

# Oh, That Big 'O,' He's Murder, Says Bemiller

By JOHNNY BLACK

"Going nine minutes on the mat with Johnston Oberly is worse than going 60 minutes against any center in football."

Thus spoke Jack Bemiller, Syracuse heavyweight grappler and football center, after picking himself off the Rec Hall mats Saturday night.

Bemiller was the keystone of the now almost legendary Sizable Seven, which received much of the credit for bringing the national grid championship trophy to Piety Hill this fall.

But after sharing the confines of the white wrestling circle with Penn State's undefeated heavyweight for just eight minutes and 46 seconds, the exhausted Orangeman said he much preferred his assignment on the gridiron.

Bemiller, however, managed to stay in the ring with the Lions' Big "O" longer than the last four of Oberly's opponents.

The well-built Orange junior survived a second period near-fall and came within 14 seconds of accomplishing his expressed purpose which was to "keep from being pinned."

None of Oberly's last three adversaries had eluded his vice-like grasp for more than two periods. Only two men have gone the distance against him—Jim Hancock of Colgate and Fred Olm of Michigan.

Oberly decisioned Hancock, 7-1, but was held to a 1-1 stalemate by Olm.

The 208-pound Bemiller claimed that the reason for Oberly's success was his weight. "You just can't do much when you're carrying 250 pounds around on your back.

"I don't know enough about wrestling, but if Art (Art Baker, Syracuse's 191-pound NCAA champ) had been here tonight it would have been a different story."

Baker, incidently, may be back to compete in the Eastern



Oberly

# Nittany 2 Mile Relay Team Is Well Fortified

When Penn State's 2-mile relay team runs in Madison Square Garden Saturday night in the Knights of Columbus Meet, the four Lion entries will be capable of running the half-mile in under two minutes.

This is by no means an astonishing fact.

But it should be added that there will be six more Lion runners back in State College who also can go the distance in under two minutes.

Lion track mentor Chick Werner conservatively terms this situation as "rare."

Dick Hambricht, Don Davies, Dick Engelbrink, Steve Moorhead, Mike Miller, Fred Larsen, Dave LaHoff, Pat Cunningham, George Jones and freshman Howie Dear-dorff are all capable of sub 2-minute half-miles.

From their showing so far this year, Hambricht, Davies, Moorhead, and Miller have the best chance of making the trip to New York Saturday, but there will be plenty of competition this afternoon when Werner holds time trials to determine the boys who will run.

Sprinter Bobby Brown will also compete in the New York extravaganza in the dashes.

# Maas Signs With Yanks

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Right-hander Duke Maas signed his contract yesterday, leaving reliever Ryne Duren as the lone holdout among New York Yankee pitchers.

# Metzler Breaks IM Record With 35.3 In Breast Stroke

By DEAN BILLYCK

An intramural swimming record, was shattered last night when Bob Metzler blazed his way to a record breaking 35.3 in the 60-yard breast stroke. Metzler's time erased the former mark set by Addie Stevens in 1957 when he swam the distance in 37.5 for Delta Upsilon.

Metzler, who swims for an independent team called the "Mice," used the butterfly stroke with a double dolphin kick. In the 60-yard breast stroke race the butterfly or the breast stroke is permissible.

Team scores were out of the ordinary also. Phi Gamma Delta splashed to a resounding 33-8 triumph over Beta Sigma Rho and the "Mice" swam to a convincing 37-7 win over NROTC.

An interesting sidelight was the fact that the "Mice" posted the best times in every event. They swept all first places in their meet with NROTC and had lower times in all the events than the Phi Gamma or Beta Sig swimmers.

Phi Gamma Delta displayed a balanced team as a different man won each event. Beta Sigma Rho was able to cop a second place in the 60-yard free-style but finished third in all other events.

Joe Opperman won the free-style event with a time of 36.0, and

Joe Good took the 60-yard backstroke.

Dave Beary and Jack Anthony won first places for Phi Gam in the 60-yard breast stroke and the diving, respectively. The relay team of Joe Good, Mike Nace, Dave Beary and Opperman completed the clean sweep with a time of 1:06.1.

NROTC, like Beta Sigma Rho, could manage only one second place. Preston Bortell was the only Navy man able to finish ahead of a Mice independent as he nabbed a second place in diving. Harry Apple won the diving with a mark of 35.5.

Rich Splenda and Bill Frame finished one-two in the 60-yard free-style in a close race that showed a 35.5 finish. Swimming a strong first lap, Jim Moser was able to eke out a first place over his teammate Bill Wilkins in the backstroke with a 42.3 clocking.

The 120-yard relay team of Rich Splenda, Harry Apple and Bob Metzler gained a full lap advantage over NROTC with a winning time of 59.7. In the other scheduled meet Nittany 34 forfeited to

# PIAA Host

Penn State's Recreation Hall will be the site of the PIAA wrestling finals on March 25 and 26.

and national tournaments next month, according to reports emanating from the Syracuse camp.

The Orange mat and grid star was injured in the Cotton Bowl game and had an operation on both knees this winter.

Syracuse's John Wynne was fortunate to gain a draw in the 191-pound match Saturday. Eagerness and inexperience on the part of Lion soph Phil Myer led to the deadlock.

Wynne, though losing 3-1 continued to wrestle defensively in the final period.

Myer, irritated by Wynne's backpeddling and eager to make a good showing, shot for a take-down. The maneuver backfired and Wynne gained the advantage and a draw.

Jerry Seckler's bout with Harry Pollak at 167 was a standing stalemate. Each escaped early in his defensive period and they spent a total of only 23 seconds on the mat.

# Broken Streak

Penn State's Feb. 13 loss to Army was its first dual-meet gymnastics defeat in three years.

# IM Results

## BASKETBALL

### Independent League I

Nittany 25-42, Nittany 81-18

### League J

Nittany 32-38, Nittany 26-14

Jordan 11-20, Nittany 39-8

Nittany 43-41, Watts 11-29

### Fraternity League F

Chi Phi 31, Alpha Tau Omega 28

Phi Mu Delta 22, Omega Psi Phi 8

Pi Sigma Upsilon 17, Alpha Kappa

Lambda 16

Theta Delta Chi 29, Pi Lambda Phi 9

## BOWLING

### League A

Devils 3, Runkle Ramblers 1

Vets 3, Glenn Road 1

Shipsticks 4, Splinters 0

Delaware 4, Dawson's Scholars 0

Three Hundreds 2, Bucks 1

### League B

NROTC-IB 4, Strikes 0

Holy Rollers 4, Hi Fives 0

Labache 3, NROTC-IB 1

Penn Haven 2, Errors 1

Janitors 3, King Pins 1

Terrors 3, McElwain 1

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