

Mat, Gym Teams Host Orange

Mat Win Would Set New Marks

By JOHNNY BLACK

The Syracuse grapplers, sporting a 2-5 record, are the only hurdle in the way of Penn State's longest wrestling win streak since its national championship club of 1953.

The Orangemen invade Rec Hall at 8:30 tonight to challenge Coach Charlie Speidel's unbeaten matmen rated the best in the East and third best in the nation.

A win for the Lions would be their eighth straight this season and would set a mark for consecutive victories that the Nittanies haven't surpassed since their last undefeated season in 1953.

Syracuse has beaten Army and F&M and lost to Ithaca, Lehigh, Michigan, Pitt and Cornell.

The teams that have fallen prey to the Lions this winter are Army, Colgate, Michigan, Lehigh, Cornell, Maryland, and Navy.

Only two of the seven teams managed to score more than eight points against the Blue and White matmen.

Jerry Seckler, 157-pound junior holds the best record among Speidel's proteges.

Seckler has been victorious in every meet this season and has raised his 2-year collegiate career record to 8-1-1.

It took a teammate to do what Seckler's foes haven't been able to do all year. In spirited intrasquad practice matches this week Seckler was beaten twice by Ron Pifer, the varsity 167-pounder.

Pifer, a two-time state high school champion and undefeated freshman co-captain in the 157-pound class last year, has a 4-3 varsity record. One of his losses was to Lehigh's Jim Detrixhe in the 177-pound class. In the other six matches he wrestled at 167.

Undefeated rookie Tony Scordo (5-0-2) will fill the 123-pound class for the Lions.

The Nittany entry at 130 will be either Art Ravitz (1-0) or Gordie Danks (2-2). Danks looked sharp last week against Navy's Jim McKimney before being Ravitz has not wrestled since the opening meet against Army.

Lion Guy Guccione carries a 5-0-1 record into the 137-pound match and Nittany Captain Sam Mpor is 5-1-1 at 147.

One of these two Lions will probably meet Syracuse captain Les Austin. Austin is undefeated in three years of dual meet competition but was tied once this year at Pitt.

State veteran Hank Barone is still unbeaten at 177. The Lion senior also scored a win in the 191-pound class on his way to a 5-0-2 slate.

Sophomore Phil Mver has three straight wins at 191 with the latest being a fall against Tom Ubert of Navy.

Heavyweight Johnston Oberly (6-0-1) will round out the Nittany lineup Oberly has pinned the last four men he has faced.

The Orangemen's probable starting lineup lists Dave McCoy, 123; Howie Meyer, 130; Fred Hoffman, 137; Les Austin, 147; Joe Matisek, 157; Harry Pollak, 167; John Wynne, 177; Bob Orin, 191, and Al "Jack" Bemiller, unlimited.

The Penn State freshmen will meet Stevens Trade School of Lancaster in a preliminary match at 6:30 p.m.

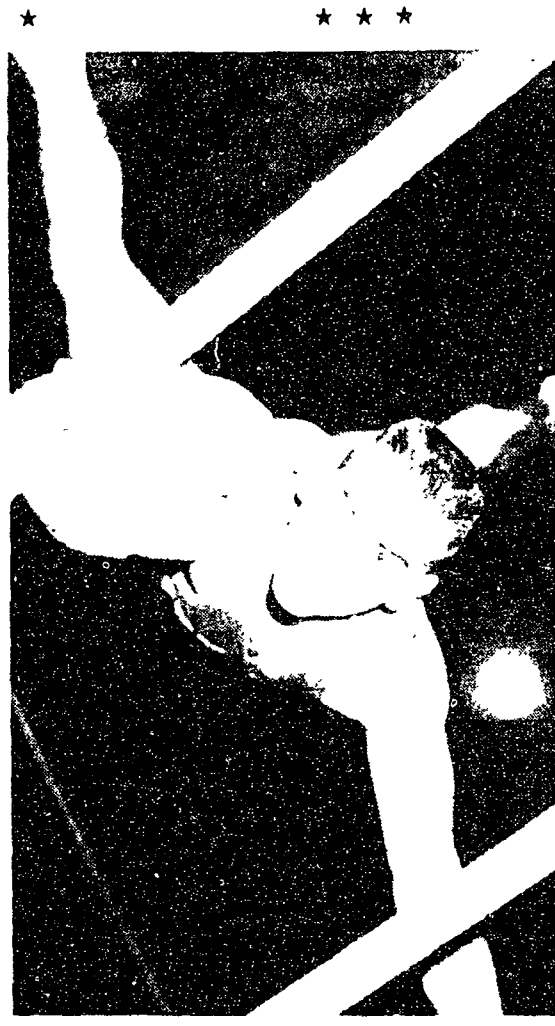
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G-Men Seek 4th Victory Today at 2

By LARRY ROTH

Penn State's gymnastic team, their 14-meet win streak broken and their Eastern championship chances all but ruined, will be out to regain their winning form this afternoon at Rec Hall against winless Syracuse.

The meet is scheduled for 2 p.m. Beaten in their last outing at Army, the Lions will return to the lineup used in the overwhelming victory against Navy two weeks ago, 63-33.

Lion Coach Gene Wettstone's strategy calls for an interchange of events for co-captains Jay Werner and Lee Cunningham. Werner will work on the parallel bars and Cunningham will tumble.

Against the Middies this change paid off handsomely, with each capturing a first place.

But Syracuse tumbler Al Bird may spoil Cunningham's bid for a repeat performance. The Orange junior has great speed on the mats and has notched higher scores than any Penn State tumbler this season.

Bernie Buhl and Dick Criley will join Werner for the Lions while Paul Sauerhafer and Steve Telepman round out the Syracuse trio.

Greg Weiss, Pan-American champ on the side horse, broke severely in his last two outings and will have to be at his best to win the event if teammate Cunningham repeats the 275 routine. (Continued on page seven)

Swedes Take Lead In Olympic Games

By TED SMITS
Associated Press Sports Editor

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Sixteen Jernberg, Sweden's ski-racing king, and Canada's champion figure skating pair, Barbara Wagner and Bob Paul, won the first gold medals yesterday in the eighth Winter Olympics. The United States got its first medal—a bronze.

Jernberg, a 31-year-old ski salesman, captured the 80-kilometer—18 miles, 1008 yards cross-country ski race in 1 hour, 51 minutes and 3 seconds. Americans, as expected, finished far back.

Miss Wagner and Paul, the latter a onetime polio victim, were unanimous choices over a flashy field in the figure skating event.

The silver second place medal went to Marika Kilius and Hans Baumler of Germany, the European champions, and the third place bronze to Nancy and Ronald Ludington of Roxbury, Mass.

Finishing back of Jernberg in the ski race was Rolf Rungard, a 25-year-old Swedish lumberjack who took the silver medal in the time of 1:15:16.9. Nikolai Anikin of Russia was third in 1:52:28.2.

Although only individual championships are counted in the Olympics, the unofficial score kept on a basis of 10 points for first, with 5,4,3,2,1, for the other places, showed Sweden in front at the end of the first day with 17 points, followed by Canada 13, Russia 8, Germany 7, United States 4, Finland 1.

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Army-Nittany Meet Cancelled

Penn State's varsity and freshman track meets with Army scheduled for today at West Point were cancelled because of poor driving conditions throughout Pennsylvania and New York.

The varsity will not appear in any more dual meets this year, but the Lions have a date in Madison Square Garden March 5 when they will defend their indoor IC4A championship.

The poor conditions also led to the cancellation of a freshman basketball game at the Ogontz Center scheduled for last night.

Theta Xi Posts IM Swim Win Over Theta Chi


Thanks to its 120-yard relay team anchor man, Scott Spencer, Theta Xi owns its first intramural swimming victory.

Theta Xi had hooked up in a nip and tuck battle with Theta Chi that came right down to the wire last night and with only the 120-yard relay left, Theta Xi led by two, 17-15. Theta Chi took an early lead in the relay and held it until the final lap when Spencer came from behind with a blistering finish to overtake Theta Chi's Bill Kress by one foot and clinch the victory, 22-15.

The biggest runaway of the night was Beta Theta Pi's 34-3 triumph over Zeta Beta Tau. Beta Theta Pi walked off with first and second places in every event, turning in top times of 34.1 seconds in the 60-yard freestyle and 40 seconds in the backstroke. Gymnasts Armando Vega and Greg Weiss put on a spectacular diving exhibition with Vega emerging the victor, 25.2-22.1.

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