

Engineers Big Favorites Over Grapplers Tonight Lion Gymnasts Open Season Away Today Against Temple

By LOU PRATO

BETHLEHEM—A heavily-underdog Penn State wrestling team will try to repeat that age old story of "David and Goliath" here tonight when the Lions tangle with unbeaten Lehigh at Grace Hall.

Match time is 8:30 p.m.

Even the bookies of Biblical times (if there were any) probably gave David more chance against his nemesis than Penn State is being given by many Lehigh sympathizers. In fact, the Lions are being spotted as much as eight points in some corners.

But the time is ripe for an upset. The Engineers, the top team in the EIWA at the present, are riding on the crest of a 3-match winning streak, including a victory over highly-regarded Cornell.

Penn State, on the other hand, will be trying to snap back with a victory after suffering one of its worst defeats in years last week against Illinois, 19-8.

Coach Charlie Speidel's Lions will also be after revenge against the Engineers. It was Lehigh which ended a 3-match Lion winning skein last winter with a 16-13 conquest on the Recreation Hall mats.

Only two Nittanians who appeared in that 1957 meet will be in action tonight—defending NCAA champ Johnny Johnston, 130, and 167-pound George Gray. Meanwhile, the Engineers will call on five vets from last year's meet, including Leon Harbold, 130; Joe Gratto, 137; Dick Santoro, 147; Ed Hamer, then at 157 but now at 177; and Pete Davidson, heavyweight.

Of the vets, only Johnston and Harbold seem destined to meet. The Lion captain owns two victories over Harbold, beating him, 6-4, in last year's dual meet and pinning him in the semifinals of the EIWA tournament.

In other dual meet competition last year, Gray lost to Gratto, the NCAA 137-pound champion, 6-4; Santoro, unbeaten in dual competition in 1957, tied Dave Adams, 2-2; Hamer beat Bruce Gilmore; and Davidson stopped Sam Markle.

Two other Lions wrestled against Lehigh before, although both would probably rather forget that. Ray Pottios, Penn State's heavyweight entry who



Johnny Johnston ... meets an old foe

sat out the last three semesters, was flattened by 167-pound Dave Milstead on the Grace Hall mats two years ago.

And Earl Poust, 147 starter, was pinned by NCAA champ and three-time EIWA titlist, Ed Eichelberger, in the same meet.

Tonight's clash will mark the 41st meeting of the two rivals. Penn State holds a 28-11-2 bulge in the series.

Penn State's next appearance will be against Navy, Feb. 1, at Recreation Hall.

Probable Starting Lineup:

PENN STATE	LEHIGH
Gordon Danks 123	Bob Myers
Johnny Johnston* 130	Leon Harbold
Guy Guccione 137	Joe Gratto*
Earl Poust 147	Dick Santoro
Sam Minor 157	Bob Ganzi
George Gray 167	Russ Triponey
John Rusnak 177	Ed Hamer
Ray Pottios Hwt.	Pete Davidson

*Both are defending NCAA champions of their respective teams.

By MATT MATHEWS

Two and a half months of workouts have gone into the season opener for the Lion's defending Eastern and National Gymnastics team. And today the payoff comes at 2 p.m. when the Lions take on the Temple Owls at South Hall in Philadelphia.

"The morale of the team is good," was Coach Gene Wettstone's departing comment.

All eyes will be on his two sophomores—Lee Cunningham and Jay Werner—known around here as the "Gold-Dust Twins" because they are more valuable than gold to Wettstone. "I have never had two such outstanding sophomore athletes at the same time," said the successful Wettstone.

"There's promise in those two, but there's also insecurity," he warned. "It will be interesting to see how they mature."

Besides competing in their first intercollegiate meet today, the "Gold-dust Twins" will be competing against each other (in a friendly way).

During their freshman campaign last year, the two competed together in only one event—tumbling—and Cunningham won both times by 1-point margins.

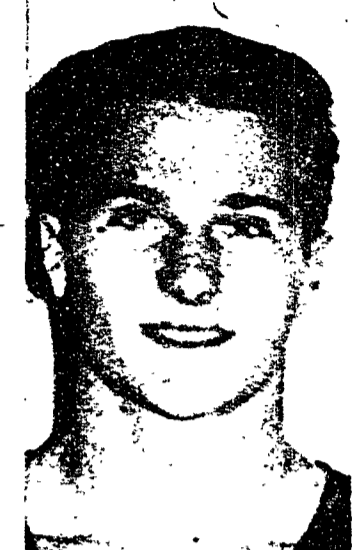
But in today's meet, the two will be competing with each other (and Temple) in two different events—the parallel bars and the horizontal bars. Werner is rated the better chance of winning the p-bar event due to his superior strength. But Cunningham has a better routine on the high bar and is expected to even things there.

Both will have to have a good day to beat Lion Captain Bob Foht on the parallels. Foht was third in the Easterns last year behind his victorious teammate Armando Vega and Navy's Ken McNutt. Neither Vega nor McNutt will compete this year, leaving the event open to a new champion—and Foht and Werner are being given top consideration to follow in Vega's footsteps.

Besides the parallels and high bar, the "Gold-dusters" are each favorites in their third event. Cunningham is considered to be

one of the East's best performers on the side horse, although he is only a sophomore.

And Werner demonstrated his



Jay Werner ... varsity debut today

outstanding abilities on the flying rings in the 1957 AAU Championships last spring. As a freshman, the versatile gymnast finished second on the rings behind Eastern and National champion flyer, Tom Darling of Pitt.

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Flying along with Werner will be veteran ringmen Eddie Sidwell and Jack Donahue—both lettermen from last year's championship squad. Sidwell took a second against Temple last year, while teammate Vega won the event.

Teaming with Cunningham on the side horse will be junior Lou Savadove and sophomore Dave Palmer. Savadove will also work with Cunningham and Werner on the high bar.

John Hidinger should set the pace in the 20-foot rope climb. The seasoned climber, who has broken four seconds in practice, will be teamed with Vince Newhouser and Don Littlewood.

The tumbling trio appears to be one of Wettstone's best. Veterans Adie Stevens and Dave Dulaney finished one-two in last year's Temple meet and will be working with sophomore Graeme Cowan in an attempted sweep of the event.

And then there's Temple. The Owls have already lost two meets this year, the most recent to little Springfield by 50-46. Joe Ray took firsts on the high bar and the flying rings—the only Owl to win a first.



Frosh Matmen Face Lehigh in Prelim

By BILL JAFFE

Penn State's freshman wrestling team will make its initial appearance of the season at 6:30 tonight when the Lions battle the Lehigh frosh. The match precedes the varsity encounter.

Lehigh, on the other hand, has wrestled twice. The Engineers lost to Cornell 19-13, in their opener but retaliated with a 16-14 victory over the Franklin & Marshall frosh team.

At 123 pounds the Lions Rodney Gibble will battle Lehigh's Russ Schmoyer, who has won his first two bouts by falls. Robin Smith will be the Nittanians' entry at 130 pounds and he will probably face the Engineer's Dick Bookbinder.

Former WPIAL champion Steve Dasta will start at 137 pounds for the freshman. Dasta's opponent will be either Dick Kerr or Art Schnidler, who are both winless over the season.

Neil Turner, a District 9 champion from Clearfield, will get the nod at 147 pounds and he will face one of Lehigh's most promising wrestlers, Gregory Ruth. The Engineer has scored two falls for the frosh thus far.

The Lions will send Jerry Seckler to the mats at 157 pounds

and he will probably meet Lehigh's Thad Turner. If Turner wrestles at 167 pounds he will meet an old nemesis, Emory Morrison. Morrison defeated Turner, a District 6 champ from Philipsburg, in the schoolboy regionals finals last year and stopped Turner's 31-match win skein.

Tim Stauffer and Lehigh's Al Kugler or Jim Edwards will probably battle at 177 pounds while Johnston Oberly will face Dick Egdorf or Edwards in the heavyweight clash.

Tribes' 6th Win Paces IM Cage

The Tribe became the first intramural basketball team to win six games as it defeated the Spaniels, 38-20, Thursday evening in Recreation Hall.

Watts I beat McKee I, 34-22, and the Studniks won over the Fourteen Lions, 19-12 to remain undefeated with 5-0 records.

In other indie games the McKee Royals walloped the Vikings, 55-18, Pollock 6 defeated the Convicts, 35-12; and the Gnarps beat the College Co-op, 15-8.

Sigma Chi won over Phi Kappa Sigma, 32-22; Sigma Tau Gamma edged Theta Delta Chi, 26-23 and Tau Kappa Epsilon beat Phi Delta Theta, 31-16.

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