

'Wait Until Next Year' Schwab Now Track Regular Lion Wrestling Fans Cry

By LOU PRATO

That age-old "Wait 'til next year" theme so often associated with the now defunct Brooklyn Dodgers, is being heard quite regularly around the Recreation Hall wrestling mats these days. And no wonder.

The Charlie Speidel-coached grapplers haven't fared too well this season (now there's an understatement). They have already "achieved" the first losing wrestling season in 11 years and with two tough meets remaining, the 1958 matmen could very well go down in the Penn State archives as the worst team in history.

Even coach Speidel is echoing the old Dodger chant, "Sure I'm looking towards next year," Speidel said, "and why not? We're at the bottom now and we can't go any other way but up. But we still have the rest of this season to complete and we could very well surprise a lot of people in the Easters."

Stepping out of his serious character for a moment Speidel said: "There was a time I thought we could never lose; now I'm wondering if we'll ever win. But I'm glad we're in State College. There's no Empire State building to jump off of around here. And even if I did jump off of Old Main, I'd probably land in a snow drift."

"The guy I really feel sorry for," Speidel said, resuming his serious tone, "is Johnny Johnston. He's never been on a team that was a loser and that includes high school. It hurts even more because he's the captain."

Commenting on the reason for the Lions' sad performances this year, the philosophical coach said, "The boys didn't come along as expected. I've always had boys who have lived up to their potential but not this year. That's the basic reason behind our trouble."

"We had been fortunate, up until Saturday, not to have any injuries, and we still couldn't hold up with those other teams."

"We'll have a tough time down at Maryland. (The Lions visit Maryland Saturday.) They have a very strong team and will no doubt be pointing toward us."

By MIKE MAXWELL

Thanks to assistant track coach Norm Gordon, junior Bill Schwab is now a regular on this year's indoor track squad.

Gordon was Schwab's instructor for a weightlifting class last year and the fast-talker succeeded in convincing Schwab to come out for the team.

Perhaps what egged Gordon on was Schwab's brilliant performances on the intramural track scene for the past two years.

As a freshman two years ago, Schwab ran an impressive 440 in an intramural track meet, finishing a very close second in 0:54.4. The astonishing part of the race was Schwab's brilliant comeback in the last 110-yards of the race.

He was trailing Phi Kappa Sigma's Elmer Strauss by six strides approaching the final turn, but quickly closed the gap and ran stride for stride for the last ten steps. Only a final lunge toward

the tape gave the race to Strauss.

But Schwab made a tremendous comeback last year with an undisputed victory in the quarter mile. This time he was clocked in 0:52.8.

When Schwab reported to coach Chick Werner earlier this season, Werner found that Schwab was better at the half mile than his intramural speciality.

So, in Schwab's first varsity test against Navy, he ran an 880 leg for the two-mile relay. His time was very impressive—1:57.5. Right after that he turned in his best 880 time yet—a 1:54.9 timing at the Millrose games in New York as part of the record-breaking Lion 2-mile relay team.

Against Army last week Schwab won the 1000-yard run in 2:14.8, two seconds ahead of teammate Ed Moran. Again he was a part of the victorious two-mile relay team.

Against Ohio State this weekend, Schwab probably will again go in the 1000 with Moran.



Bill Schwab

Theta Xi Wins 3rd By Blanking SAE

Theta Xi blanked Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 4-0, Tuesday night to establish itself in firm hold of first place in the intramural bowling Fraternity A league.

It was Theta Xi's third consecutive shutout win in second half competition. Ed Dempsey's high series of 538 was a major factor in clinching the shutout.

Kappa Delta Rho shutout Alpha Zeta; Sigma Nu beat Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta defeated Phi Mu Delta and Theta Delta Chi won over Delta Upsilon—all by 3-1 scores.

Navy Kills Flash-Cards at Meet

Navy's gymnastic coach may throw a monkey-wrench into Lion Coach Gene Wettstone's efficient program and also lose one of the audience's biggest help in the scoring—the flash-card system.

The coach, Chet Phillips, is not completely in favor of the open scoring system used throughout most of the nation, including the NCAA championships. In the Eastern Gymnastics League, both coaches must be willing to use the system.

The flash-card system (as used Saturday against Syracuse) shows the individual judges' scores to the officials table and also to the fans at the same time. All three of the judges for this Saturday's home meet have had plenty of experience with the

open system. None of them are opposed to it.

The three judges are Frank Comiskey and Paul Keebler of Philadelphia and Harvey LeCollier. Comiskey is a three-time Olympian and is rated as one of the best officials in the nation. He judged the Lion-Army meet two Saturdays ago and worked the system there.

Keebler, a coach and instructor at John Bartram High School, has considerable judging experience under the flash-card system. LeCollier, an instructor and coach at Fifth Ave. High School, has used the system at Pitt, West Virginia and here.

One of the outstanding arguments against the system is that there is particular pressure on the three judges to favor the home team. Phillips apparently should have seen the crowd's "partiality" at the Syracuse

meet last Saturday.

Wettstone has contended all along that Penn State has "the most intellectual and rabid audience in the nation." And they proved it Saturday. For during a fair routine on the side horse, Syracuse's Dick Novotny received a low 143 score. The fans thought the judges under-scored the opponent's exercise and released a low, but well-heard, hissing noise.

After the event, one of the judges admitted that they scored Novotny low. And in a way paid the crowd a high compliment.

And, incidentally, Phillips used the flash-card at home last Saturday in his 53-43 triumph over Pitt.

Another argument sees the flash-card system as upsetting the weaker, inexperienced athletes before they compete. This is a valid argument, but it affects both teams, not just one.

Acacia, McKeell Beta Theta Pi Spark IM Cage

Acacia defeated Delta Upsilon, 22-21 and McKee II won its seventh game at the expense of McKee I, 24-17 in intramural basketball at Recreation Hall Tuesday night.

Beta Theta Pi won its fifth against Beta Sigma Rho, 30-28 and Alpha Zeta whalloped Beaver House, 41-10 in other fraternity tilts.

Other games in the Indie loop saw the Rams defeat the All Stars, 23-19; and Jordan II end its season by edging the Jordan Jaguars, 28-26.

The J.O.'s defeated the Travelers, the Skeller Rats won over the Hounds, and the HUB Boys beat the Zips, 2-0, by forfeit.

Richie Luce and Don Robinson were the leading scorers of the evening with 23 points each. There was a three way tie for second place as Willie Watson, Rams; Bob Shaw, Acacia; and Al Jacks, Beta Theta Pi, scored 13 points.

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