.

## Betas, SPA Tie In 'C' Bowling

A split between Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Phi Alpha was the feature of Thursday's Fraternity "C" bowling action.

Ed Lyon, Beta's weekly bulwark, notched a 203 game and a 578 series, but Bob Schuman of SPA copped single-game honors (215) and totaled 545 pins for the match.

Craig Mosebach fired a 204 single and a 504 series to pace Chi Phi to a 4-0 win over Zeta Beta Tau.

Theta Kappa Phi shut out Phi Kappa Sigma, with Bill Kovaleski (191-528) leading the way.

In other "C" circuit tilts, Delta Sigma Phi whitewashed Sigma Nu; Alpha Gamma Rho shut out Acacia; and Lambda Chi Alpha copped a 3-1 decision from Pi Kappa Alpha.

"D" League results: Phi Sigma Kappa won three of four games from Alpha Rho Chi, despite a 201 single-game effort by the losers' Gordon Frey; Pi Kappa Phi shut out Phi Kappa Tau; Alpha Phi Delta topped Beta Sigma Rho, 3-1; and Beaver House beat Sigma Phi Epsilon, 3-1.

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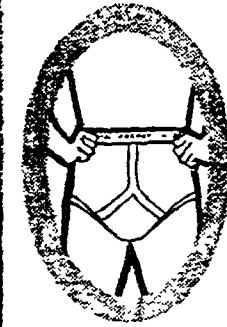
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