

Johnston Finishes 3rd In NCAA Tournament

It may have been a "Bad Day at Black Rock" but it wasn't much better at University Park when word arrived of Johnny Johnston's defeat in a 123-pound semifinal



Johnny Johnston ... a "hit and run" victim

about Saturday at Laramie, Wyo.

Johnston, the defending 130-pound NCAA king making his first collegiate appearance in the 123 bracket, was upset by Oklahoma State's Bob Herald, 3-2. Herald was solidly trounced in the finals by Pitt's Paul Powell, 11-4.

It was a disheartening defeat for Johnston to take. Wrestling in typical Oklahoma State fashion—get the takedown, give the escape and then stay away if ahead—Herald caught Johnston unsuspectingly in the first period to score that takedown. He immediately allowed Johnston to escape and went on his bicycle for the rest of the match.

Johnston held the "up" position at the start of the second period but Herald escaped before he could accumulate sufficient riding time. Once out, Herald went into his track routine—again with Johnston, trailing, 3-1, in desperate pursuit. But a two-point score wasn't in the cards for the Lion Captain.

Johnston scored his final point on another escape in the early moments of the final frame. But you know what Herald did—he stayed away. Although he received a stalling warning late in the final period, Herald managed

to "run off" that 3-2 victory.

Johnston won a consolation bout over Iowa's Don Barnard for a third place finish but it was small consolation at best.

Despite the attitude that he could have won the bout if Herald had stayed off the track and on the mat, Johnston did give his victor credit for one thing—winning. Said he: "He (Herald) wrestled to win. It's not the best way to do it but he did win. You have to give him credit for that."

In answer to the oft-asked question as to why he went down to 123, Johnston said: "It was easier for me to make 123 than 130 ... why, do you know what I weighed when I got out there? I weighed 121 pounds."

Oklahoma State won the tournament with 77 points. However, Lion Coach Charlie Speidel did not seem in favor of the winners' wrestling style. He said: "There's no question about it, Oklahoma State has some clever wrestlers. They play a cagey game but I don't think their style would go around here—they play it too tight."

Speidel's mind must have been wondering what the fan reaction at Penn State would have been to such tactics in an NCAA meet here—especially during the Johnny Johnston-Bob Herald bout.



A TRIO OF GOLFERS ... Bob Jr., Ann and Bob Sr.

Li'l Miss Rutherford, Golfer Extraordinary

By CARMELLA LaSPADA Who knows ... in golf star Ann Rutherford, Penn State may have another 'Babe' Zaharias in the making.

Ann met the great 'Babe' when she was a 16-year-old entry in the National Open Golf Tournament in Philadelphia as its youngest contestant. Ann marks this meeting with the immortal 'Babe' as her greatest experience. She began to play golf when only 12 years old and at 15 she began to play competitively.

During her freshman year at State College High School, she

played on the freshman golf team. In her sophomore year, Ann's family moved to Carlisle, Pa., but at Carlisle High there was no girls' golf team. However, Ann lost no time in going out for the boys' golf team.

She played for three years at Carlisle and in her senior term, this boys' golf team with the petite miss full of TNT, won the Central Pennsylvania Interscholastic Golf Crown. In fact, Bill Davidson, Penn State golf star and No. 3 man on Penn State's men's golf team was also a member of this championship team.

Upon graduation, Ann went to Rollins College, Fla. At Rollins, she played two years with their golf team, which at that time was the top women's golf team in the nation, boasting two national amateur champions. In her junior year, Ann de-

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Mac Sez... Amazing Value!

Lions Open Season Tuesday Against Western Maryland

Indications are baseball coach Joe Bedenk is going to go with his "oldtimers" when the Lions open their 1958 season with Western Maryland here Tuesday afternoon.

Game time is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Although the game is still a week away, the worst weather ever seen by Bedenk during a Lion training period has prevented him from giving a sound inspection to any newcomers. The Lions were on the diamond only one last week—Saturday, when they played an intrasquad game.

"Like I told my boys the other day," Bedenk said, "I'm going to have to start with the old timers for this game. Our lack of practice has prevented me from getting a good look at any of the new boys."

This means that Bedenk's opening day lineup—not necessarily in this batting order—should look something like this: Gary Miller, 1b; Bob Hoover, ss; Steve Baidy, 3b; Ron Rainey, lf; Jack McMullen, rf; Captain Don Stickler, c; and Cal "Moose" Emery, p.

There are still two positions up for grabs—second base and center field. With the switch of Hoover, last year's second sack-

er, to short, the fight for the opening berth has narrowed down to two men—senior Jack Michels and sophomore Larry Fegley. Bedenk could not say who his choice would be Tuesday.

Centerfield seems to be a three-way battle between seniors Dave Watkins and Joe Moore and junior Doug Caldwell. Watkins, a two-year veteran under Bedenk, seems to be a slight leader in the contest but again Bedenk could not say who he would use as the starter.

Asked if he thought his club would be ready by gametime, Bedenk answered quickly: "We'll have to be ready. A lot will depend on our pitchers ... our hitters are behind."

That's why Emery is the logical pitching choice. He was the number two pitcher on the

Lion squad last year behind Eddie Drapcho and was voted the Most Valuable Player of the College World Series at Omaha, Neb. "He's our number one boy," Bedenk said in reference to his pitchers. "We'll go with him whenever we can."

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