

Pitt Hosts NCAA's Today

4 Vets Hold Key to Lion Chances

By LOU PRATO
PITTSBURGH, March 29 — Three Eastern titlists and an Eastern runner-up — all veterans of the NCAA wrestling classic — will carry the main hopes for Penn State's Eastern champion wrestling team this afternoon when the 27th annual National Mat tourney opens here at the Pitt Field House.

Johnny Johnston, 130, John Pepe, 137, and Dave Adams, 147 — all of whom won Eastern crowns at Recreation Hall two weeks ago — and Sid Nodland, 123, the 1956 Eastern king, who was licked by Pitt's defending National champ Ed Peery in this year's Eastern finals, are rated among the top contenders for 1957 National honors.

In addition, Coach Charley Speidel will enter Earl Poust at 157, George Gray at 167, Les Walters at 177, and Sam Markle at

Radio Station WMAJ will carry the NCAA mat finals direct from the Pitt Field House Saturday night starting at 7:45. Periodic telephone reports will be carried by the station today and tomorrow until broadcast time.

heavyweight. Poust finished third and Walters second at the recent Eastern Tourney, but they are not expected to go far in the Nationals.

However, they held the same unenviable position before the Eastern tourney started but wound up as the big surprises of the whole fiasco.

Three defending champions and one man who won a title in 1953 are among the 250 matmen entered from 64 of the top wrestling colleges and universities in the nation. The sixty-four schools, incidentally, is a new record, topping the old mark of 58 set last year at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Two of the returning 1956 champions are members of Oklahoma University's unbeaten matmen, the pre-tourney favorite, "Homicide" Dan Hodge, the nation's outstanding wrestler last year, will be shooting for his third straight 177-pound title and teammate Gordon Roesler will be going after his second heavyweight crown.

Pitt's Ed Peery will also be seeking his third straight championship in the 123-pound class. Minnesota's Dick Mueller won the 123-pound top spot in 1953 but went into the armed services the next year. He may move into the 130-pound division for the tourney.

Six runner-ups from last year's "world series of college wrestling" are also back. In addition to Penn State's Adams, who was second at 147 in 1956, Pitt's Bill Hulings, 115, Oklahoma A&M's Harmon Leslie, 123, Doug Blubaugh, 157, Oklahoma's Bob Lyons, 130, and Manakato States Roy Minter, 177, are holdovers.

Another tough "nut" at either 123 or 130 will be the 1956 123-pound Olympic entry, Oregon's Lee Allen. Allen beat Peery in last year's Olympic tryouts.

Hulings and Oklahoma's Dick Delgado, a two-time 123-pound Big Seven champ, rate the favorite roles in the 115-pound class. Syracuse's Ed Carlin, Springfield's Ed Aymerantes, Maryland's John McHugh, and Iowa's Frank Altman are among the other top prospects.

At 123, it will be a battle among

Peery, Leslie, Muller—if he goes at this weight—Nodland, Syracuse's George Creason, and Big Ten runner-up Don Duck.

Competition at 130 is expected to be the keenest of the whole tourney with Lyons, Allen, Johnston and possibly Muller in the top seeded positions. Pitt's Vic Defelice, Michigan's Max Pearson, Indiana's Joe Shook, and Denver's Wes Duchemin, the Skyline Conference champ, are next in line.

The 137-pound division will find Pepe, Paul Weinholt of Colorado A&M, Wyoming's Stan Wintermote, Lehigh's Joe Gratto, Colorado State's Les Kroeger, Maryland's Rod Norris, and Pitt's Ted Bienskowski among the "cream of the crop."

Wintermote, Kroeger, and Norris all won the most valuable wrestler trophy in their respective conference tournaments—Wintermote in the Skyline, Kroeger in the Rocky Mountain, and Norris in the Atlantic Coast.

Adams, Lehigh's Dick Santoro, Iowa State's Ron Gray—the Big Seven titlist—and Werner Holzer, the Big Ten king, head the outstanding cast at 147.

Michigan's Mike Rodriguez, Blubaugh, and Pitt's Dave Johnson are the leaders for the 157-pound crown.

Toughest competition in this weight will come from Lehigh's Ed Hamer, the Eastern champ, Colorado A&M's Ron Ericson, the Skyline winner, Colorado State's Ed Rath, the Rocky Mountain

king, and Big Seven champ John Doyle of Kansas State.

Minter will move down into the 167-pound category to escape Hodge and, along with Oklahoma's Rex Edgar, the Big Seven winner and Iowa State's Frank Powell will be one of the favorites at that weight.

Hodge is all alone at 177. Some of his competition will come from Franklin & Marshall's Ron Fleming, the Eastern champ, Iowa's Big Ten champ Gary Kurdelmier, Minnesota's Bill Wright, and Wyoming's Jesse Stokes.

Pitt's Ron Schirf, the Eastern heavyweight winner, Minnesota's Willis Wood, Michigan State's Ken Maidlow, Oregon State's John Dustin, Colorado A & M's Bob Marshall and Navy's Tony Stremic are tops among the 191-pounders.

Roesler is favored at heavyweight but Maryland's All-American footballer Mike Sandusky, Southern Illinois' Ed Hayes, and Oklahoma's Earl Lynn are expected to give him a "run for his money."

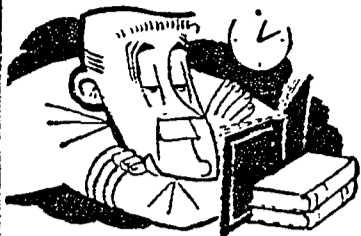
Oklahoma is favored to take the team title that has evaded them since 1952, but defending champ Oklahoma A&M—coached by last year's 130-pound National champ Myron Roderick—Iowa State, Penn State, Pitt and Lehigh are also given a chance to win the high honor.

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Dave Adams
Main hope for 147 title

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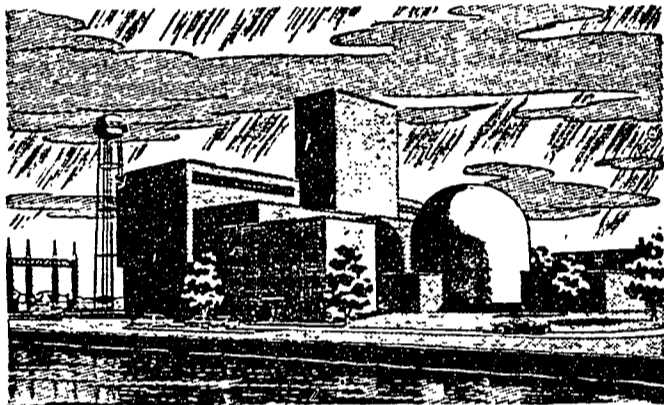
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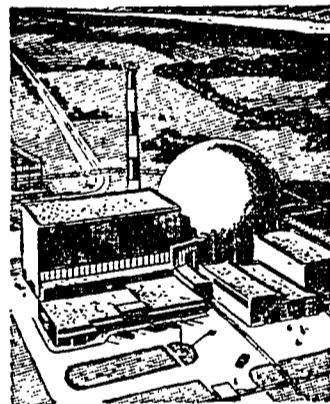
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Spring Soccer Practice

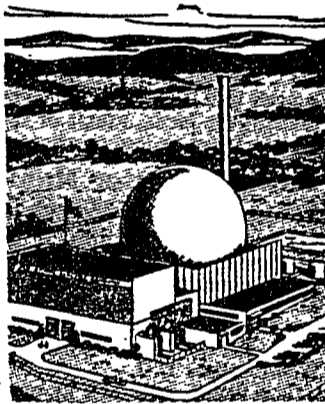
Spring soccer practice will begin Monday. All students interested in trying out for the squad must procure a physical card from either Dave Bischoff, Tony Puglisi or Bob Lueft, at the equipment room in the gym before tomorrow.



Enrico Fermi atomic power plant is under way near Detroit through the joint efforts of 18 electric companies. A group of equipment manufacturers and the Atomic Energy Commission are also associated in the project.



Dresden, Illinois, plant is being developed by 7 electric light and power companies, their equipment manufacturers, with AEC co-operation.



Yankee atomic-electric plant, being developed by 12 New England electric companies. Equipment manufacturers and AEC are participating.

What will atomic-electric power plants look like?

Among the atomic-electric power plants now under way, three will look like the drawings above.

Although they appear somewhat alike, each involves different methods, different materials, a different type of atomic reactor or "furnace." That's because the electric companies, the equipment manufacturers and the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission — who are all participating in atomic development — are searching for the best ways to produce electricity, using atomic energy as fuel.

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