

Penalty Kills Title Chance for Pifer

By JOHNNY BLACK

Locking his hands in a neutral position on the mat is not a punishable offense in eastern collegiate wrestling, but it is in nationals.

And Penn State sophomore Ron Pifer has bereaved the fact for three days, for it cost him at least a runnerup position and a possible championship in the NCAA wrestling tournament at Maryland last weekend.

Five seconds remained in his match with Art Kraft of Northwestern, who was tiring fast. The score was tie, 4-4, and Pifer looked like a sure bet to win in overtime when he locked his hands and the referee awarded a 5-4 verdict to Kraft.

Kraft, the fourth place finisher last year, went on to cop the title, beating Lehigh's Thad Turner, 4-3, in the final bout.

A win for Pifer would have pitted him against Turner, a match long sought by local fans.

And thus the flashy Lion rookie, who made an auspicious tourney debut by upending last year's runnerup Sid Terry of Oklahoma, saw his title dream fade.

But the former Bellefonte state high school champ scored a 6-3 decision over Portland State's Autry Ehler, who had earlier pinned Eastern champ Al Marion, and settled for a fourth place medal.

Pifer and heavyweight Johnston Oberly contributed most heavily to the Penn State team total. The Lions tallied 23 points to finish seventh in the team standings.

Oklahoma walked away with the title, producing three individual champs and compiling 59 points. It was the fifth national title for the Sooners who also bested their cousins from Oklahoma State for the Big 8 title earlier this year.

The Cowboys came in fifth, the lowest they've ever been and for the first time in NCAA history failed to produce a champ.

Nittany Coach Charlie Speidel finally got the best of Pitt mentor Rex Peery when his Lion proteges finished two points ahead of the Panthers.

State was the second highest Eastern team, trailing two points behind Lock Haven. The Bobcats entered only three men but one captured a title and another took a third.

Oberly, who copped the Eastern heavyweight title two weeks ago at Princeton, was surprised by Sherwin Thorsen, a big Iowa farm boy who was unknown be-



RON PIFER
... title shot eludes him

fore placing third in the Big 10 championships this spring.

But "Big O" made up his mind after that match and ripped through his next four bouts to win the consolation bracket and earn a third place ribbon.

And he didn't let the Big 10 boys bother him any more. On his way to winning the consolation, he beat the two Big 10 grapplers who had placed ahead of Thorsen—champion Roy Weber, Northwestern, and runner-up John Baum of Michigan.

And to complete the circuit he threw in a victory over the Big 8 runnerup, Jan Schwitters of Iowa State.

Oberly's first win was a fall over Wyoming's Warren Dawson.

Three Lions reached the consolation semi-finals before losing out.

Captain Sam Minor, senior Guy Guccione and soph Dale Confer survived the spirited competition till Saturday afternoon's session.

Minor was unscored upon through his first two matches before meeting his old nemesis, Jerry Frude of Wyoming. For the second year in a row Frude turned the tables on Minor and went on to take runnerup honors.

But the 147-pound Lion tallied another victory over Jim Hoppel of Bowling Green before bowing to Ralph Clark of Lock Haven, 5-3.

Guccione lost to Pat Semary, Kent State, 7-3, in the consolation after fighting all the way to the upper bracket semi-finals before being edged by Syracuse's Les Austin in overtime.

Confer, Lion 115-pounder who had not competed for three years, was a surprise point-getter for the Lions. He dumped two mid-western grapplers before losing a tight 2-0 decision to Oregon State's Mits Tamura.

Iowa State captured second place with 40 points and Wyoming was third with 36. Other leading teams were 4. Iowa, 32; 5. Oklahoma State, 29; 6. Lock Haven, 25; 7. Penn State, 23; 8. Pitt, 21; 9. Northwestern, 20; and 10. Cornell, 17.

FINALS
115—Gray Simons, Lock Haven State won over Dick Wilson, Toledo, ref. dec.
123—Dave Auble, Cornell dec. Masaaki Hatta, Oklahoma State, 9-5.
130—Stan Abel, Oklahoma dec. Larry Lauchle, Pitt, 5-2.
137—Les Anderson, Iowa State dec. Les Austin, Syracuse, 8-2.
147—Larry Hayes, Iowa State dec. Jerry Frude, Wyoming, 4-1.
157—Art Kraft, Northwestern dec. Thad Turner, Lehigh, 5-3.

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Freshman Gridders Seek Varsity Berths

By SANDY PADWE

Freshman football coach Earl Bruce isn't predicting any Richie Lucases or Lenny Moores, instead he's adopting "a wait and see attitude" about the freshmen who will seek varsity berths when spring drills begin Thursday.

"We've got a lot of good boys but you can't tell how they'll do now," Bruce said. "As the spring season progresses, we'll be able to get a better line on them."

"That's the purpose of spring practice and sometimes you get a lot of surprises."

Two of the prize prospects moving up from the freshman team (3-1) are quarterbacks Pete Liske of Plainfield, N.J., and Frank Sincek of Farrell, Pa.

These two handled most of the quarterbacking chores for the frosh last fall and with All-American Richie Lucasgone, Rip Engle is going to need plenty of depth behind Galen Hall and Dick Hoak.

"Sincek has plenty of speed, enough to become a half-back," Bruce said. "He's an average passer, but his speed would make him very dangerous on the roll-out pass."

"Liske is a very good passer but isn't as fast as Sincek, however, they both call a good game and will improve with experience."

"As for the rest of the freshman backs we've got a lot of good ones and any of them could help out."

Switching to the linemen, Bruce is real high on Joe Blasenstein, a 190-pound linebacker from West Philadelphia High School. "He's a tough boy," the veteran coach said, "and he'll really hit 'em for you. He's a vi-

cious tackler and if he stays in one piece he'll be a good one."

Bruce said that Harrison Rosdahl (6-3, 210) and Ron Tietjans (6-0, 220) could help out at tackle where the Nittanies are in dire need of help after losing All-American Charley Janerette, All-East star Andy Stynchula and part-time starter Tom Mulraney.

There also is a possibility that Dave Robinson, an end last fall, may be switched to tackle. "He's very versatile and he's one of our top boys," said Bruce, "and he's played tackle. But we'll consider him more at end first."

Bruce said Dick Anderson of East Paterson, N.J., John Delegram of Prospect Park, Pa., and Joe Gelardi of Bentlyville, Pa., have a chance to stick at ends.

"Another boy who could be a big help is Charley Raisig. He's a good placekicker and it was his field goal that beat Navy last year," Bruce said.

"I've mentioned a lot of boys, but there's a lot I didn't and quite often they're the biggest surprises".



Bruce

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