

Middleweight Mat Talent Plentiful for EIWA Tourney

(This is the second of a series previewing the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament at Recreation Hall Friday and Saturday.)
There won't be a shortage of talent in the middleweight classes at the EIWA tournament this weekend.

Included among the entries for the three different weight divisions—137, 147, and 157—are eight men with undefeated records, five men who have lost only once, and three who have been beaten only twice.

Lehigh's captain Joe Gratto is the only 1956 champion returning to defend his title in the middleweight division, but six other grapplers who reached the semi-finals last year are back. Gratto won the 137-pound crown, defeating Penn State's John Pepe in the finals.

Last year's 157-pound titlist, Pitt's Dave Johnson, also returns to the EIWA tourney this year but he will compete in the 167-pound class.

Gratto has a 10-1 record for the season and has lost only one match in his dual-meet career. The junior Engineer was upset in the season opener by Cornell's Dick Vincent in a 157-pound match.

Gratto's toughest competition this season will come from Pepe, Pitt's Vic DeFelice, Springfield's Henry Bianowicz, 5-0; Brown's George Seaver, 7-1; Navy's Joe Longton, 5-2; and Harvard's Bob Crook, 5-3.

Pepe finished second in the 1956 event and DeFelice was third. Pepe has a 8-1 record this season including a 5-0 victory over DeFelice.

DeFelice's mark for the campaign is 8-2. The Pitt junior was rolling along with an eight-match undefeated mark before running into Gratto and Pepe in his final two encounters.

Gratto's brother Joe, a senior at Cornell, is also expected to provide keen competition at 137 despite his 6-5 record.

The rest of the field includes Army's Jim Hanke, 5-3; Colgate's Frank McCarthy, 4-4; F&M's Ned Harner, 2-3; Syracuse's Bob McDermot, 0-9-1; Temple's George Barber, 0-6; Columbia's John Buchanan or Tony Antonio; Penn's Dennis Hurley; Rutgers' Dick McKeeby; Yale's Otis Graham; and Princeton's Curt Dohan.

A successor to Lehigh's Ed Eichelberger, last year's outstanding wrestler at both the Eastern and National tournaments, will be crowned at 147. Eichelberger defeated Penn State's Dave Adams in the 1956 finale.

But Adams and hosts of other star contenders are back this year. Adams is unbeaten with a 7-0-2 record and would seem like the logical winner but for the fact that five other 147-pound grapplers have also escaped without a defeat.

Brown's captain Frank Smith, a native of Bethlehem, has a 9-0 record; F&M's Joe Yeats has tied only once in ten exhibitions; Lehigh's ace sophomore Dick Santoro has a 9-0-3 record; and Pitt's Ted Bienkowski has a 7-0-1 ledger.

Princeton's Bill Fortenbaugh, who was third in last season's Eastern's, is also undefeated this year but his exact season record is not known.

Navy's Bob Daughenbaugh is also included among the leaders. He has a 5-1-1 record.

Army's John Hyde, 2-6; Colgate's Jim Glynn, 1-2; Harvard's John Noble, 5-5; Syracuse's Gordon Carberry, 2-3; Temple's Don Resnick, 0-7; Columbia's Sam Bryce; Rutgers' Don Kolvalchik; Yale's Phil Heppner; and Penn's Jim Kinter or Ken Fisher round out the field.

The 157-pound class is probably the most even of the three middleweight divisions. With Johnson moving up to 167, Temple's Gerry Scanlon, Springfield's Vic Lewinn, Cornell's Steve Vincent, and Yale's Steve Jackson, step into the favorite roles. Scanlon finished fourth in the 1956 EIWA tourney and has a 9-0-1 record this season.

Lewin, who won the 157-pound New England championship last (Continued on page ten)

Fresh Baseball Call

All candidates for the freshman baseball team are requested to attend an orientation meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the balcony of Recreation Hall, Coach John Egli announced.



Chuck Gratto, may face brother



Joe Longton



Vic DeFelice

Injuries Strike Baseball Camps

By the Associated Press

Baseball injuries—a few severe, others minor and some old—have struck major league camps in Florida and Arizona and have sidelined more than a dozen athletes with spring training less than two weeks old.

Among the players who have been put out of commission for varying periods are Johnny Antonelli of the New York Giants, Carl Furillo of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Steve Gromek of Detroit and Bob Speake and Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs.

In the Giants' Phoenix, Ariz., quarters, Manager Bill Rigney isn't as much concerned with Antonelli's ailments as he is with the "dangerous" bat of Foster Castleman, his young third-base-outfield hopeful.

First Castleman drove a line drive off the left leg of Joe Margoneri and put the sophomore lefthander out of action for a couple of days. Then, to show he played no favorites, Castleman blasted one off the right leg of Antonelli, the team's southpaw ace.

Neither injury is regarded as serious, but Antonelli's situation is complicated by a strained neck muscle which he suffered while practicing pickoff throws.

Furillo has a leftover injury—a sore left elbow which he hurt while crashing into a wall late last season. He claims it "hasn't been quite right since." Unless the 35-year-old outfielder comes around, this could mean trouble for the Dodgers.

Gromek, the Tigers' veteran righthander, was hit above the right eye by a wild pitch thrown by teammate Jack Crimian. Speake injured his shoulder when he tripped over first base while running out a hit and Banks also has an aching shoulder.

The Dodgers got another setback when Roger Craig came up with a sore elbow while pitching in an intrasquad contest. This was a recurrence of an old injury.

Kansas City catcher Tim Thompson had a relapse of an old knee ailment; Chicago Cubs' pitcher Bob Rush is taking tests to find the cause of abdominal pains and Ted Williams, 38, of the Boston Red Sox, stiff and sore all over, probably will not start in any exhibition games for the next couple of weeks.

Mickey Mantle's knee has held up well. But the New York Yankees' starting outfielder showed up for the game against Boston yesterday with a gash in his head. Mickey's explanation: He bumped into a door.

Bosox, Braves Win 1-0 Games

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12 (AP)—After losing their first three exhibition games, the Boston Red Sox finally won today but needed 13 innings to nip the New York Yankees, 1-0.

The run crossed on a break, third baseman Bill Skowron stumbling after fielding a grounder with the bases full and two out. Skowron, regular Yank first baseman, was making his first start at third and had played brilliantly prior to the mishap.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 12 (AP)—Warren Spahn, Gene Conley and Red Murff limited Detroit to two hits as the Milwaukee Braves scored a 1 to 0 victory over the Tigers in a spring exhibition today. Each pitched three innings.

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