

Lions Surprise Tourney Fans

Penn State's wrestling team certainly lived up to its pre-tourney darkhorse rating at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Tournament at Cornell University over the weekend.

Everyone from Coach Gerry Leeman of title-winning Lehigh to the Cornell ticket-takers agreed that the Lions' showing—a relatively close second place finish—was by far the biggest surprise of the 55th annual carnival.

"I thought Penn State would be a threat all the time," the jubilant Leeman said after seeing Lehigh win its first EIWA crown under his tutorship. "But I didn't think they would do this good. They were right in there down to the finish. Charlie (Speidel) certainly brought the team along quickly."

Cornell Coach Jimmy Miller whose defending champion Big Red team placed third—far behind the Nittanians—in the final standings, agreed with Leeman. "There's no question that Penn State was a real big surprise," the youthful Miller opined. "I knew they would be tough, but not that tough."



GUY GUCCIONE ... wins 'grudge' match

Although Penn State held the tournament lead from the opening round until the finals, the majority of the press corps covering the circus never doubted the superiority of the Lehigh gang. And the reason was simple—the Engineers had a more winning potential, what with six men being seeded including Dick Santoro, Greg Ruth, Thad Turner, and Ed Hamer at top-seeded positions. Santoro and Hamer came through with championships while Ruth finished third and Turner second. John Driscoll, who had been seeded third at 147, also won a title and Leon Harbold, fourth-seeded at 130, wound up third.

Leeman called this array "the best I've ever had at Lehigh."

"At the beginning of the season, I didn't think I would have as good a team as I did," the ex-Iowa State national champion said. "But once I got Harbold and Santoro down to a weight where I could use the full potential of Driscoll, I knew we were good."

Leeman was semi-optimistic

Athletes--

(Continued on page six) end of his freshman year, 1.6 at the end of his sophomore year and 1.8 by the completion of his junior year. A 2.0 is necessary for graduation.

How do the academic requirements for Penn State athletes compare with the requirements of other universities?

"I think our eligibility requirements are much higher than most other schools, although I don't know the figures," Walker said. "But the measure of this is in the number of athletes that get degrees—and most Penn State athletes do (get degrees)."

McCoy agrees with Walker on the high standards of Penn State's academic requirements.

"Wisconsin, for example, must admit every state high school graduate who applies for admission regardless of his academic ability," McCoy said. "Consequently, they have many instances where athletes are taken in with very poor academic records and given full grants."

"We have high academic standards," McCoy concluded "and they're getting higher."

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about Lehigh's chances in the upcoming NCAA tournament. "We should do rather well," he said, "but there are a lot of tough teams to compete with such as Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Aggies. But I'm hopeful. I think the East, as a whole, will do a good job."

Santoro and Cornell's two-time 123-pound champion Dave Auble won the individual awards at the tournament. Santoro, who never lost a collegiate dual meet in his career (29-0-4), captured the John A. Fletcher Award given annually to the senior who acquires the most tournament points in his career. . . . he won two championships and finished second in three years.

Auble, a home-grown Ithaca boy, was voted the tourney's outstanding wrestler award by a close margin over Santoro. . . . Discroll, another Ithaca boy who migrated to Lehigh, finished third.

State's Guy Guccione, who placed third at 137, was somewhat pleased with himself after Saturday night's consolation win over Syracuse's Les Austin. Guccione and Austin are high school buddies from Long Island N.Y., although they went to different schools—Guccione to Bay Shore and Austin to Amityville. . . . and they had been waiting three years for a meeting. . . . After winning 4-2 in overtime, Guccione remarked: "Well, at least that doesn't make the tournament a complete loss." . . . he was beaten in the semi-finals by Santoro.

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Don Davies Chick King Dick Engelbrink Ed Moran

Davies, King, Engelbrink, Moran To Run in Cleveland Games

By JOHN BLACK

Don Davies, Chick King, Dick Engelbrink and Ed Moran have earned positions on the Penn State indoor two-mile relay team, which has set its sights on breaking the world's record at the Cleveland Knights of Columbus Games Friday.

And they proved that their premeditated attack on the world mark is not mere rash speculation, for the combined calculated times that these top four finishers ran in the qualifying time trials is 7:31.2—27 seconds under the world's record!

These four turned in the best individual clockings in time trials Sunday afternoon on the Rec Hall boards. Twelve trackers ran in the trials as Coach Chick Werner aligned his best distance runners in three competing teams.

Track captain Ed Moran qualified with the fastest time of 1:50.3 for his converted half-mile leg. Engelbrink came in second on the time chart with a 1:52.6. King registered his fastest time of the year, a 1:53.5, and Davies just edged Dave LaHoff for the fourth slot by one-tenth of a second in 1:54.8.

A look at the statistics will reveal some astounding facts about the competition among team members to make the trip to

Cleveland. All 12 men ran under two minutes, and three of them are only freshmen. To have 12 trackmen on the same team who can run a half-mile in less than two minutes is enough to strike rapture into the heart of any coach.

The combined time of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh place finishers—LaHoff, George Jones, Bill Schwab and Steve Moorhead—was seven seconds lower than any relay time run in any of the Lions' dual meets this year.

The three team lineups, as they competed Sunday, ran times of 7:40.1, 7:45.3 and 7:46.9. Any of these times would have won the relay event in all the dual meets the Wernermen ran this past season.

One deterrent in the path of the Nittany foursome is the comparative smallness of the Cleveland track. The oval is only 1/12 of a mile in circumference. This means 24 circuits of the oval must be negotiated in the course of the two-mile distance. This will re-

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quire running around eight more curves than the batonmen navigated on the Madison Square Garden boards.

State's competition in Cleveland will include Notre Dame, Pitt, Michigan, and Manhattan. Manhattan may attempt a comeback after recently relinquishing the IC4-A title to the Lions.

The Jaspers also finished a weak third to Penn State and Georgetown in the highly publicized "grudge match" at the New York Knights of Columbus Games March 7.

Georgetown, who set the pace in the New York race and came in eight yards behind Lion anchor man Moran, may be invited to Cleveland. If so, they could provide the push the Nittanians may need to force them to the wire in record time.

Illinois Track Star

Penn State track coach Charles (Chick) Werner was captain of the University of Illinois track team in 1926. Werner, a star hurdler as an undergraduate, will begin his 25th season as Penn State coach this Spring.

Fresh Baseball Meeting

All candidates for the freshman baseball team will meet at 5 p.m. today in 241 Rec Hall.

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