

Santoro, Johnson Among EIWA Tourney Favorites

Tonight's top favorite, Pitt's Dave Johnson, Cornell's Dick Vincent and Steve Friedman and Syracuse's Bill White are the coaches' favorites in the middleweight divisions of the 54th annual EIWA tournament this weekend.

Santoro, the undefeated Engineer, was a unanimous choice of 12 eastern mat mentors to haul in 147-pound honors. Johnson also received all 12 of the tutors' votes, but they were split between the 157-pound and the 167-pound titles. The Pitt ace won the 167-pound crown last March after taking the 157-pound championship the previous year.

If Johnson enters the 167-pound bracket, Vincent is the pick at the lower weight. However, if the once-beaten Panther star drops down to 157, then Friedman and White are expected to battle it out for the 167-pound title.

Santoro, a junior, is a heavy favorite in almost every EIWA observer's mind to succeed Penn State's erstwhile co-captain Dave Adams as the 147-pound champion. He was beaten in last year's finals, 4-3.

Santoro will take one of the best dual match records into the meet. He has yet to be beaten in two years of regular season competition, winning 19 matches and tying 3. Included among his victories last year are wins over five of the toughest Eastern challengers—Penn State's Earl Poust, 7-3; F&W's Joe Yeats, 8-0; Rutgers' Bill Kovalchick, 11-1; Army's John Hyde, 2-0; and Syracuse's Bill Waples, 10-3.



Friedman

Yeats, who finished fourth last March, has the best individual mark of the aforementioned five with a 3-1 record. Poust, the third place finisher at 157 in 1957, is 4-2 for the season; Kovalchick is 6-2; Hyde is 4-2-1, and Waples is 4-2.

Other top 147-pound contenders include Princeton's unbeaten Bill Fortenbaugh (5-0-1) and Harvard's Johnny Noble (7-1). Noble's only loss was a 4-0 job to Fortenbaugh.

A new champion will be crowned at 157 where Lehigh's Ed Hamer reigned last year. Hamer was placed on academic probation at the beginning of the spring semester.

Vincent was runner-up to Hamer in 1957, losing in the finals 7-0. His dual met record is similar to Santoro's—he hasn't lost a regular season match in the last two years, winning 10 this season and 12 last winter.

He gave indications of his championship caliber at the Wilkes College mat tourney over Christmas when he not only won the 157-pound title but also the



—Daily Collegian photo by Joe Patton
Sam Minor
... leading contender for EIWA title

coveted most valuable wrestler award.

Vincent's stiffest competition is expected to come from Syracuse's Gordon Carberry (6-1-1), Penn State's Sam Minor (3-4-1), Brown's Lou Winner (5-3); Rutgers' Dave Osman (2-0) or Bill Hawthorn (4-1); and any one of three Lehigh performers—Johnny Driscoll (8-0); Maynard Gunst (3-3-1); and Russ Triponey (2-5). Both Minor and Winner were Vincent victims this season by 3-2 margins.

Driscoll will probably be Lehigh's 157-pound entry with Gunst or Triponey going at 167. However, all three can wrestle at any weight from 157 to 177. Driscoll has been the surprise of the East this year. The Lehigh junior wasn't even a starter at the beginning of the year but he has been a big reason behind Lehigh's unbeaten team record.

The 167-pound championship battle this year could be a replay of last year's affair—that is, if Johnson and Friedman

comply. Johnson whipped the Cornell man 8-1 in the 1957 167-pound finale.

Johnson has been beaten only once this year in 11 matches and that was in a 177-pound encounter. Friedman, on the other hand, is unbeaten with 10 wins. White, the third leading contender, owns a 6-1 record, losing only to Pitt's NCAA titlist Tom Alberts, 3-2. White was third in last year's tourney and fourth the year before.

Other top 167-pound challengers include Rutgers' Chuck Crosby (7-2); Army's Tex Lehart (6-3); Yale's Tom Kohr (7-2) and Penn State's George Gray (2-4-1).

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

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Tuesday's Results
Boston 4 Chicago A 3
Philadelphia 10 Detroit 9
New York 5 Cincinnati 3
Kansas City 14 St. Louis 8
Pittsburgh 7 Washington 3
Chicago (N) 4 San Francisco 2
6 inns. rain
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THE EVER-CHANGING RULES . . .

The Eastern Gymnastics coaches came out of their annual rules huddle Friday afternoon with three important changes—although one of them will not affect the dual-meet competition at all.

For next year, the most important rule change will be in the rope climb—only one crack, hit or miss. Contrary to first glance, this will help the weaker climbers and emphasize the anchorman. But the anchorman will have a particular advantage in that he will know whether to play it safe or go all out to win.

The coaches also unanimously voted to use the flash card system of announcing the scores.

The third change will probably never be seen in competition by the average Penn State follower. It finally gives the all-around athlete a break in the six-event marathon. Previously, if an athlete fell off an apparatus, he was scored only on that part of his routine he completed, no matter if he fell off in the beginning few seconds.

The new ruling would automatically knock off 20 points from his final score but he would be allowed to remount the apparatus and resume his exercise.

Temple's Marty Nayowith provided an excellent example of how the old rule hurt an all-around competitor's score. Nayowith fell off the high bar and scored only a 45. It ruined his chances of finishing high in the event.

In talking to the judges Saturday, we found all seven of them, except for Adam Walter, in complete agreement with the new all-around ruling. Walter seemed to think that the new ruling would be "babying" the all-around performers, particularly the weak ones.

Lion coach Gene Wettstone had the perfect comment on Jay Werner's winning free exercise routine. The two-time Olympic coach said, "He executed the required free 'X' as well as anyone I've ever seen in collegiate or Olympic competition." And that covers a lot of ground and time. I particularly liked the "L-sit" on his fingertips. And then he converted it into a handstand without bending his legs. All that on his fingertips . . . Whatta sophomore.

Phil Mullen regained a well-deserved rope climbing title. The senior took the Eastern title as a sophomore then lost it last year with a :03.5. His winning time this year was :03.6. Incidentally, Mullen had an appropriate comment on the preliminary crowd.

In pointing to Captain Bob Foht's break which caused him to miss qualifying, Mullen analyzed, "Bob broke when the fans let go a thunderous burst of applause for Tom Darling who was competing at the same time. The sudden applause caused Fohtie to break. Of course you don't get these kind of big responsive crowds in most of the preliminaries, and it usually doesn't happen."

I analyze that as a compliment to Penn State fans!

Incidentally, Jay Werner did not crack a rib on the high bar Saturday. Just a sprain. If anybody wanted proof, all they had to see him do was go through his exercise on the still rings last night.

With the safety harness on, the Eastern All-Around champ was throwing double somersault dismounts from the still rings! And as you know, that isn't very high off the floor!

Chuck Medlar put the baseball team through a light workout that was hindered by a few snow flurries again. Sophomore twirler Reicher pulled the best pitch of the day. I'd describe it as a "disappearing" ball. He wound up, threw, and the batter hit the dust—he couldn't see the ball. Reason: Reicher dropped it on the mound and delivered nothing but air.

Five IM Cage Teams Qualify

The Gamma Delta, Nittany 23. The Sinkers, Cardinals and Red Raiders qualified for tournament berths Monday night in intramural basketball at Recreation Hall when they won play-off games to cop league crowns.

In the only fraternity game, Phi Gamma Delta defeated Phi Mu Delta, 35-15. Terry Hutton led the scoring for the winners with 11 points. The new League A champions played Alpha Tau Omega in the championship round.

The Sinkers defeated the Night Raiders, 38-19 to win the

Independent League D title. Football players Bob Washko and Jack Faris led the scoring with 12 and 10 points. The Sinkers first foe in tournament play was Nittany 25.

The League H title went to the Red Raiders when they defeated the Tribe, 24-20. Harry Simon led the Raiders scoring with 13 counters. Watts I was the winners' next opponent.

The Cardinals overcame a 16-11 halftime deficit to defeat the Masters, 29-23 for the League E crown. Glenn Buzza tallied 12 in defeat for the Masters. The Cardinals will play the winners of the Watts I-Red Raider game tonight.

Nittany 23 also came from behind to win, beating Nittany 31, 44-39. The winners were behind 18-15 at the half. This game for the League C title produced the night's two top scorers, Bob Arner scored 23 for Nittany 31 and Bob Foor made 20 for the winners. Charles Rolling scored 12 for the Nittany 23.

Volleyball Entries Due

Entries for the Intramural Volleyball tournament must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. today. Six men are required to form a team. Competition will be run for both fraternity and independent groups.

For the first time since 1952, Penn State will undertake a 10-game football schedule in 1958.

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