

Powell, Auble Head List

123, 130 Appear Potent in EIWA

First of a Series

Two of the most potent divisions in the 55th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament which opens at Cornell University Friday are the 123-pound and 130-pound classes.

In both categories, there are more than the usual number of outstanding matmen entered.

Take the 123-pound class where last year's national champ Paul Powell of Pittsburgh and defending EIWA titlist Dave Auble of Cornell return. Both men are unbeaten this year and will probably be seeded one-two in the division.

But just behind this duo are three men who could very well enter the finals. They include Penn State's Don Wilson, Yale's Andy Fitch and Franklin and Marshall's Cleon Cassel.

Although there is no national or eastern kingpin back at 130, the situation is somewhat similar. Pitt's unbeaten sophomore Larry Lauchle seems to have the inside track to the top seeded post. But the battle for the second seeded spot is wide-open between Penn

the top 130-pound aspirants.

The other main contenders for the division championships include: 123—Army's Bob Protzman, Lehigh's Jim Schmoyer, Navy's Bob Kihune, Brown's Dick Siebel, Harvard's Day Skeels, Columbia's Brian Milesi, Princeton's Christian Fischbacher, Rutgers' Chuck Fowler, F & M's Bill Casel, Temple's Don Luciano, Syracuse's Neil Hayes or George Stephens and Penn's Chick Murphy.

130—Brown's George Seaver, Penn's George Miller, Columbia's Dave Clark, Navy's Paul Ilg, Harvard's Bill Watkins, Yale's Bill Geissinger, Princeton's Jack Pickleman and F & M's Jim Clark.

Track Coach Says New Record Possible for Lion Relay Team

"If we get a chance to run again this year, we may not win, we may not even finish; but if we do, we'll break the world's record."

Thus prognosticated Lion track mentor Chick Werner referring to his 2-mile relay team which set a Madison Square Garden record in the Knights of Columbus Games Saturday. The time of 7:35.8 was just 1.7 seconds off the current world indoor record of 7:33.9 set by Seton Hall 17 years ago.

Reflecting upon Saturday's race, Werner said. "We were so engrossed with the heat of competition that we did not realize we were approaching a record." But after a critical analysis, the Nittany tutor could point out three places where the Lion baton men could have picked up vital seconds.

First of all, Don Davies, running the first leg for the Nittanies, was specifically instructed by his coaches not to take the lead. The men who call the strategy were overly cautious because of Da-

vies' inexperience in the leadoff position. Although the blond sophomore clipped off the fastest half-mile he has ever run, he held back in second place and the reserve he had left indicated he could have done even better had he not been restricted.

Secondly, Freddie Kerr lost several precious seconds when he collided with a Syracuse runner along the rail and lost his balance. He nearly came to a dead stop before regaining his stride.

Finally in the anchor leg, Ed Moran, who clocked a highly respectable 1:50.5, claimed that he could have run faster but he was merely "running to win."

Only three faster times than the Penn State clocking have ever been recorded. In addition to the record, a Pitt foursome ran 7:35.2 in Milwaukee in 1956 and Michigan hit 7:35.0 in Chicago in 1954. All three of these times were run later in the season than the Knights of Columbus games.

Also, Seton Hall's record was run on a 9-lap-per-mile track while the Madison Square Garden oval measures 11 laps per mile. This means that the Nittany spikers had to negotiate eight more curves than Seton Hall's record-setting squad.

Three other Blue and White speedsters who have all run faster (Continued on page seven)

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There is also the possibility—and a good one—that Lehigh's unbeaten Leon Harbold will enter this weight. Harbold has been the regular 137-pound competitor for the Engineers this season, but he could easily get down to 130—the position he held in his sophomore and junior campaigns.

Out of the top contenders at 123, only Powell and Wilson have met on the dual scene. And Powell was victorious by a 5-2 count.

Powell did face Fitch in a pre-season match at the Wilkes Tournament. It was in the tourney's 123-pound final and Fitch won when Powell had a default because of a serious nose bleed.

Fitch, incidentally, was the third place finisher in last year's EIWA circus.

Lauchle has beaten both Johnston (8-3) and Weisenseel (3-2) this year. But there has been no other meetings among

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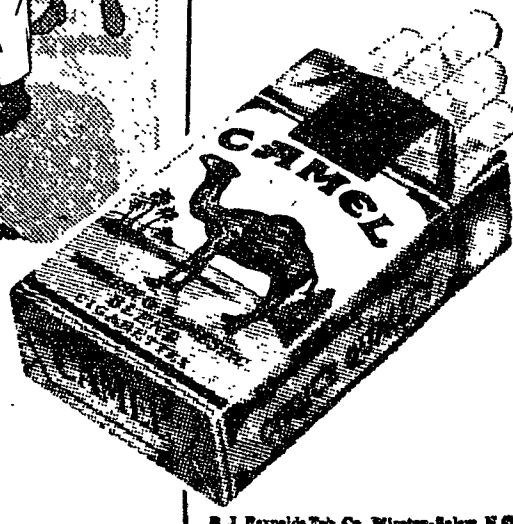
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