

Nittany Lions Seek Eastern Mat Title

By JOHNNY BLACK

Sixteen teams and a host of individual stars will seek Eastern wrestling titles today and tomorrow at the 56th annual EIWA championships at Princeton, N.J.

Four rounds are on tap for the title aspirants in the grueling 2-day session. The preliminaries start this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Quarter-finals will be run off tonight at 8. The semi-finals and finals will take place tomorrow on the same 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. schedule.

Pitt, Cornell, Lehigh, and Penn State are expected to dominate the team scoring, while three defending champs—Dave Auble of Cornell, Larry Lauchle of Pitt and Art Baker of Syracuse head the list of individual stars.

Lehigh is the defending team champion, but will have to rely on sophomores if it hopes to retain the crown. The Engineers lost all three of their title-holders last year.

State was a surprise runnerup to Lehigh last spring, scoring 51 points. The Nittanies produced no individual champions but had three runners-up—Sam Minor, Danny Johnston and Johnston Oberly.

Minor lost an 11-3 decision in the finals to Lehigh's John Driscoll, Johnston finished second to Lauchle at 130 and Oberly bowed, 4-2, to Baker.

Minor and Oberly get another shot this year.

The rest of the Lion entry, as announced by Coach Charlie Spedel, includes seniors Gordie Danks at 130, Guy Guccione at 137 and Hank Barone at 177; junior Jerry Seckler at 167; and sophs Tony Scordo, 123, Ron Pifer, 157, and Phil Myer 191.

Three of the Lions are unde-



JOHNSTON OBERLY
Lions' best hope

feated in dual-meet competition this year. Seckler compiled a 9-0-1 record, wrestling at both 157 and 167. Barone posted an 8-0-2 slate at 177 and Oberly was 9-0-1 in the unlimited weight class.

State wound up first in league competition this year with a 6-0-1 mark, followed closely by Pitt with 4-0-1. The two rivals battled to a 14-14 standoff in a thrilling dual meet at Rec Hall two weeks ago.

For this reason many observers discount Lehigh's sophs and Cornell's strongmen and predict a two-team race between the Panthers and Lions for the eastern tournament laurels.

In addition to defending champ Lauchle, who will run into trouble with Auble at 130, Pitt has four other potential champs. Dick Martin, 123, Daryl Kelvington,

137, John Zolikoff, 147, and Tom Hall, 191, should all be among the seeded entries.

State will counter Pitt's bid with Scordo, Guccione, Minor and Myer. In the dual meet Pitt won all of these matches except the Kelvington-Guccione bout which was a draw. The Lions will have to count on Oberly if they are to gain the edge.

Cornell has strong entries in Auble, Phil Oberlander, 177, and Al Marion, 167. Lehigh's top threat is captain Thad Turner, 167, with Bob Gunst, 147, Curt Alexander, 137, Dave Angell, 157, and Jim Detrixhe, 177, also highly rated.

Lehigh is tied with Penn State for the lead in the number of team championships won throughout the history of the EIWA. Each has captured the team title 13 times.

The Lions last won the crown in 1957. That victory ended a 4-year dearth after State had held sway for three years from 1951-53. State won its first EIWA title in 1918 in its first year of competition.

NCAA Tourney Moves Into 2nd Round Tonight

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
Associated Press Sports Writer

Oscar Robertson begins his third and final effort to win the national collegiate basketball championship for the University of Cincinnati tonight.

The "Big O" is the most widely known and probably the most skilled of about 160 players who will engage in the second stage of NCAA tournament action on four fronts.

If he isn't the most skilled, West Virginia's Jerry West deserves the designation. But they're not far above three or four other outstanding players who help man the 16 teams.

Four regional tournaments tonight and tomorrow will reduce the field to four teams which will play in the final rounds at San Francisco March 18-19. The lineup goes this way,

Tonight, East, at Charlotte, N.C.: West Virginia (25-4) vs. New York University (20-3), Duke (16-10) vs. St. Joseph's (20-5).

Midwest, at Louisville, Ky.: Ohio University (17-7) vs. Georgia Tech (21-5), Western Kentucky (20-6) vs. Ohio State (21-3).

Midwest, at Manhattan, Kan.: Texas (18-6) vs. Kansas (19-8), DePaul (16-6) vs. Cincinnati (21-5).

Far West, at Seattle: California (25-1) vs. Santa Clara (21-8), Oregon (18-9) vs. Utah (25-2).

Friday night's winners will clash in the regional finals tomorrow while the losers will meet in consolation games.



the BLACKBOARD

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TOURNEY MAY BE TOUGH FOR "BALANCED" LIONS

The Nittany Lion grapplers roared through the dual-meet season undefeated, racking up one of their best seasons in recent years, but they will have more than a little trouble in trying to add the Eastern crown to their list of laurels this weekend.

The Lions disposed of all opponents — except Pitt, of course — rather handily and allowed only two victims to come within seven points. Indeed, the Lions registered a staggering total of 206 points to 67 for their opposition.

Coach Charlie Spedel was blessed with a "well-balanced" team. There was strength in every weight class and no individual star stood out above the others. It was a great team for dual meets. But in a tournament things are different.

Tournaments are catered more to the individual star. The winner in each weight class scores 10 points for his team. Second place is worth seven points, third place, four, and fourth place, two.

In addition, each time a wrestler advances to the next round by winning a decision he scores one team point. If he advances on a fall or default, he scores two team points. Thus the emphasis is on the individual stars who can grab the top places in each weight class. These are the boys who are going to add most heavily to their team's score.

Therefore, it is conceivable that a team with a couple outstanding boys, such as Syracuse with Art Baker, Les Austin and Harry Pollak, could amass more points than a team like Penn State with nine good men, each of whom may go far without taking a top spot.

Another factor that can affect team scoring is the procedure of "seeding." The top four men in each weight class, according to previous record, are spaced throughout the bracket so that they will not meet until the semi-final and final rounds.

This, and it is only right, gives the top-rated men a chance to score more points by advancing through the rounds, rather than slitting each other's throat at the beginning.

The Nittanies' balance will certainly not be a detriment in the eastern tournament but the more important test will be, how strong is this balance in each

weight class? And the Lions do have some potential champs this year.

State's best bet for taking an individual title is probably heavyweight Johnston Oberly. The bouncing 250-pound junior is unbeaten this year and pinned 7 of the 10 men he faced. Pitt's Bob Guzik was the only man to give the "Big O" a workout and Oberly looked worse that night than any other night of the year.

Sam Minor is another potential champ at 147. Three tough men loom in his way, however, two of whom he has beaten before.

Lehigh's Bob Gunst (9-1-1) who bowed to Minor in a dual meet this year and F&M's Neil DeLozier (8-1), who lost to the Nittany captain in last year's EIWA semi-finals, are two of the top threats. The other is Pitt's John Zolikoff, who switched Minor in the last 16 seconds to gain a 4-3 win two weeks ago.

Hank Barone should fare well at 177 where the other three top boys are Cornell's Phil Oberlander (7-0-2), whom Barone held to a draw, Army's Al Rushatz (8-1) and Jim Detrixhe of Lehigh. Barone did not meet Rushatz or Detrixhe during the regular season. Rushatz was beaten by Thad Turner of Lehigh and Detrixhe lost to Oberlander.

It should be an old-fashioned dog fight at 137 between Les Austin of Syracuse, Tom Grifa, Rutgers, Daryl Kelvington, Pitt, Curt Alexander, Lehigh, and State's Guy Guccione.

Guccione beat Grifa, tied Kelvington and Alexander and lost to Austin this year. He rates Grifa and Austin on a par but says he has more trouble with Austin, an old high school buddy from Long Island. But Guccione's tournament record is better than his dual-meet slate and this may be significant.

Phil Myer may go far at 191, but stands little chance of winning. (Continued on page seven)

Collegian Boots One, Bedenk Takes Loss

By SANDY PADWE

There's never a dull moment with baseball coach Joe Bedenk and his colorful Penn State gas-house gang. Take yesterday for example, it was a natural.

Due to a pressman's error, what should have been Bedenk's picture wound up as pianist Benno Moiseiwitsch in Thursday morning's Collegian.

Bedenk didn't hear the end of it, and it's probable that he won't for quite a while.

The ribbing and practice started simultaneously yesterday at the Penn State training camp located in the northeast corner of the ice skating rink.

"Hey coach," Captain Dick Landis shouted, "where's your violin, you didn't forget it did you?" "Violin," someone else shouted, "that guy played the piano."

H. Cornell Beans, baseball clown and catcher extraordinary from State College, was next on the scene, and he had a big equipment bag slung over his shoulder.

"I got your instruments in here," he said to Bedenk "and there's some music too."

"It's been like that all day," Bedenk said, "but I don't mind it I never thought so many people knew who I was. All it takes is one error and they'll find out. I knew about it first thing

in the morning. When I got up to my office there it was right on the door."

All kidding aside, though, we'd like to take this opportunity to express our apologies to Bedenk and Moiseiwitsch and by the grace of the pressman we hope it won't happen again.

Villanova Tops Detroit in Opening NIT Game

NEW YORK (AP) — Villanova needed two free throws by George Raveling with 21 seconds to play for an 88-86 victory over Detroit last night in the opener of a double-header tipping off the 23rd National Invitational Tournament. Providence beat Memphis State, 71-70, in the second game.

The Wildcats go into the quarter-finals against second-seeded Utah State Saturday. That will be on national television NBC-TV 4 p.m. (EST).

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