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... the foxy mat chief



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... the gym leader

## Winter Coaches Enjoy High National Ratings

(This is the second in a series of three articles on the Lion varsity coaches. Today the Winter coaches.)

The three winter sports are annually among the strongest athletic squads presented by Penn State. The reason for this can be traced back to the fact that each is piloted by crafty veteran coaches who post some of the best marks in the nation. Wrestling coach Charlie Speidel is no exception to this. Speidel, starting his 32nd year at the helm of the Lion grapplers, leads a strong mat aggregation to the eastern and national tournaments each year.

An excellent example of "Doc's" teams was the 1956-57 edition. Although losing two close matches to eastern opponents, Speidel's athletes defeated a heavily favored Pitt team in the final dual meet of the season at the Pitt Field House.

But Speidel's inspired squad didn't let the season finish there. It went on to smash Pitt and the

other eastern teams in the EIWA championship tournament in Rec Hall. In the national tournament, again at Pitt, the Lions finished sixth but came up with a national individual champion in Johnny Johnston at 137 pounds.

His record over the 31-year tenure tells the complete story of his successful coaching—162 wins, 44 losses, and 8 ties. He coached seven eastern championship teams and one national championship squad. His longest undefeated streak ran through some 34 matches.

While Speidel claims the longest coaching mark here, basketball coach John Egli is one of the newer varsity mentors. Although with only three years behind him, Egli has been a campus figure for many years, both as an athlete in his undergraduate days and as the fresh coach from 1950 to 1954.

During his first year of varsity coaching, Egli led the Lion five into their second consecutive NCAA play-off berth. His rebuilding program last year earned him a 15-10 record and also set

him up with an experienced squad for the coming season.

One of the most enviable coaching records at Penn State is that of gymnastic coach Gene Wettstone. In his 18 years of tutoring gymnasts, Wettstone has racked up 73 wins with only 23 setbacks and one tie.

Led by the masterful performances of Olympian Armando Vega, the 1957 edition humbled foe after foe for an undefeated 10-meet season.

Then they swept the Eastern title from Army in the EIGL championships at Syracuse and followed it up two weeks later with a stirring victory in the nationals (NCAA) at Navy.

The two wins added to the seven Eastern and three national crowns that the 1956 Olympic coach has brought back to University Park.

Besides Vega, Wettstone has coached numerous other Penn State gymnasts to NCAA, AAU and Olympic honors. They include, Tony Procopio, Bob Lawrence, Frank Wick, Karl Schwenzler, and Jean Cronstedt.

## Rockefeller Joins 'Keep Bums' Drive

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (AP)—Hopes for keeping the Dodgers in Brooklyn reached a new high today with the announcement by Nelson A. Rockefeller that he has been actively seeking since early August to keep the defending National League champions from moving to Los Angeles.

The announcement followed a disclosure by the Associated Press that Rockefeller had expressed an interest in the Dodgers and had offered to help the team build a stadium in downtown Brooklyn, the area desired by club President Walter O'Malley. The keep-the-Dodgers-in-Brooklyn drive received another boost when city officials learned they could legally condemn the land desired by the Dodgers, then sell it to the club for resale as the site for a stadium. O'Malley has repeatedly said he would keep the Dodgers in Brooklyn only if he could obtain specified land in the Flatbush and Atlantic avenues area.

In a key legal verdict, corporation counsel Peter Campbell Brown notified Mayor Robert F. Wagner that the city has the right to condemn a site near the Flatbush avenue terminal of the Long Island Railroad and sell it to the ball club as a stadium site. It has been estimated that condemnation cost for the area would come to about \$8 million.

O'Malley is expected to receive a definite answer Sept. 19 when he meets with officials of the Brooklyn Sports Center Authority.

The news of Rockefeller's interest in the Dodgers was no surprise to Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles, who has been trying for several months to lure the Dodgers to California. Even before the Rockefeller announcement, Mayor Poulson told the AP he had been informed that Rockefeller "is the angel" who would purchase the site for a new Dodger stadium in Brooklyn.

"If it is true that Mr. Rockefeller has entered the picture," he said, "I'm very much afraid we don't have much of a chance to get the Dodgers. We want to make 'Angels' out of the 'Bums' but we can't be Santa Claus like

some of these big names. Mr. Rockefeller can do what neither the City of New York nor the City of Los Angeles is in position to do. A government has limitations, you know."

## Barbell Club Plans Thursday Meeting

The Penn State Barbell Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 in 102 Willard Hall.

All freshmen are welcomed and there will be a question and answer period to begin the agenda.

In addition, slides of the 1956-57 Strength and Health Picnics and of the club contests with the University of Pennsylvania and Harrisburg YMCA will be shown.

Club projects for the year will be planned and the 1957-58 Barbell team will be organized.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the club will go to Recreation Hall for their first group weightlifting session.

## Berman Track Manager

Marshall H. Berman of Highland Park, N.J., is the newly-elected manager of the Penn State track and field team, succeeding Richard H. Parry, of Clarks Summit. Named to assist Berman were Raymond M. Fireman, Philadelphia; Gary B. Young, Clarion; and John R. Allen, Jr., Wilmington, Del.

Penn State, traditionally strong in soccer, was voted the top college team in the country in 1955.

## Frosh Harriers Called

Candidates for the freshman cross-country squad should report to freshman coach Norm Gordon in 237 Recreation Hall as soon as possible after taking their physical examinations.

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