

# Matmen Prime Target Of Eastern Hopefuls

By JOHNNY BLACK

The Penn State wrestling squad is sitting in a very precarious position. Perched atop the heap in eastern collegiate mat competition the Nittany Lions have become "sitting ducks" for "spoilers" or energetic clubs still aiming for the plum themselves.

Coach Charlie Speidel's grapplers hold first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association with victories over Army, Lehigh and Cornell.

Although they dropped from first to third in the latest national rankings released by the Amateur Wrestling News, the Lions are still kingpins of the East with non-league triumphs over Colgate, Michigan and Maryland.

The undefeated Blue and White matmen have four dual meet opponents remaining on their schedule. And at least two of these — Navy and Pitt — are definite threats to the Nittany claim to eastern supremacy.

Pitt also boasts an unmarred slate after meetings with four eastern rivals and is the club that could make the strongest bid to wrest the leadership from Penn State.

The Panthers were overlooked in the pre-season ratings after losing such stars as NCAA 167-pound former titleholder Tom Alberts, 147-pound Bob



GUY GUCCIONE  
... approaches Minor's mark

Bubb, who finished fourth in the NCAA's, Paul Powell, NCAA 123-pound champ, and veterans Alex Skirpan and Sherm Moyer.

Pitt didn't open its season till January. But when it did, Rex Peery, the Panthers' inimitable coach, proved that he had utilized the time wisely in developing new men. He also called back a couple of grapplers he had red-shirted last year and the Cats proceeded to wallop Maryland, Syracuse, Navy and Army.

But of these two dangerous foes, it will be Navy that gets the

first shot at the Lions. The Midshipmen have lost only to Pitt and would love to play the spoiler's role when they get their crack at the Nittanyies Saturday in Rec Hall.

Between the Navy and Pitt meets Speidel's charges take on Syracuse, then close out dual meet competition at Rutgers the first week in March.

The Navy, Syracuse and Pitt meets are all part of winter sports doubleheaders at Rec Hall on the next three successive Saturdays.

The high-riding Lion matmen experienced trouble only in the lightweight matches in their last outing at Maryland Saturday.

The Terps' strategy seemed to be to eke out a few points early and then stay away from the Lion matmen.

Lion captain Sam Minor spent the better part of three periods stalking his opponent at 147, then lost the advantage when desperate moves backfired. He had to come from behind in the last 10 seconds to earn a draw.

The only class in which the Lions do not hold a win edge over their opponents this year is 130. Gordie Danks won at Army and Colgate, but lost against Michigan. At this point Donnie Wilson took over and has been unable to get started on the win trail in three matches.

Guy Guccione, 137-pound Lion stalwart, scored the 15th victory of his Penn State career against the Terps to move within two wins of Minor, the team leader.

The rugged little senior's career record, including four wins this year, is now 15-8-3 compared to 17-8-2 for Minor. Six of Guccione's triumphs have come in eastern tournament competition.

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# Trackman Schwab Lost For Indoor Competition

By JIM KARL

Bill Schwab, a member of last year's crack 2-mile relay team, will be lost to the track team for the remainder of the indoor season. Schwab injured his foot while running in practice at Rec Hall.

X-rays will be taken today to determine the exact extent of the injury, but it is believed that the middle-distance runner suffered fractured bones in his foot.

Schwab, who never ran track until his sophomore year of college, was being counted on heavily this year. Although Coach Chick Werner said that the senior had not definitely made the 2-mile relay team at the time of his injury, he considered a top prospect.

With Schwab out, the most likely starting line-up for the triangular meet with Navy and Pitt at Annapolis Saturday is Mike Miller, Fred Larson, George Jones and captain Dick Engelbrink.

The mile relay team will probably be made up of George Metzgar, Bob Szezyler, Don Davies and Dick Hambricht.



Schwab

The pole vaulting ranks will be weakened by the absence of junior Ron Beard, who is not competing this year. But senior Dick Gross and junior Dale Peters, the other 2/3 of the top-flight trio, are expected to take up the slack.

On the basis of their 90-19 victory over Princeton earlier this season, Navy looks like a tough team to beat.

In that meet Hilder of Navy high jumped 6'4 1/2" and Hart of Navy put the shot 52'4", both Navy records.

The fact that both Navy and Pitt have field houses in which to practice puts Penn State at a definite disadvantage in the field events.

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# Snow Ends Crisis At Olympic Ski Site

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Welcome snow wiped out a flood threat and turned gloom into joy yesterday as Olympic skiers took to the trails.

With the winter games scheduled to open in just nine days, the weather remained of prime concern after heavy rain Monday brought a crisis.

If temperatures remain low, officials won't worry. It was below freezing yesterday—good weather for skiing.

The alpine downhill-slalom skiers raced down Papoose Peak in deep snow while the cross-country experts either stayed in the valley or used a practice run

near the Olympic courses at McKinney Creek, 17 miles south of here.

"The snow is heavy and deep," said French ace Adrien Duvillard. "But you can ski on it and that's the main thing."

The main thing to H. D. Thoreau, managing director for the games, was that the rain turned to snow Monday afternoon, eliminating a threat of floods in the isolated 2 1/2 mile long valley.

Thoreau canceled an emergency alert because "we expect the snow, and we can handle it."

Crews worked through the night, however, solving what Thoreau called "minor problems"—removing fallen trees, repairing power lines and checking the water supply.

Dr. William W. Stiles, medical director for the Feb. 18-28 games, pronounced all water facilities in the area safe.

## IM Results

**BASKETBALL**  
Tau Phi Delta 25, Delta Phi 15  
Phi Kappa Psi 39, Delta Theta Sigma 22  
Alpha Sigma Phi 24, Sigma Tau Gamma 20  
Acacia 16, Beta Theta Pi 15  
Alpha Epsilon Pi 23, Phi Kappa Tau 21  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 24, Theta Chi 17  
Pi Kappa Phi 17, Sigma Pi 13  
Phi Sigma Delta 27, Pi Kappa Alpha 14  
Lambda Chi Alpha 28, Alpha Gamma Rho 25

**BOWLING**  
League A  
Slapsticks 4, Delta 0  
Bucks 5, Spares 1  
Splinters 2, Dawson's Scholars 1  
Three Hundreds 3, Runkle Ramblers 1  
Delaware 4, Glenn Road 0  
Vets won forfeit from Herkimers  
League B  
Hi-Fives 3, King Pins 1  
Labache 4, Strikes 0  
Terros 4, Penn Haven 0  
McElwain 4, Janitors 0  
Holy Rollers 4, NROTC-1A 0  
Errors 4, NROTC-1B 0

## Sam Minor to Be Guest On 'Meet The Varsity'

Sam Minor, captain of the Penn State wrestling team, will be interviewed on "Meet The Varsity" at 9:45 tonight. The show will be aired by both WMAJ and WDFM.

## Batterymen to Meet

There will be a meeting of all varsity pitchers and catchers in 241 Rec Hall today at 5 p.m.

## Varsity Lac Candidates

All those interested in varsity lacrosse are requested to see coach Ernie Baer today in 211 Rec Hall.

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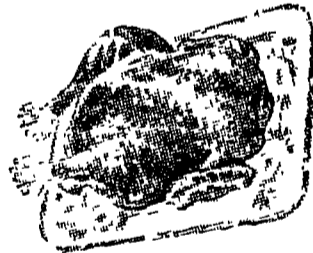
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