

Walters Could Answer Problem at 177

Upperweights, 123-Pound Class Trouble 1957-58 Nittany Wrestlers

The weakest positions on last year's wrestling team were the upperweight divisions—166, 177 and heavy-weight. Not much has changed in a year except (and what an exception) that another weak link has been added to the chain—the 123-pound class.

For three years Sid Nodland had occupied the 123-pound berth and had performed "rather" well—he had never been beaten in dual competition and had won the Eastern title as a junior. But Nodland graduated and Coach Charlie Speidel doesn't have a man that can even come close to Nodland's stature.

"Jim Hart, last year's intramural champ, was the best I had," the wiry mentor said the other day, "but he dropped off the squad about a week ago. I still think he could be a starter."

As for the upperweights, only Les Walters is returning—well, he hasn't exactly returned yet. Walters was the 177-pound starter last year and towards the tail end of the campaign he came into his own—finishing second in the Easterns, fourth in the nation and winning the Kaye Vinson award for the most improved



Charlie Speidel ... has his problems

Penn State matman.

But Walters won't be around until after the East-West All-Star football classic later in December. And there's a chance that he may not be around at

all. He could very well lose his amateur status by either signing a professional contract with the Baltimore Colts or by playing in football's senior football bowl if he's invited. The senior bowl participants get paid for their services.

"I hope Walters does come back," Speidel said. "We could sure use him."

Bruce Gilmore and Sam Markle were the other upperweight men last year—Gilmore at 167 and Markle at heavyweight. They won three dual meets between them last winter. Gilmore, of whom great things were expected this season, will be missing because of a football injury and Markle graduated.

Senior Ed Krufka, a reserve last fall, is probably the leading candidate for the 167-pound slot, but there's no one for heavyweight.

"I'm hoping to get some more big boys out," Speidel said, "especially boys like (Bud) Kohlhas, (Sam) Stellatella and (Andy) Sfinchula. (All three are varsity gridders.) Maybe someone has a little school spirit in them and can come out and wrestle for good old PSU."

Penn State outfielder Jim Lockerman and pitcher Ed Drapcho were named to the NCAA, District Two, all-star baseball team of 1957.

Bryant—A Coach With Two Schools

Football coach Paul (Bear) Bryant finds today himself in the unique position of being a coach with two jobs.

Bryant, who tendered his resignation as coach of Texas A&M only, Monday, accepted a 10-year coaching job at his alma mater, the University of Alabama, yesterday, the Associated Press reported. He will assume his duties

Jan. 1. However, Bryant's present Aggie squad has a Dec. 24 Gator Bowl date against Tennessee at Jacksonville, Fla. His resignation is effective after the contest.

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