

'Doc' Speidel Pessimistic Walters Showered With Honors Over '58 Mat Prospects Climaxed by Draft into Pro Ball



John Johnson
... defends NCAA title



Earl Poust
... part of nucleus

By LOU PRATO

"I don't even think we have an average team—at the present time," Penn State's legendary wrestling coach Charlie Speidel commented yesterday when queried over the outlook of his 1957-58 mat squad.

"I'm not getting out the crying towel," the master strategist said. "I'll wait until the season's over for that. But we lost a lot of boys from last year who are going to be hard to replace."

"We have some good boys but they lack experience," Speidel added. "We'll have to work twice as hard. We'll see what we can work out of these boys."

Speidel has never been a man to make excuses and he won't start this year—but he would have reason. He lost five men from last year's Eastern Championship team and another—Les Walters—won't be out for drills until after his East-West grid-iron appearance.

Four of those five absentees have graduated while junior Bruce Gilmore, a starter at 167 last fall, will sit out the season because of a knee injury suffered in football.

Included among the missing are Sid Nodland, John Pepe and Dave Adams—all of whom were three-year veterans and all of whom won Eastern titles at one time or another.

"We could almost always count on those boys last year," Speidel said. "And regardless of what our upperweights would do, we'd struggle through because of those three and Johnny Johnson."

Also missing this season is heavyweight Sam Markle.

The two best returnees are of course captain Johnny Johnson, the defending 130-pound National champ, and 147-pound Earl Poust. Speidel hopes to form the

nucleus of his 1958 edition around these two performers.

"We may be able to replace some of those boys we lost," Speidel said, "but for the most part, this will be a neophyte team which has to get a couple of bouts under its belt." The first one is December 11 at Colgate.

Overtime Win By AEPi Paces IM Cage Play

A 29-28 overtime, come from behind victory by Alpha Epsilon Pi over Pi Lambda Phi, sparked intramural basketball action at Recreation Hall on Monday, Nov. 25. The victors overcame a 19-10 half-time deficit.

In the other close game of the night, Theta Xi edged Pi Kappa Phi, 25-22.

In other fraternity tilts, Alpha Tau Omega whalloped Theta Delta Chi, 45-19; Sigma Chi defeated Alpha Chi Rho, 37-11; Phi Delta Theta beat Phi Kappa Tau, 24-13 and Alpha Sigma Phi won over Phi Sigma Kappa, 41-28.

The Sinkers sunk the Greensmokers, 39-15; the Masters defeated the Terrapins, 41-25 and the Bullets beat Hamilton-B, 30-12; in independent play.

Someone once said "When it rains, it pours." But Les Walters' downpour has a rainbow at the end of it and a nice juicy pot of gold in the form of a pro football contract.

Within a period of 24 hours, the Lion's star end was honored by the Curbstone Coaches Club of Pittsburgh as the most outstanding player on the Lion squad, then received a first-place spot on the Associated Press All-East squad and climaxed the day by being drafted into the pro football ranks by the Baltimore Colts.

Les received the outstanding Lion award at the banquet of the Curbstone Coaches Sunday evening. Yesterday afternoon the AP released its All-East team with Les getting a first-team end position on which five other teammates were recognized for their



Les Walters
... hat trick in honors

play. The Lion's leading ground-gamer, Dave Kasperian, was picked on the second team and captain Joe Sabol, end Jack Faris, center Charlie Ruslavage and back Babe Caprara received honorable mention.

A big surprise in the AP team was that Les' chief end opposition — Pete Jokanovich of Navy and Dick Lasse of Syracuse—was relegated to the second team and honorable mention respectively. Mike Cavalon of Yale earned the other first team wing position.

The remainder of the AP All-East team was comprised of tackles Jim McCusker of Pitt and Bob Reinhardt of Navy, guards Joe Palermo of Dartmouth and Tom Meehan of Boston College, center Jim Keenan of Army, and backs Bob Anderson of Army, Tom Forrester of Navy, Bill Austin of Rutgers and John Sapoch of Princeton.

Cards Get Hill, Crow In Pro Draft

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2 (AP)—National Football League owners today unanimously granted all the demands of the Players Assn.—exhibition pay, minimum salary, injury protection clause and recognition.

The owners acted in executive session after completing the league's partial draft session. The Southwest Conference produced the two top choices in the draft when the Chicago Cardinals selected King Hill, standout Rice quarterback, and big John Crow, power running fullback of Texas A&M.

Green Bay picked center Dan Currie, Michigan State; Los Angeles obtained end Jim Phillips, Auburn, and Lou Michaels, tackle from Kentucky (from Redskins); Philadelphia grabbed back Walt Kowalczyk, Michigan State; Chicago Bears picked guard Charles Howley, West Virginia.

San Francisco plucked tackle Charles Krueger, Texas A&M, and halfback Jim Pace, Michigan (from Steelers); Detroit chose tackle Alex Karras, Iowa; Baltimore snatched back Lew Lyles, Louisville; New York picked back Phil King, Vanderbilt; and Cleveland got back Jim Shofner.

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Dec. 2 (AP)—Coach Paul Bear Bryant, doctor of sick football teams and hero of Texas A&M grid fans, today was released from his contract so he will be free to become coach at Alabama.

Success of Booters Traced to Statistics

The reason behind the success of Penn State's soccer team this fall (an 8-1-1 record for a .800 winning percentage) can be clearly traced to the domination of the statistical department by the Lion booters.

Coach Ken Hosterman's men tallied a record 56 goals to opponents' 12 and took 381 shots at the enemies' nets while giving only 86. That's a .147 shooting accuracy for the Blue and White and a .139 percentage for opponents.

In fact, only West Chester was able to overshadow the play of the Lions. The unbeaten Teachers stopped the soccer men 5-1 and outshot them by a 16-13 count.

Sophomore whiz Billy Fiedler captured the scoring honors with 20 goals, nine better than runner-up Per Torgerson—one of last year's scoring leaders with 13 goals. Both men along with junior left halfback Howie Maierhofer are the Lions' chief contenders for All-American laurels.

Another sophomore, Ralph Becker, turned in the best performance as a goalie, giving up only five tallies in 25 frames. Becker, who started as a reserve and worked into a starting berth, would have done better if not for a couple of defensive slips by his teammates.

Junior Jerry Bruce had only one goal registered against him in seven frames and junior Don Dou-

gald gave up six tallies in eight stanzas.

The third quarter was the most productive for the Lions. They scored 16 goals in that frame. But the other quarters weren't far off—11 in the first, 14 in the second and 15 in the fourth.

Opponents had their best scoring parties in the second quarter when they tallied seven. They tallied only one in each of the first and third periods.



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