

# Middleweight Class NCS 'Tough' Foes Should Be Strongest

(This is the second of three articles on the prospects of Penn State's 1957-58 wrestling team. Today—the middleweights.)

Although mat Coach Charlie Speidel won't admit it, the middleweight division—147, 157 and 167—is probably the strongest class this year—at least in the pre-season outlook.

The reason for this is the presence of two veterans—both of whom are potential eastern powers, a couple of highly-thought-of sophomores and several "improved" reserves of last year.

Earl Poust, who finished third in the East last winter at 157 pounds, is the stalwart of the division. Poust was one of the big surprises in the latter half of the 1956-57 campaign and much is expected of him this year.

Poust will be seen at either 147 or 157 this year. He was a natural 147-pounder in 1957 but had to wrestle at the higher class because of Dave Adams—an Eastern champion. Adams graduated last spring and is now acting as assistant to Speidel.

George Gray is the other experienced returnee. He held a regular 167-pound berth in the early stages of the season but could not make the grade in the latter half.

"We're looking for Gray to win the Kaye Vinson award this year," (that's for the most improved wrestler on the Lion team) Speidel said. "He has a lot of space to do it."

Gray will probably handle the 157 pound slot this season but could move up a weight if necessary.

Sam Minor, Bob Smith and Bob Farris are the top sophomore prospects in the class.

Minor is probably the best of the three and may start at 147 if Poust and Gray go at 157 and 167. Smith is also a 147-pound aspirant while Farris is in the 157 pound class.

Several of last year's reserves could move into starting berths, including Bill Labone and Bill Pharaoh at 157 and Ed Krufka and Dutch Berberich at 167.

Summing up the middleweights, Speidel said: "This is my interchangeable weight. Everyone's ganged together. I don't know who the starters will be but they'll have to be tough for every school has strong men in this class."

The Penn State basketball team is just about ready for its opening game—and with North Carolina State as its foe, it had better be.

The two teams tangle tomorrow night at Raleigh, N.C.

The Wolfpack, predominant among the nation's cage powers, had its trouble last year and finished the season with a mediocre—for them—15-10 record.

However, indications are that the cage picture at Raleigh may be slightly on the upswing once again. Coach Everett Case, recognized in most circles as one of the country's foremost basketball coaches, has the same five men who were his starters at the end of last season back

for another year.

Key man among the returnees is 6-8 center John Richter, one of the Wolfpack's leading scorers and rebounders. Case calls him one of the most aggressive players he has ever had under him.

Bob MacGillivray (6-4) and George Stepanovich (6-4) will probably handle the forward posts, giving Case an extra touch of that ever-valuable height. The guard duties will probably go to Whitey Bell (6-0) and Lou Pucil-

lo (5-9).

The biggest Wolfpack problem this year seems to be lack of experienced reserves—very unfamiliar to Case-coached teams. Although Case has six men back from last year's club, none are reported to have experience to be considered veteran campaigners.

While the road still figures to be a bit bumpy for Case & Co., the experts figure the Wolfpack season to be a bit smoother than last year's.

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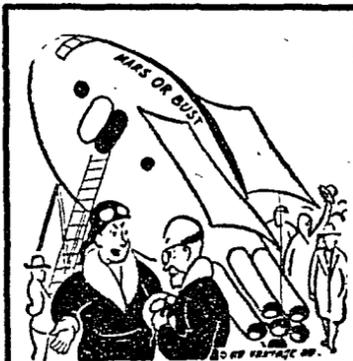
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## No One Notifies Doby of Swap

PATERSON, N.J., Dec. 5 — Larry Doby wasn't surprised when the Chicago White Sox traded him to Baltimore, but he was a bit chagrined that neither Chuck Comiskey, who sent him away, nor Paul Richards, his new boss, took time to tell him about it.

Doby revealed today that he learned about the trade when his 8-year-old daughter, Chris, saw the story in the morning paper yesterday. Comiskey hadn't told him that he would be traded and neither Comiskey nor Richards telephoned after the deal was made.

Les Walters was Penn State's top receiver in 1957 with 24 pass receptions for 440 yards and 5 touchdowns.



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