

Matmen Open at Army Phi Gam Wins In IM Cage

By JOHNNY BLACK
The Nittany Lion grapplers open their 1959-60 wrestling campaign this afternoon at West Point when they take on the Cadets in the first test on their expanded 10-meet schedule.

For veteran mat mentor Charlie Speidel, the meet will mark the beginning of his 34th year at the helm of the Penn State grappling squad. Under Speidel's command the Blue and White matmen have been one of the powers of the East as is verified by "Doc's" coaching record of 159 victories, 42 defeats and 10 ties.

The Lions are opening their schedule a week earlier than usual this winter and have added two new opponents to the slate.

They meet Colgate and Michigan, a Big 10 powerhouse, before Christmas vacation, then retire from the mat warfare till Jan. 9 when they renew action against Lehigh.

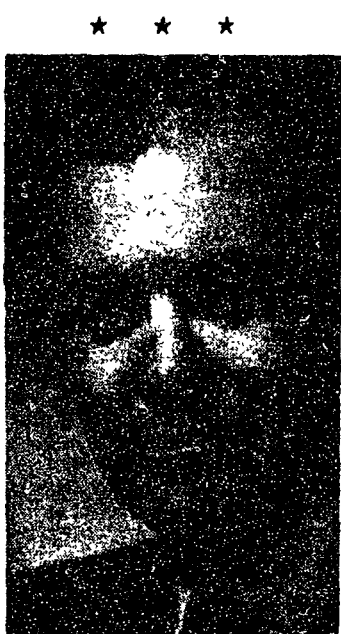
Bob Gilmour's heavyweight decision in the final bout gave Speidel's crew a 15-9 victory over Army last year on its way to a 5-3 season.

The Lion lineup will be noticeably rejuvenated this afternoon as three sophomores stud the staffing array for the Nittany nine.

Tony Scordo at 123, Art Ravitz at 137 and Ron Pifer at 167 will



JOHNSTON OBERLY
... junior heavyweight



"DOC" SPEIDEL
... starts 34th campaign

get their first taste of varsity competition on the West Point mats. Scordo, twice a schoolboy district champ at Tyrone, drew the nod over Tom Canty, a transfer from Auburn, to start for the Lions in the lightest weight classification.

Ravitz, co-captain of last year's freshman mat squad, will carry the Blue and White banner at 137. He had a good year

for the Lion Cubs, going through the dual meets undefeated and coming in second in the Wilkes Open Tourney over the Christmas holidays.

Pifer, a 157-pound sensation for the frosh last winter, and a former high school state titleholder from nearby Bellefonte, will get the varsity test at 167.

Phil Myer, the fourth sophomore in the lineup, will wrestle

for the Lions in the newly-installed 191-pound class.

Myer was the 177-pounder for last year's frosh, but earned his 191-pound varsity assignment by beating John Trojan in a thrilling 2-overtime elimination match.

Trailing 5-3, Myer scored a takedown on Trojan in the last 10 seconds of the regular time, then won the match in the second overtime period.

Gordie Danks, a senior letterman from Ithaca, N.Y., will go at 130 and Nittany captain Sam Minor, a Carmichaels senior, will hold down the 147-pound job.

Junior Jerry Seckler, another New Yorker from the hamlet of Valley Steram, earned a varsity letter last season, and will be Penn State's 157-pound representative.

Senior veteran Hank Barone will be back at his old familiar 177-pound post. The two-year letterman won five times and drew once in eight matches in his junior campaign.

Johnston Oberly, a 250-pound junior from Asbury, N. J., rounds out the Nittany lineup in the unlimited division. Oberly reached the semi-finals of the national tourney after compiling a 2-3-1 record in dual meet competition last year.

Next weekend Speidel's team travels to Colgate for another away meet before making its first home appearance of the season Dec. 17 against the Wolverines from the University of Michigan.

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Alpha Phi Delta stomped Kappa Sigma 49-13. The victors featured a three-pronged attack as Joe Smyser racked up 13 markers and Bob Zamboni and John Hykes each tallied 12.

In another game which proved disastrous for the losers, Phi Sigma Delta trounced Pi Kappa Phi, 37-16. Larry Greenberg paced Phi Sig with 13 points.

Triangle forfeited to Lambda Chi Alpha in the other fraternity contest.

Ed Sieguz scored 20 points as Nittany 38 downed Watts I, 29-22. Nittany 28 topped Nittany 31, 31-29, with Lou Dix taking scoring honors with 13.

Nittany 22 rounded out independent action with a 34-27 conquest of Nittany 41. The big gun for the winners was Roger Toth with 12 points.

The indies also had one forfeit. Nittany 34 dropped that one to Nittany 25.

Colts Battle Jinx; Giants Seek Title

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A seven-year jinx, a yearning for revenge and the National Football League's Western Division title are on the line today in the Baltimore Colt-49er game.

Coach Webb Ewbank's defending champion Colts have never won a game in San Francisco.

Coach Red Hickey's uprising 49ers have never won a title and they're still burning from a humiliating 45-14 trampling by the Colts Nov. 22.

The winner of today's nationally televised game will clinch at least a share of the division title.

The 49ers, who figured to go nowhere this season, now sport a 7-3 record—the same as Baltimore's.

"Our team is in good shape," said Baltimore Coach Ewbank.

"As for this jinx talk, I don't think it will affect us. You win with blocking and tackling. The past doesn't mean a thing."

How badly do the 49ers want to avenge their loss to Baltimore?

"Oh, these fellows are grown men," said Hickey. "We don't have to remind them of the past."

Nevertheless, every hunk of wall space in the 49er training camp, every mirror, even the scales are decorated with signs: "Beat the Colts."

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Once again the Pittsburgh Steelers are underdogs for their National Football League game tomorrow, this time against the Bears at Chicago. Steeler coach Buddy Parker couldn't care less.

Last Sunday Pittsburgh was picked to lose by four points to the Philadelphia Eagles. The score: Steelers 31, Eagles 0.

Pittsburgh also was on the short end of the odds in previous games with the Cleveland Browns and New York Giants. The Steelers won both.

While Pittsburgh boasts a four-game winning streak, the Bears are doing even better. They're

on a five-game streak. That's probably the reason they're seven-point favorites. That and the fact the Steelers have never beaten the Bears in Chicago.

NEW YORK (AP)—A comparison of injury lists yesterday boosted odds favoring the New York Giants to whip Cleveland in tomorrow's big game here and thus clinch the Eastern Division title of the National Football League.

The Giants say they're in the best shape of the season—with only George Shaw, one of the quarterbacks, not ready to answer the call.

But the Browns are "hurting." "We're in the worst physical shape in a long time," says Coach Paul Brown.

Two key linemen—tackle Mike McCormick and guard Jim Ray Smith—are reported definitely lost. Halfback Ray Renfro has a pulled high muscle. Fullback Walt Michaels has a broken hand and Lou Groza, tackle and kicker, is bothered by back trouble.

Lion Stickmen Successful

While not considered by any means a powerhouse in lacrosse, Penn State opposes some of the toughest teams in the East. Last season the Lion stickmen managed their first winning season since 1956 by posting a 5-4-1 record.

AL Will Ignore Frick's Ideas On Expansion

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The American League will ignore Commissioner Ford Frick's suggestion to take a definite stand on expansion, it was learned yesterday.

Instead the AL will merely announce that, upon the recommendation of its three-man fact-finding committee, it plans to "explore further" the possibility of expansion.

This announcement, expected to be made Monday when the major leagues open their three-day convention, undoubtedly will draw fire from Branch Rickey's Continental League, which also will convene here Tuesday. The National League is expected to announce that it has no plans to expand.

"If the American League does make such an inconclusive announcement," said a Continental League franchise holder who asked not to be identified, "it will prove once and for all that the majors are determined to sabotage our efforts to become a third big league."

"They merely are trying to keep us hanging on the ropes, and confusing us, unfortunately, they are succeeding."

"The commissioner has ordered the American and National Leagues to put up or shut up on the subject of expansion. They'd better listen to him or they'll be in for a lot of trouble."

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Penn Seniors Refuse Post-Season Bowl Bids

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Two University of Pennsylvania seniors yesterday passed up bids to post-season all-star games after they were told their participation might result in Penn's forfeiting its Ivy League title.

Fullback Jack Hanlon had accepted an invitation to play in the North-South Game. Halfback Fred Doelling had been asked to play in the Copper Bowl game. Both are on Dec. 26.

Dr. Arthur H. Scouten, chairman of the committee on eligibility, said the two would violate the Ivy League and the Eastern College Athletic Conference agreements if they played in an all-star game.

IM Boxing--

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of Phi Delta Theta took the evening's only split decision as he solved a fine defense by Donald Dixon of Sigma Pi in the 142-pound class.

3 Linksman Lead Coral Gables Open

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP)—Don Bisplinghoff of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bill Johnston of Provo, Utah, and Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla., reached the halfway point of the \$95,000 Coral Gables Open Golf Tournament yesterday with a triple tie for the lead, each with a 4-under-par 138 for 36 holes.

Seventeen players were par 149 or better for the distance, with three deadlocked one stroke behind the leaders Jim Ferree of Crystal River, Fla.; Doug Sanders of Miami Beach, and Jay Hebert of Sanford, Fla., each had 139.

Julius Boros of Mid Pines, N.C., the first-round leader with 67, could do no better than 73 Friday. His total left him in a four-way tie, three strokes behind the leaders.

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