



# Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCL, Sports Editor

## "THEY MUST HAVE BEEN INSPIRED"

Charley Speidel is doing the speaking following the Eastern Wrestling Tournament, which his team won by a wide margin. "What else could it be," he went on. It was no miracle or anything like that. It was just plain spirit and a concentrated effort by all the boys."

And Speidel's "boys" agreed. Co-captains Dave Adams and Sid Nodland both praised the "tremendous" spirit of the team. Adams said, "I guess the spirit has been building up since the Pitt match." And Nodland had his comments:

"Les (Walters) and Earl (Poust) were definitely the two keys to our victory. Our spirit has been strong the past two or three weeks, but last night and tonight it just built up to a point where we couldn't lose. Les and Earl sure came through."

Speidel interjected into the conversation and said sarcastically: "Didn't I tell you we were going to lose?" This was his way of displaying joy over his team's performances.

He continued his comments by telling the team, "We're going to take a long breath and get ready for those nationals in two weeks. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us."

Nodland, who lost to Pitt's Ed Peery in the finals of the 123-pound division, 5-2, appeared anxious to get another crack at the Panther champion. "I might not meet him at the national tournament," he said, "but if I do I'll definitely wrestle him different. I was wary of his Whizzer hold (a hold where both wrestlers interlock their arms and pit muscle against muscle in an attempt for a takedown) so I was too cautious. Next time I'll wrestle him on my feet."

John Pepe, who beat Joe Gratto of Lehigh for the 137 crown, said, "It's sure been a good year. I'll be shooting for the nationals now and I'll be keeping myself in top shape by working harder."

Gratto, last year's 137-pound monarch, was handled easily by Pepe and in the last period, when he failed in every attempt to score a point, he became enraged, refused to shake hands with Pepe, and stormed off the mats amidst the boos from the 6000 spectators.

Gratto apologized after the tournament for his unsportsmanlike conduct. "I guess I was angry because Pepe was just laying on the mat waiting for the period to end," he said, "but I know now that it was the smart thing to do and I would have done the same if I was in his position."

## JOHNSTON AN EXCITING WRESTLER!

Johnny Johnston, 130-pound titlist for the Lions, had favorable comments for his opponent in the finals, Vic DeFelice, of Pittsburgh. "DeFelice was tough," he said praisingly, "but somehow you know when you have your man. I guess when he starts to run or the way he moves gives you that extra confidence." DeFelice was a regular 137-pounder but was moved down a weight when Pitt Coach Rex Peery revamped his entire lineup.

Johnston is undoubtedly one of the most exciting wrestlers to come around in many a year. The easy-going junior always tries for a pin and has the crowd roaring everytime he walks onto the mats. His great speed and leverage make him one of the favorites for the national crown.

The crowd, definitely partisan, was disappointed when Johnston did not receive the most valuable wrestling award. Peery received both the most valuable and the John Fletcher Award at the tourney. The tiny, but strong, Panther said: "It was really a great thrill to win those awards. I knew John Fletcher and it was a real honor to get an award made in honor of him."

The Lion team expressed dissatisfaction with the award for most of them thought Johnston should have received it, but Speidel quickly added: "We might have thought that, but the majority rules and they pick the winner."

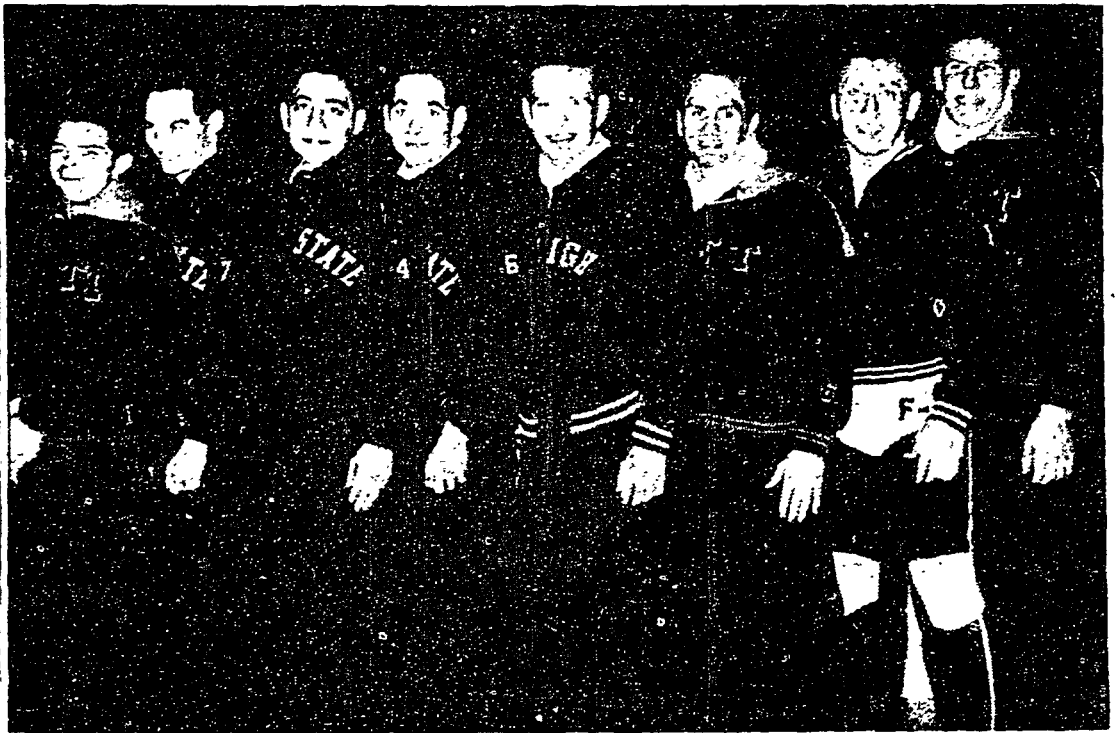
## TOURNEY TIDBITS:

The crowd at both sessions totaled approximately 15,000 and was another "big" payday for the EIWA organization . . . Of the eight champions crowned Saturday night only one—John Pepe—was from out state . . . Pepe hails from Plainfield, N.J., and was a good friend of Milt Campbell, recognized as the world's greatest athlete . . . One story (and this is no fish tale) has it that Pepe pinned the 215-pound Campbell during a practice session. Campbell wrestled only one match in high school, but still outweighed Pepe by over 75 pounds . . .

Members of the seeding committee knew what they were talking about when they seeded certain individuals. Top-seeded wrestlers who became champions were Peery, Johnston, Johnson, Flemming, and Schirf. Second-seeded champs were Pepe and Adams, and a third-seeded champ was Lehigh's Ed Hamer . . .

Both George Creason and Nodland wear tattoos. Creason got his while in the service; Nodland's? (Well, somebody must know) . . . Referee Richard DiBattista was a three-time Eastern champion at the University of Pennsylvania in 1941, 42, 43. He received the "Most Valuable Wrestler" award in 1943.

# 1957 EIWA Champions



1957 WRESTLING CHAMPIONS: Pictured above from left to right are Ed Peery, Pitt—123 pounds; Johnny Johnston, Penn State—130 pounds; John Pepe, Penn State—137 pounds; Dave Adams, Penn State—147; Ed Hamer, Lehigh—157; Dave Johnson, Pitt—167; Ron Flemming, F&M—177; and Ron Schirf, Pitt—hwt.

—Daily Collegian Photo by Marty Scherr

# Michigan State—Rags to Riches

EAST LANSING, Mich., March 18 (AP)—Michigan State, the Cinderella team of the NCAA basketball tourney, was a tough luck outfit going nowhere at the start of the season.

Only coach Forddy Anderson, an incurable optimist, saw any hopes for his Spartans after they

lost four early games in succession—two by one-point heart-breaking margins.

"We'll get better," Anderson insisted. "This team is going to surprise a lot of people."

But Anderson, a regular in national tournament competition at Bradley University before he moved to MSU, would never have dared to predict that Michigan State would be playing in the NCAA semifinals Friday against top-ranked North Carolina. San Francisco goes against Kansas and Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain in the other semifinal.

Unlike most top-ranked teams, Michigan State has not a single outstanding star. Instead it has been winning on a combination of a clinging defense—the best in the Big Ten—superior rebounding, and a well balanced attack.

Forwards George Ferguson and Larry Hedden, center John Green

## Varsity 'S' Club Schedules Meeting

The Varsity 'S' Club will discuss banquet plans at 10 p.m. tomorrow at Sigma Pi fraternity.

The banquet will be held on April 3 at the Hotel State College.

Plans for slates of officers for next year will be discussed at the meeting. The elections will be held on March 27.

A report will be heard on the number of programs sold at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Tourney.

Lapel pins for new members have been received by Paul Roberts, Varsity 'S' Club president.

and guard Jack Quiggle all score consistently in double figures but none has averaged better than 16 points a game.

## Norris to Avoid Matchmaking

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—President James D. Norris of the International Boxing Club said today he will not dicker for title fights with light-heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson until he gets a go-ahead from his lawyers.

"My primary concern right now is with the antitrust case against us," said Norris at an impromptu press conference at the IBC office. "I don't want to appear to be flaunting the judge's decision against us. I want to talk to my attorney first and until then I will meet with neither Moore nor Patterson."

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan ruled last March 8 that the IBC was guilty of monopolizing world championship boxing bouts.



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