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Can Charlie Win Again?

By Lou Prato Sports Editor

Two of the greatest sports thrills of my life was in seeing Penn State's wrestling team pull off major upsets over rival Pittsburgh in 1957 and 1958. I hope to add a third link to this chain tomorrow night at the Pitt Field House when the Lion and Panther mat squads clash once again.

It will be two years almost to the day that I sat in the same Pitt Field House and saw the Lion grapplers—later to become Penn State's 13th Eastern championship team—snap a 26-match Pitt victory skoin, 14-11.

Coach Charlie Speidel really outfoxed his old Pitt nemesis Rex Peery that night. I can still remember his surprise maneuvers at 147 and 157 involving Davy Adams and Earl Poust which caught Peery completely off guard.

And, then, there was last year's victory at Rec Hall by the same 14-11 score. That was really an accomplishment! The Lions were a decided underdog to the Panthers, going into the match with a 1-4-2 record compared to Pitt's 8-1-1 mark. Penn State fans thought the outcome was so obvious that only 3500 turned out—some 2000 below the average.

We can still see Speidel flashing his wide grin after heavy-weight Ray Pottios clinched the match with a decision over Lenny Vuocolo.

But this is another year—and almost another team. Three of the men who posted key victories in last season's upset have graduated—Johnny Johnston, Earl Poust and Pottios. Dan Johnston is the only winner back, but Guy Guccione, whose 2-2 draw with highly-rated Vic DeFelice was called the "turning point" by Speidel, is also returning.

However, one of the two aforementioned men may not wrestle tomorrow. Reason—they have been competing for the same starting position—137 pounds—most of the season.

There has been talk that Johnston will drop down to 130-pounds in order to meet Pitt's talented unbeaten sophomore Larry Lauchle. Gordie Danks, who has been handling the 130-pound spot the last few weeks, is a hustling performer and much improved over last year. But Lauchle is given the edge over him.

However, against Johnston it may be different. Johnston is also unbeaten, posting four wins at 137 and one at 130. His 130-pound win was early in the season against Lehigh's Ed Slater, 5-0. Lauchle also stopped Slater.

Besides 137, the other key bouts should be at 147, 157 and 167. Tentative matching lists the Lions' Sam Minor against Bob Bubb at 147, Nittany sophomore Neil Turner facing veteran Alex Skirpan at 157 and State's impressive Hank Barone against former NCAA 167-pound champion Tom Alberts at 167.

These bouts could go either way although Skirpan is generally favored over Turner.

However, it is here that either Speidel or Peery could pull some of their famed "strategic" maneuvers. For example, Speidel could switch Minor and Turner in their respective positions. Or maybe Peery could do likewise with Skirpan and Alberts. This is the type of masterminding which has always made State-Pitt meets exciting.

The Panthers are definitely favored at 123. That's where their impregnable 123-pound national champ, Paul Powell, wrestles. He'll face an improving Don Wilson—who may just be the man to wreck Powell's plans.

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Big Four Carry Lion IC4A Hopes

By JOHN BLACK

Ed Moran, Dick Englebrink, Fred Kerr, and Bob Brown will carry the bulk of the Blue and White hopes into the IC4A indoor track championships in Madison Square Garden tomorrow.

These four individual entries plus the one-mile and two-mile relay teams are highly seeded and are expected to come in among the front runners.

The Lions' Ed Moran, fastest collegiate miler in the country, will abstain from the mile event and instead compete in the 1000-yard run where he has registered the fastest indoor time this year, clipping off a 2:10.0 in the Army meet.

Consistent distance runner Fred Kerr will take Moran's place in the mile. Kerr coasted across in a tie with teammates Moran and Englebrink in a 4:16 mile at Army. "He looked so easy doing it," said Coach Chick Werner, "I think he could do a 4:12 or 4:10."

On the strength of his record-setting performance at Ohio State in the two-mile, Dick Englebrink is Coach Werner's choice in the longest distance event. Although a couple runners from other schools have registered lower times this year, Werner terms Englebrink as "a pretty sharp prospect to win it."

The Lions' 6.2 sprinter Bob Brown will be up against his toughest competition since Ira Murchinson when he runs in the 60-yard dash tomorrow. Pitt's spectacular Mel Barnewell, Ed Collymore of Villanova, Steve Snyder of Yale, Fred Lakeway of Rhode Island, and Bud Spiegel of Maryland are included in the fleet field.

Moran will anchor the two-mile relay team, following mates Charlie King, George Jones, and Bill Schwab.

Dick Hambright, Jim O'Connor, Bob Szyller, and Don Davies will comprise the one-mile relay foursome.

Other possible point scorers for the Nittanians are John Fareira in the high jump and hurdles and Dick Gross, Ron Beard, or Dale Peters in the pole vault.

Pitt Wrestling Teams Standout Under Peery

Since Rex Peery took over the wrestling fortunes at Pittsburgh in 1950, the Panthers have established themselves as one of the top mat powers in the nation.

Year after year he has been able to turn out nearly unbeatable teams, compiling a nine-year coaching record of 80-27—including eight wins and a loss this season. And that mark is even more phenomenal when it is noted that 17 of those defeats were recorded in his first two ("rebuilding") campaigns.

This year's Peerymen, whom the Nittany matmen meet tomorrow night at Pittsburgh, have maintained the traditions its predecessors had set. Up until last week's 16-12 loss to Lehigh, the Panthers had won eight straight meets and had been considered the "team to beat" for the Eastern title.

Despite the loss to Lehigh, there is still a lot of glamour left on the team. Peery has three unbeaten men in his lineup and two others who have lost only once. All told, the Panthers have won 48 individual matches this season, while losing 19 and tying four.

Four of Peery's five standouts are veterans and the other is a highly-regarded rookie. Heading the list of lettermen are two NCAA champions—Paul Powell and Tom Alberts. Powell won the 123-pound crown as a sophomore last year and Alberts grabbed the 167-pound title as a soph two years ago. Alberts failed to defend his championship last season because of an injury.

Powell is 9-0 for the season and has an overall two-year career mark of 24-0-1. Alberts owns a 5-1-3 slate for the season and 21-5-3 career record. His lone defeat was a 1-0 (time

advantage) setback by Michigan's Jim Ferguson—a former Oklahoma state schoolboy champion.

Captain Bob Bubb, unbeaten at 147 with a 8-0-1 record, and Alex Skirpan are the other veterans. Bubb sat out last season after two semi-successful years as a regular. His career record is 19-8-3.

Skirpan, a hot and cold performer in two previous campaigns, had been unbeaten at 157 up until the Lehigh affair when Greg Ruth beat him. He now has a 8-1 record and a 19-11 three-year mark.

Sophomore Larry Lauchle is Peery's other ace. Lauchle has a 9-0 record at 130 and appears to be the best in the East this year. He already owns a victory over a Penn Stater—beating freshman Art Ravitz in the 130-pound finals of the Wilkes tournament in December.

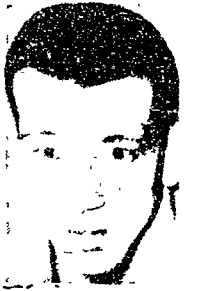
Peery has another veteran among his starters in junior Sherm Moyer. Moyer is 6-3 this year and has a 12-8 record overall.

Lenny Vuocolo at 177 and Tom Hall or Bob Guzik at heavyweight round out the Pitt squad. Vuocolo has only won one of nine matches this winter and Hall has copped only two of eight—one by forfeit. Guzik wrestled for the first time last week and was beaten by Lehigh's John Driscoll.

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