

Pitt Matmen Should Give Nittanies Toughest Test

By JOHNNY BLACK

The Nittany Lion matmen should meet their toughest competition of the year when they tangle with the Pitt Panthers on the Rec Hall mats Saturday night.

The Panthers will roar into University Park with a 7-1 record, having lost only to Michigan.

Pitt has met the same opponents as Penn State with but two exceptions. The Panthers wrestled Michigan State and NYU while the Lions met Colgate and Cornell.

Pitt holds victories over Maryland, 24-7, Syracuse, 25-5, Navy, 21-6, Army, 19-11, NYU, 36-0, Michigan State, 15-11, and Lehigh, 19-11. Their 17-11 loss to Michigan came about a month after the Big 10 club dropped its season opener to Penn State, 19-12.

The Panthers' strong showing this year may appear surprising on the surface, in light of the fact that they lost five top stars, including two former national champions from last year's club.

But it is not surprising to those sagacious old fans that know Coach Rex Peery, a three-time national champ himself and developer of seven others.

Undisturbed by the loss of Paul Powell, Tom Alberis, Bob Bubb, Sherm Moyer and Alex Skirpan, Peery took a couple returnees, five sophomores, and turned out a team that rates in the top ten nationally and second in the East.

Peery, a former Oklahoma State star, accepted a gargantuan challenge at Pitt in 1950, taking over a team that had lost 28 straight meets. But in just three years he elevated them to the top of the collegiate wrestling ranks.

Peery's 10 year coaching record of 81-26-1 includes one perfect season and five one-loss campaigns. Under his tutelage Panther mat squads have twice finished second and twice finished third in the NCAA's.

His teams monopolized the Eastern championship for the first three years they were in the EIWA.

Four undefeated stars—three of



LARRY LAUCHLE
... unbeaten Pitt star

them sophomores—have been the primary authors of the Pitt success story this winter.

Junior Larry Lauchle is the top grappler on the squad. The 130-pound NCAA runner-up last year is undefeated in eight outings this season and boasts a career record of 25 wins against one loss.

Dick Martin, 123, Daryl Kelvington, 137, and John Zolikoff, 147, are the three unbeaten sophomore stars. Zolikoff's record includes another claim to fame—a draw with Syracuse's undefeated captain, Les Austin.

These four men rival the Lions' lineup of Tony Scordo, Art Ravitz, Guy Guiccione and Sam Minor as the best lightweight corps east of the Mississippi.

Vega Strives To Become Nation's Best

Former Penn State gymnastic great Armando Vega, still a student here, is presently training for two of the most important meets of his illustrious career.

For in the Pasadena National Invitational Tournament April 9 and the Olympic tryouts at West Point a few weeks later, Vega will strive to establish himself as the United State's finest all-around gymnast.

A member of the 1956 Olympic team and three-time NCAA and EIGL all-around champion, Vega will be up against his old nemesis, two-time Olympian Jack Beckner.

The 31-year-old Beckner has been regarded America's best for several years. In the 1956 Olympics he edged Vega for first place among U.S. competitors, and has beaten him many other times.

But just last summer, Vega defeated the former Southern California great in a number of meets in Los Angeles.

Although he has not competed since last summer, last year's Lion captain said he is "coming along perfectly."

"I should improve over last year because I have better routines," he said. "But I hope the long layoff from competition won't hurt me."

ATO, Phi Kappa Theta Post 2nd IM Wins

By BOB KILBORN

Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Kappa Theta advanced to the third round of the intramural swimming tournament last night, but both did it in different ways. ATO swept past Alpha Sigma Phi, which drew a first round bye, but Phi Kappa Theta triumphed by only a one-point margin.

Alpha Tau Omega posted its second decisive win in a row, topping Alpha Sigma Phi, 34-7. Carl Tongberg bettered his 60-yard breaststroke performance as he turned in a time of 38 seconds to easily pick up his second win in a row.

Dick McCoy was another top winner for ATO, which swept first places in every event, topping all backstrokers of the night with a time of 45.6 seconds. Walt Pinder again won the diving event with 24.4 points.

Phi Kappa Theta won a squeaker over Lambda Chi Alpha, 21-20, to cop its second victory of the season, although the meet was not as close as the score indicates.

With only the 120-yard relay remaining, Phi Kappa Theta held a 21-15 lead and had already cinched the meet even if it lost the relay. Lambda Chi Alpha took the race easily but fell one point short of a tie in the meet.

James Weber and Walt Benecki picked up their second straight wins for Phi Kappa, coming in first in the 60-yard free-style and 60-yard backstroke, respectively. Weber was the top winner of the meet as he also captured a first

in the breaststroke, to individually account for 10 of his team's 21 points.

Tony Thomas won the diving for his second straight victory to complete the list of firsts for Phi Kappa

Blair House picked up its first win in independent competition, downing Allegheny House, 22-16. Allegheny entered no men in the diving or relay events thus handing Blair two wins by default.

However, Allegheny's John Zinn posted two impressive victories. Zinn led all entrants of the night in the 60-yard free-style as he swam away from the field with a time of 35.8 seconds. He then came back to win the breaststroke with a creditable time of 42.8.

Mike Winters won the backstroke in 52.4 seconds, but that was the end of Allegheny's victories.



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IM Results

BASKETBALL
 Phi Delta Theta 44, Delta Theta Sigma 23
 Alpha Zeta 23, Delta Phi 15
 Phi Kappa Psi 41, Delta Chi 21
 Alpha Epsilon Pi 20, Sigma Tau Gamma 18
 Watts I—22, Nittany 34—20
 Nittany 38—35, Nittany 42—22
 Locust House 24, Poplar House 18
 Birch House 23, Maple House 21
 Hickory House 39, Cedar House 18

BOWLING
 Delta Tau Delta 4, Lambda Chi Alpha 0
 Alpha Tau Omega 4, Alpha Chi Sigma 0
 Alpha Phi Delta 2, Tau Phi Delta 1
 Beta Theta Pi 3, Phi Mu Delta 1
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