

Gym Meet to Feature Top Leadoff Men Like Powell Werner-Darling Clash Keep Pitt Matmen Winning

The long-awaited dual on the flying rings between Pittsburgh's defending Eastern and National Champion, Tom Darling, and the Lions' undefeated sophomore, Jay Werner, highlights the final home dual gym meet of the season.

The team battle will take a back seat to the keen individual competition which will determine the Nittany Lions' possibilities of sweeping all six first places in the Eastern Gymnastics Championships next weekend in Recreation Hall.

The fans will have to wait until the final event on the card to see the main attraction—the Werner-Darling dual. Darling is also the defending AAU champion on the rings. As a freshman last year, Werner was ineligible to compete in the Easterns and Nationals, but finished second to Darling in the open AAU Tourney.

The first test will be in tumbling. Although Dave Dulaney and Graeme Cowan have beaten the cream of the East, including last year's champ Lowell Meier of Syracuse, they may find their toughest competition in the Panther's Don Neeld.

According to the Jungle Cat's coach, Warren Neiger, a protege of Lion mentor Gene Wettstone, "I think Don is improving in every meet and stands an excellent chance to win the Easterns this year." Neeld's scores verify Neiger's prediction. The Panther had a 255 Temple and a 252 against Navy.

Darling also figures to make a good battle for the top spot on the high bar. Lee Cunningham and Werner have dominated the opposition on the bar so far. Backing up Darling will be Co-Captain Jim Mulvihill, who has been a consistent second on the bar but managed a first place tie of 256 against Navy.

Mulvihill's other specialty is the parallel bars where he is again the Panther's second best. Don Shima took first for the Panthers in the Middle meet and Don Kasner defeated him in the Temple meet.

Although handicapped by the injury loss of Dave Hirst, their top scorer last year, the Panthers own a 6-2 record for the season. The two losses were incurred at the hands of Army, 65-31, and Navy, 53-43. In their last outing, the Jungle Cats walloped West Virginia Wednesday, 63-36.

One of the main reasons behind Pitt's winning habit in wrestling for the past six years—56 wins and 7 losses—has been the possession of a top-notch leadoff man—the type of guy who by winning consistently can instill an aggressive spirit into the rest of his teammates.

First in the Rex Perry regime was Perry's son, Hugh, a three-time NCAA champion. Then came Bill Hullings, an Eastern titlist and a perennial top contender in the NCAA tournament.

And now, Paul Powell, a sophomore from nearby Lock Haven, steps to the forefront. Powell is the only unbeaten man among the Panther contingent and needless to say, he's the man to beat in the 123-pound class of the upcoming EIWA tournament. He's been a

main factor behind Pitt's 9-1-1 record this year.

Powell has been somewhat of a surprise this year. He was a PIAA champ three years ago but his success this season has come as a surprise to most observers close to the Pitt mat scene.

Powell will carry a 9-0-1 record into the Penn State encounter tomorrow night. His only mar is a 6-6 tie with Syracuse's veteran Ed Carlin. However, he was beaten by Cornell's Dick Aibel, 8-3, in the finals of the Wilkes wrestling tourney in late December.

Although Powell is Pitt's only unbeaten entry, he is not considered their top performer. That honor would have to go to one of two veterans—137-pound Vic DeFelice or 167-pound Dave Johnson.

DeFelice, the third-place finisher at 130 in the 1958 NCAA tourney and the fourth-place finisher last year, has a 7-1-1 record. He was beaten by Syracuse's sophomore Les Austin, 8-7, and tied by Iowa State's Dave Corner, 6-6.

Johnson, the EIWA 157-pound champ for the past two campaigns, has a 9-1 record. However, his only loss was to Frank Powell of Iowa State, 7-2, in a 177-pound match. Johnson is a regular 167-pounder during the dual season.

Bob Richardson will be the only other veteran in Pitt's lineup tomorrow. Richardson, a senior from Grove City, has been Perry's second surprise this year. In his last two years, Richardson had compiled a poor 3-11 mark. But this year he has lost only three matches, tying one and winning six. Included among his losses is a 3-1 defeat to Iowa State's powerful Dale Ketelsen and 6-2 setback to Illinois' strong Werner Holzer.



Mulvihill



Powell

Banducci Signed As Eagle Coach

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles today signed a second assistant coach to aid Buck Shaw, newly-named head coach, guide the National Football League club this season. Bruno Banducci, who played in the NFL for 11 seasons joins Jerry Williams, formerly of Montana State, as a Shaw assistant. Banducci played under Shaw when Buck coached the San Francisco 49ers.

St. Joseph's, Xavier in NIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Two more college teams, St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and Xavier of Cincinnati, today accepted invitations to play in the National Invitation basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden, March 13-22. Seven teams previously had entered and three more will be selected. The other entries are Dayton, St. Bonaventure, St. Peter's, Jersey City, Fordham, St. Johns, Brooklyn, Niagara and Utah. St. Joseph's, with a 15-7 record so far this season, will be playing in its second NIT. Xavier (15-9) has been in the NIT the past two years.

Frosh Lacrosse

All freshman lacrosse candidates should report to Coach John McHugh at 7:15 Monday night in 114 Recreation Hall.

Joe Bedenk, Penn State coach, was instrumental in organizing the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

60-Yard Dash, Delaney Expected To Highlight IC4-A Track Meet

The 60-yard dash and Ron Delany are expected to share the spotlight in Saturday's IC4-A track meet in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Duke's Dave Sime, Pitt's Mel Barnwell and Villanova's Ed Collymore and George Sydnor will square-off for the dash title. The Duke speed merchant pulled a leg muscle in last week's AAU meet and may not be in top form for the IC4-A tussle. Collymore also pulled a muscle in the meet and was in the Villanova infirmary Tuesday.

Sydnor is beginning to show the form that he showed two years ago as a sophomore and is considered a definite threat for the title. Barnwell, a sophomore, is regarded as one of the top new sprinters to hit the spiked-shoe circuit.

Delany will attempt to repeat last year's double victory in the 1000 and two-mile runs and it is doubtful that the lanky Irishman will have much trouble doing so.

In the 1000, Delany's top opposition will probably come from Manhattan's Joe Soprano, St. John's Lionel Stevens and Penn State's Bill Schwab. All four are expected to be under 2:14, with Delany doing 2:10 or better.

The leading contender against the Wildcat in the two-mile event is Manhattan's Gene Mar-

tin, who has run the 22 laps in 9:22 this winter. Last year Delany won the event in 9:06.6.

Penn State's Ed Moran and Maryland's Burr Grimm are top-rated in the collegiate mile. Other leading milers are Don Luisi of Fordham, Jose Iglesias of Columbia, Pete Close of St. John's and Dick Engelbrink of Penn State.

Manhattan's speedy middle-distance runner, Tom Murphy, is the top choice in the 600, but will encounter top opposition from Army's Pete Byrne, St. John's Ed McAuliffe and Penn State's Dick Hambright and Jim Norton.

In the high jump, Villanova's Charlie Stead and Phil Reavis—co-winners last year at 6' 9 1/2"—last year—will meet stiff opposition from Cornell's John King, who cleared 6' 8" last week against Yale. Marquette's Ed Hoyle and

Penn's John Gray may push the bar over 15 feet in efforts to gain the pole vault title.

Other leading contenders for individual titles are Penn's Carl Shine and Manhattan's Joe Marchiony in the shot, Rhode Island's Bob Mairs and Villanova's Joe Holup in the hurdles, NYU's Mike Herman in the broad jump, and Army's Ed Bagadonas in the 35-lb. weight throw.

Lawther Granted Leave

John Lawther, former Penn State basketball coach and now associate dean of the College of Physical Education and Athletics, has been granted a leave to go to Lima, Peru, in June as a Fulbright scholar. At Lima, Lawther will conduct a lecture series at the National Institute of Physical Education.

New Co-Captains

Newly-elected as co-captains of Penn State's 1958 track and field team are pole vaulter Ogier Norris, of Downingtown, and middle distance runner Jim Norton, of Duryea. Both are seniors. Norris earlier this year set a new Penn State indoor record with a vault of 13 feet, 6 inches.

Penn State in 1958 will play a ten game football schedule for the first time since 1952.

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