

Newcomer Must Fill 123-lb. Gap For Matmen

By JOHNNY BLACK

This is the first in a two part series on the 1959-60 wrestling team by weight classifications. Today's story covers the light-weights from the 123 to 147-pound classes.

Veterans dot three of the four lightweight classes on the Nittany Lion grappling squad this year, but a newcomer will have to adequately fill the 123-pound berth if Coach Charlie Spindel's crew is to field a strong lineup from 123-147.

Joe Cramp and Don Wilson handled the opening class chores last winter but Cramp graduated and Wilson moved up to the 130-pound division.

There appear to be three top-flight prospects among the newcomers in Tony Scordo, Tom Canty and Dale Confer.

Scordo and Confer are sophomores who were outstanding wrestlers in high school. Scordo was a two time district champ at Tyrone and Confer was one of the best matmen to come out of Bald Eagle High School. Canty is a transfer student from Auburn who has shown promise.

But none of these men have any varsity experience and they will have to prove themselves in the big time if the Lions are to have a solid 123-pound contender.

In addition to Wilson, veteran Gordie Danks, and sophomore Art Ravitz are fighting for the 130-pound nod.

Wilson compiled a 5-2 dual meet record last year, competing mostly at the 123-pound weight. Danks managed a win and a draw in four bouts last season.

Ravitz was co-captain of the freshman squad last winter and was undefeated in frosh competition. He also captured a second place ribbon in the open Wilkes tournament, losing only to Pitt's Larry Lauchle, who later won the Eastern intercollegiate crown.

The picture brightens at the 137 and 147-pound classes. These should be two of the strongest weights on the club for the Lions.



DAN JOHNSTON ... top-flight veteran

are two-deep with veterans in both categories.

Seniors Guy Guccione and Dan Johnston renew an old rivalry in the 137 class. Guccione had a 2-1-1 slate last year while Johnston, who wrestled several matches at 130, racked up five straight victories before losing to Pitt's Lauchle.

Johnston was also runner-up to Lauchle in the EIWA's. Guccione took runner-up honors behind Lehigh's Joe Gratto in the (Continued on page eight)

Chalk Up Another One For Richie

Richie Lucas, who has been gathering All-American honors as frequently as Marilyn Monroe gets whistles, added another one yesterday.

The Lion quarterback was named to United Press International's team. Lucas has been named to four other major All-American squads this year.

He also won the Maxwell award as the outstanding collegiate player in the country and will be Penn State's big threat when the Lions meet Alabama in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 19 in Philadelphia.

Seven other Penn State stars were given honorable mention honors on the UPI team. They are tacklers Andy Stynchula and Charley Janerette; guard Bud Kohlhaas; and backs Pat Botula, Roger Kochman, Dick Hoak and Jim Kerr.

State coach Rip Engle will depend a good deal on the backfield stars to crack Alabama's tough defense which allowed but one touchdown per game throughout the 1959 season.

Alabama finished the campaign with a 7-1-2 record, good for 11th place in the national rankings.

GRID NOTES—The Lions took running and calisthenic exercises yesterday on Beaver Field. The medical brigade says halfback Roger Kochman, who injured his knee in the Holy Cross game, should be ready to play in the Liberty Bowl. Lion coach Rip Engle and Alabama coach Bear Bryant have agreed to exchange three game films. The two coaches know practically nothing about each other's teams. Richie Lucas has been named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Star team.

Fencing Club Will Hold Meeting Tomorrow at 7

The first meeting of the Penn State fencing club will be held 7 p.m., tomorrow in 114 Recreation Hall.

Instruction will be available for beginners in foil fencing and epee and saber for advanced fencers.

No fees are required and all equipment will be provided by the organization.

Fast-improving Steelers To Battle Bears Sunday

PITTSBURGH (AP)—For the fourth straight week the fast-improving Pittsburgh Steelers battle a National Football League contender.

This Sunday it is the big, bad Chicago Bears, who humiliated the Steelers 54-17 in an exhibition game last August.

Grandstand Views



Sebo Firing Backfires on Penn

By Sandy Padwe
Collegian Sports Editor

The Ivy League, which prides itself in being the last stronghold of the true, the good, and the beautiful is sporting a big black eye these days.

For one of its simon-pure members, Penn, is the laughing stock of the nation after firing head football coach Steve Sebo, who brought the Quakers the Ivy League championship this year.

Just why Sebo was fired seems to be the biggest mystery since a sailor stole Captain Queeg's strawberries.

After five unproductive seasons at the Philadelphia institution, Sebo came up with a ballclub which caught the fancy of the highly critical Penn alumni and fans.

His Quakers lost only to Harvard, won seven games, and tied Navy en route to the championship.

More important though, Sebo turned out to be the inspirational leader the Quakers so sorely needed.

In fact when the Penn players heard the news of his dismissal Tuesday, they trooped, 30 strong, right into the office of Penn President, Dr. Gaylord P. Harnwell and demanded an explanation.

But Harnwell could only give them a few meaningless words.

"We just wanted to be shown some shred of logic behind it," said Penn's star fullback Jack Hanlon. "But Dr. Harnwell said there were things involved that we wouldn't understand."

What Harnwell referred to was Penn's Senate Athletic Committee which decided to axe Sebo. The committee, similar to the one here, wasn't able to give any spe-

cific reason for its actions.

However, a statement was released later which said that the decision not to renew Sebo's contract was made on the recommendation of a faculty administration committee appointed by President Harnwell to review the football program at Penn.

The committee was made up of a geography professor, political science professor, the vice president for student affairs, a member of the trustees committee on student affairs, and the athletic director.

So it's no wonder that the Penn players questioned the ability of such a group to pass sound judgment on football matters.

However, the committee did something for the team when it outlined the requisites for a Penn football coach:

- First a coach must be technically sound.
 - Second a coach must enlist the belief of the players.
 - Third he must be essentially a teacher.
 - And lastly he must have a strong belief in the way things are done in the grand old Ivy League.
- Looking at them one by one, it's (Continued on page eight)

Hard, Fast-Moving Bouts Pace Intramural Boxing

By BOB YEARICK

Intramural boxing, in its second night of action, produced seven fast-paced bouts, the last of which had to be stopped in the first round.

Gerald Carp, a 167-pounder from Beta Sigma Rho, displayed a quick, hard-hitting attack which proved too much for Wayne Heebner of Alpha Zeta.

Vying with Carp as outstanding boxer of the evening was Watson Brown, 150-pound representative of Omega Psi Phi. He showed a smooth, fast offense which kept Grandison Allen of Sigma Nu on the defensive.

Alternate 158-pounder Glenn Wechaar of Theta Chi won his match as he kept Fred Waite of Phi Sigma Kappa on the run throughout the three rounds with his aggressive, punishing style.

In one of the two split decisions of the evening, Ken Sullivan of Delta Upsilon defeated George Blackham of Phi Kappa Psi in the 176-pound class. Blackham seemed to hold the advantage until the final round when he faltered and the favored Sullivan punched his way to a hard-won victory.

The other split decision was won by Jack Sundstrom of Sigma Nu over Tom Hill of Alpha Sigma Phi in the 142-pound class.

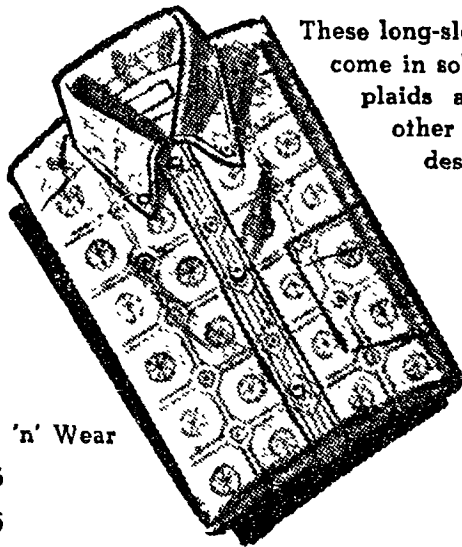
Chet Lucido, a dancing 142-

pounder from Phi Psi, used a solid left hook to win a unanimous decision over Ray Plotts of Tau Phi Delta.

Bill Russ, a 158-pounder from Phi Psi, jabbed his way to a win over John Boyer of Alpha Gamma Rho.

There were three forfeits. In the 135-pound class John Grofesik of Beta Theta Pi forfeited to Paul Deitzell of Sigma Phi Epsilon; and Bob Burlbaugh won by forfeit over Vince Newhauser of Alpha Chi Rho. In the 150-pound class, Ken Houck of Chi Phi forfeited to John Sholtis of Phi Sigma Kappa.

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