

Matmen Prep for Next Week's Eastern Wrestling Tournament

It's been all quiet on the wrestling front the past couple days as Coach Charlie Speidel prepares his matmen for the 55th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament next weekend at Cornell University. There hasn't been much said about the Lions' 15-9 loss to Pitt last Saturday, but most of Speidel's boys feel they can avenge that setback at the EIWA carnival.

The Nittanians also have another score to settle—this one against

defending Eastern champion Cornell. Coach Jimmy Miller's Big Red grapplers, unbeaten in loop competition this year, edged the Lions, 15-13, a month ago.

Both Pitt and Cornell are listed among the pre-tourney favorites of the 16-team loop, but Pitt is expected to be the "team to beat." That's because the best balanced squad generally wins the Eastern title—and Pitt seems to fit this category this year.

And just in case you have forgotten, the official EIWA team

championship is decided at the tournament and not on the worst record of the regular season. State is included among the other top threats for the Eastern throne along with Lehigh—only conqueror of Pitt this winter, Rutgers and Yale.

Four of last year's individual champions will be back to defend their titles, including Cornell's Dave Auble (123) and Dave Dunlop (heavyweight), Lehigh's Dick Santoro (147) and Rutgers' Chuck Crosby (167).

Ed Hamer of Lehigh who won the 157-pound crown as sophomore two years ago is also back—this time at 177.



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(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Gordon McCullough, assistant freshman basketball coach. McCullough, who is working on his master's degree in physical education, played four years of varsity basketball as an undergraduate of Springfield College. The contents of the article and opinions expressed are strictly his own.)

The 1958-59 Penn State basketball team rates with the best in the East!

The current discussion concerning the status of the basketball team affects each student and faculty member of this University. This is true because each time a team participates while wearing the colors of Penn State, it represents you. The discussion also implies that a decision must be made philosophically by each of us in regard to whether intercollegiate athletics belong to the students for their participation, or whether this aspect of our college program belongs to an outside group. The latter would lead to the complete subsidization and recruitment of professional athletes.

I believe there are only two sound justifications for the existence of an intercollegiate program:

1. The great student interest in regard to participation.
2. The contribution to the development of individual personality by providing experiences which are personally satisfying and contribute to good living and happiness.

While I maintain that the discussion of basketball at Penn State implies philosophical concepts and principles in regard to the total intercollegiate program, I do not wish to concede any points in regard to the calibre of basketball I have witnessed this current season at Recreation Hall. In fact, I believe that of the teams in the East, Penn State ranks with the better.

The present team has engaged in 19 games and has compiled a record of 11 victories and eight defeats. Of these defeats, three have come at the hands of two teams rated in the top 10 nationally. In one of these three defeats Penn State played excellent basketball, only to lose in overtime. This is commendable basketball both in defeat and victory. While our team may strive for perfection, perfection cannot actually be achieved by them or even professional teams.

This is our team, our University and our program which seeks to select the best of the students attending this University. We should not look outside the institution for people to represent it solely because of their proficiency in athletics. Athletics at this institution or any other was never created for that purpose.

Scholarship aid should be awarded to those students who qualify because of their academic ability, and athletic ability should be secondary.

If, however, you feel that we should have a group of perfectionists on the athletic field for the purpose of providing entertainment for the spectators rather than for the interests of the participants, I would like to submit a plan which I consider the only positive and logical course of action to follow.

First, the institution should discontinue intercollegiate athletics for the students and recruit the best possible performers for the expressed purpose

of winning and entertaining. The institution would pay these athletes in accordance with their ability, as is practiced by professional teams. I believe this plan to be feasible because perfectionists are developed only by work and practice in their particular phase of athletics.

The students and faculty should be proud of the fact that Penn State has managed to stay within the ethical codes and policies of the NCAA and that, by comparison, athletics at this institution exist because of the students and for the students. That is why collegiate athletics was founded and that is why it should exist.

Grantland Rice stated, "It is not important as to who won or lost but how you played the game."

Robertson, West Head AP All-American Five

By TED MEYER
AP Basketball Editor

NEW YORK (AP)—Oscar Robertson, the "Big O" of the University of Cincinnati Bearcats, dominates the 1959 collegiate basketball All-America selected Thursday by The Associated Press.

Named to the first team, along with the nation's leading scorer, are Jerry West of West Virginia, Bob Boozer of Kansas State, Baily Howell of Mississippi State and Johnny Cox of Kentucky.

The team was picked by 319 sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the country. On the basis of five points for a first team vote and two for a second team nod, Robertson was far in front with 1288 points. West polled 1029, Boozer 1007, Howell 1003 and Cox 978. Robertson, a junior and an all-America for the second straight year, got 256 first-team votes to 177 for runner-up West.

Don Hennon, Pitt's 5-8½ bundle of energy who made the first team last year as a junior, missed out this season. Nevertheless he polled 145 first-team votes and 891 total points to top the second team.

Johnny Green of Michigan

State made the second team with 577 points. Others are Tom Hawkins of Notre Dame, Leo Byrd of Marshall, W. Va. and Lou Pucillo of North Carolina State. Hawkins received 256 points, Byrd 239 and Pucillo 219.

The third team has Jim Hagan of Tennessee Tech, Bob Ferry of St. Louis, Ron Johnson of Minnesota, Joe Ruklick of Northwestern and York Larese of North Carolina.

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Delta Chi's Relay Win Ties IM Swimming Mark

Delta Chi, led by its record-breaking relay team, swept four out of five events to beat Beta Theta Pi, 25-16, in intramural swimming action last night.

The relay team—Mike Stollmeyer, Bob Schiffner, Jim Hepler and Ron Nutter—tied its own record of 58 seconds for the second time.

The freestyle was won by Stollmeyer with a time of 32.5 seconds, just 1.4 seconds short of the record. Second was Fred Page of Beta.

In the backstroke, Schiffner of Delta Chi won in 38.7 seconds, one second off the mark. The breaststroke was won by Jim Hepler of Delta Chi with a time of 39.4. Second was Nutter of Delta Chi and third was taken by Tom Kulp of Beta.

Beta swept first and second in diving as Armando Vega and Fred Kochev won with scores of 27.4 and 21.0 respectively.

In other fraternity action, Tau Kappa Epsilon edged Alpha Tau Omega, 24-17.

ATO started off strong, with firsts in the three individual speed events. In the freestyle, Bill Stout of ATO took first with a time of 35.1. Second was Jim Cober of TKE.

The backstroke was won by Bob McCoy in 44.4. The breaststroke was taken by Carl Tonberg with a 39.2, just 1.7 seconds off the record.

However, the turning point for TKE was the diving event, as Gerry Jackson and Charles Gaston took first and second with scores of 22.2 and 15.6.

TKE's relay team—Egolf, Cober, Bob Remy and Jim Durham—then went on to win in a time of 1:05.3 to clinch the meet.

In the only independent meet of the night, the Doubtful Dolphins, led by Craig Guthrie, swept all five events to beat the Bird Dogs, 32-8.

Guthrie won two events as he took the backstroke in 43.4 and the diving with a score of 13.8. Second in the backstroke was Dick Potter of the Bird Dogs. Second in diving was Mike Johnson of the Dolphins with a score of 11.6. Third was Weis of the Bird Dogs with 4.4.

In the freestyle, John Butcher of the Dolphins won first in 35.5 seconds. Second was Dick Potter of the Bird Dogs.

The breaststroke was won by Sam MacMullan of the Dolphins in a time of 45 seconds flat. Steve Sulzbacher of the Dolphins grabbed second.

The Dolphins relay team—Butcher, Tony Reeder, Bob Curtis and Whitfield—won in a time of 1:07.9.

IM Volleyball Entries Due Tuesday, March 10

All entries for intramural volleyball must be turned into the intramural office on or before Tuesday, March 10. The fee is \$1.00 per team.

Flick Gets Shutout In IM Handball

By BRUCE HENDERSON

Tau Kappa Epsilon's Gene Flick recorded the first clean sweep of this year's intramural handball tourney as he upended Pete Pollock of Alpha Epsilon Pi with back-to-back 21-0 scores.

Flick, one of the top seeded players of the tourney, lost out to fraternity brother Don Harinett in the semi-finals of last year's competition. The win was the fifth straight for TKE.

Bob Faris and John Urban each took wins to give Beta Theta Pi a 7-1 record. Faris beat Tau Phi Delta's Walt Knapp, 21-8, 21-17, and Urban clipped Delta Sig's Joe Washko, 21-12, 21-7.

In other fraternity action, Sigma Nu's Ron Griffith easily got by Theta Chi's Don Landenberger with 21-12, 21-3 scores. Jim Allan of Pi Kappa Phi edged Phi Gamma Delta's Tom Balling, 21-16, 21-17.

The independents also got in their licks. Al Whitehill took a close one from Howard Schimmel, 21-19, 13-21, 21-19, for his second win in League F. Bob Biesterfeldt had an easy time getting victory number two in League E as he whipped Earl Wolfe, 21-1, 21-3.

Billikens, Bonnies Draw Byes in NIT

NEW YORK (AP)—St. Louis, Oklahoma City and St. Bonaventure have drawn first-round byes in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament opening March 12 in Madison Square Garden.

This was revealed Thursday with the release of the early-round pairings and the announcement that Denver of the Skyline Conference had accepted a bid to play in the 12-team competition. Denver, which has a 14-7 season's record, has a chance to tie Utah for the conference title.

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