

Watch for Detours, Mat Coach Warns

By JIM KARL

Even though his grapplers polished off Army Saturday night, 24-10, Lion Coach Charlie Speidel isn't making any brash predictions about the future.

"It's like this," the peppery veteran coach said yesterday after going a few rounds with Denny Slattery. "You're riding along nice and smooth on a highway and you decide to take a detour on a side road.

"Ten hours later you're still lost and you don't have any idea where you're going. That's like us — we don't have any idea where we're going.

"Sure, we beat Army," Speidel continued. "But how good is Army? I won't know until the end of the year, and by then we'll know how far we're going anyway."

Last year the Lions went a long way before being held to a 14-14 tie by Pitt in the next to the last match of the season.

They won six straight after downing Army in the season opener, 31-0. Then Pitt stepped in to break their winning streak but the Lions quickly recovered by downing Rutgers and then tied the Panthers at Princeton, N.J., for the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association title.

Slattery, Tony Scordo, Dan Johnston, Ron Pifer and Phil Myer were the big guns in this year's Army win. Scordo pinned his man and the other four defeated their opponents by substantial point spreads.

Before the match, Cadet Coach Leroy Alitz said that his team was loaded with good but inexperienced sophomores in the heavyweight classes but that he lacked potential in the lightweight division.

His analysis help up Saturday, State swept the first three matches but could manage only two wins and a draw in the next five.



RON PIFER
... Lion 157-pounder

One of the surprises of the evening was Ron Pifer's ease in decisioning Army's highly-touted soph. Joe Natvig. Pifer defeated Natvig, 12-4. Speidel said that Natvig had a tremendous reputation as a high school wrestler.

TAKEDOWNS—Larry Lauchle of Pitt was a very interested spectator at Saturday's match ... Lauchle, runner-up to Cornell's Dave Auble at 123 in the NCAA tournament last year, will see action against the Lions when Pitt meets State on Feb. 25...

Five All-Stars To See Action In Liberty Bowl

It's a certainty Penn State and Oregon will give their "all" in the second Liberty Bowl football game Dec. 17 at Philadelphia Stadium.

In this case, however, the "all" comprises the five players who have earned "All-West Coast" and "All-East" ranking for top performances throughout the season.

For the Ducks, who carved a 7-2-1 record as an independent, senior quarterback Dave Grosz, soph tackle Steve Barnett and senior guard Dave Urell were named to the All-West first eleven.

Penn State placed senior tackle Stew Barber on the first All-East squad, while Bob Mitingner made the second eleven.

Grosz, a 6-2, 200-pounder, completed 57 of 141 pegs for 910 yards and seven touchdowns, ran for 317 yards and scored five touchdowns.

Urell, co-captain with Grosz, is a 212-pounder with exceptional speed. Coach Len Casanova calls him "one of the finest blockers I've ever seen."

Barnett made the Oregon first team in his first varsity game and doesn't figure to be moved for the next two seasons.

Dodger Boss Ends LA Dispute

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Walter O'Malley, owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, told The Associated Press yesterday he is willing to operate with a 10th club in Los Angeles in 1961 under certain conditions.

O'Malley declined to elaborate on what conditions he had in mind. But it was learned elsewhere that among the conditions were: The new Los Angeles club must play its home games at Wrigley Field for the first two years; sign a 3-year lease to play in O'Malley's new Chavez Ravine park, which is due to be completed in 1962, and certain indemnities to be paid to the Dodgers and the National League.

O'Malley's surprise move was interpreted as an action that would tend to take Commissioner Ford Frick off the hot spot. If the two leagues had continued to fight to the bitter end, it would have been up to Frick to cast the decisive ballot at tonight's joint meeting.

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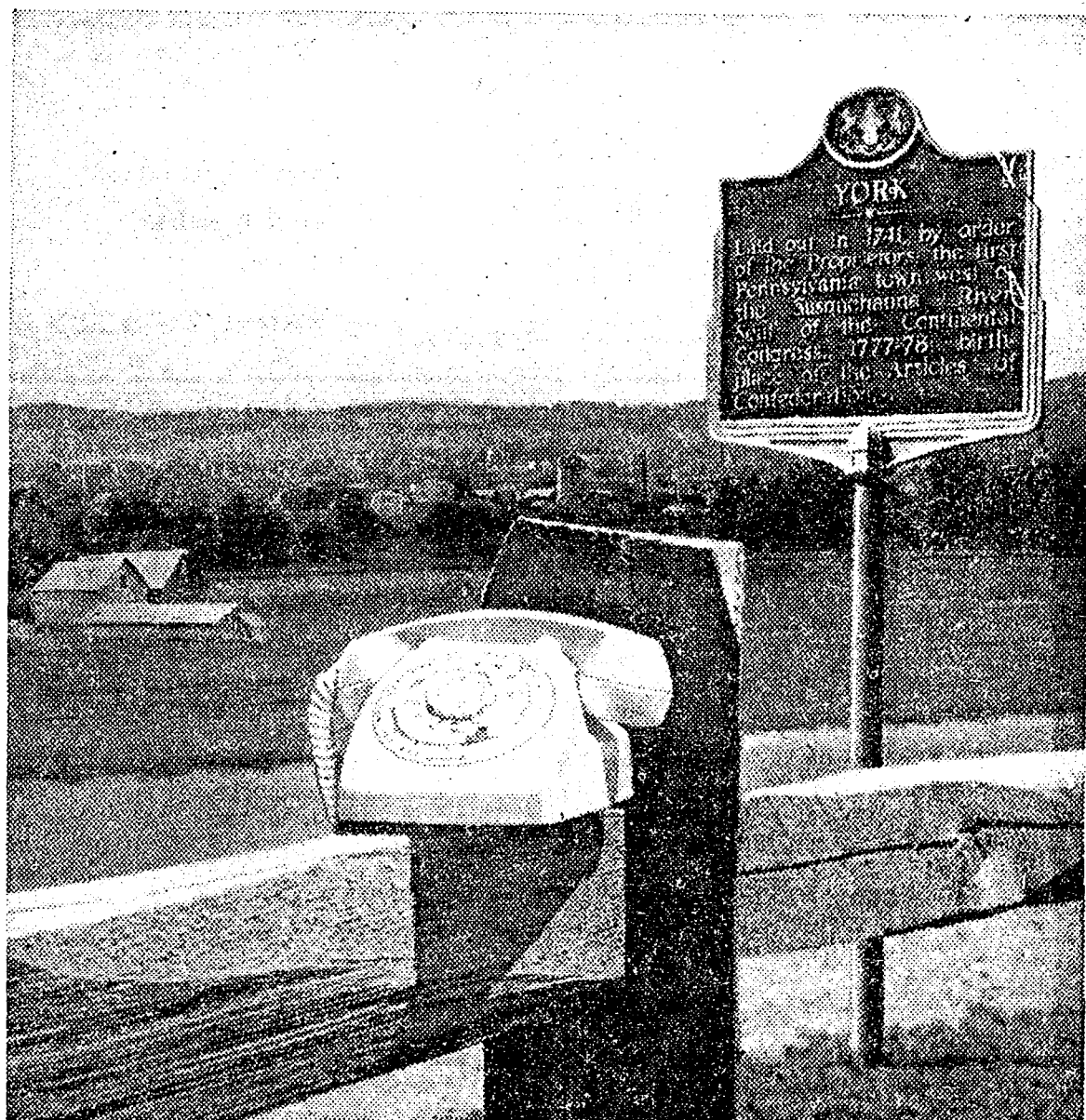
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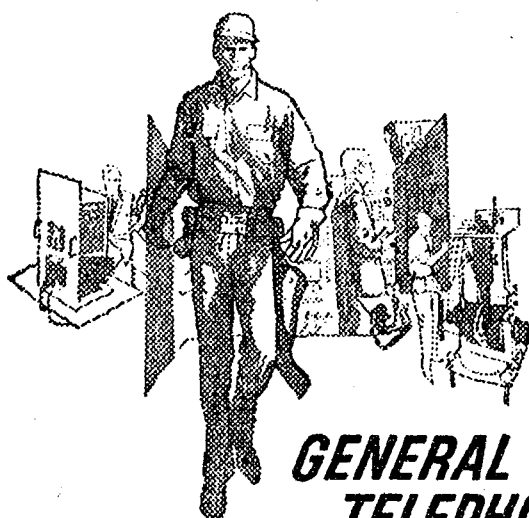
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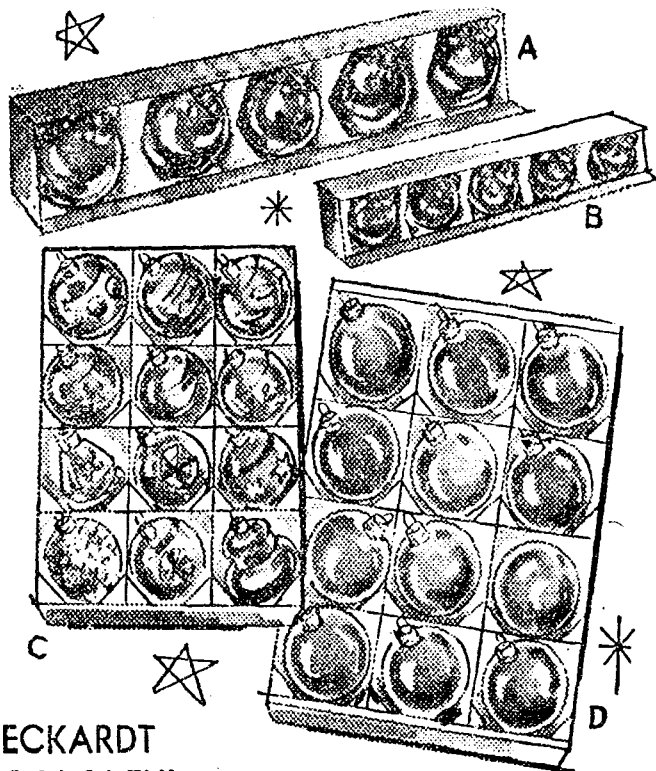
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