

Terps Seek 1st Win Over State After 10 Years of Frustration

By JIM KARL

The Maryland grapplers have yet to beat Penn State in their 10-meet series, but Coach Bill "Sully" Krouse feels this may be the year.

His matmen are undefeated so far and they're itching for a chance against the Lions, who beat Cornell, 20-9, in their final encounter before the semester break. The win snapped a two-meet losing streak.

The Terps will get their chance against State (3-2) tomorrow night at 8 in Rec Hall.

Even though Charlie Speidel has never coached a team that lost to Maryland, the wily Lion mentor has plenty of respect for this year's Terrapin squad.

"This is the strongest Maryland's ever been," Speidel said yesterday. "And they know we're not up to our par of other years," he continued. "I think the meet will make an interesting comparison between the best in their league (Atlantic Coast Conference) and the average in our league (Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association)."

Maryland has been the kingpin in the ACC for the last seven years and the Terps have 36 straight wins in conference action.

This year they are 3-0 with victories over conference opponent North Carolina State, 36-0, Southern Conference Champion VPI, 18-5, and arch rival Navy, 18-8. They have not lost a match in the first five weight classes.

One of the reasons Krouse calls this his best squad is the fact that it's bolstered by five Pennsylvanians.

Ronald Maunder (123), Sam Bossert (130) and Robert Smith (137) are sophomores and 1959 graduates of Lewistown High

School. All hold down starting berths.

Pat Varre, a junior and the ACC 147-pound champion, is a Mill Hall native. Eugene Kerin is from Cannonsburg, Pa., a western Pennsylvania mat powerhouse.

Kerin won the 167-pound ACC title last year and was named the outstanding wrestler in the conference.

Krouse said that he has had better individual stars in past



Neil Turner Tony Scordo

years but this season's squad has more depth. The Terps started the season with six defending ACC champions on the squad. Only two of the six have retained starting berths.

Maunder, picked by opposing coaches as the outstanding wrestler for the Terps in every meet this year, should give Lion sophomore Denny Slatery (5-0) quite a battle. Maunder upset ACC champ Dick Baker for the 123-pound berth.

Bossert ousted ACC champ Ed Clatt for the 130-pound berth. He is 3-0 with a pin and two decisions. Tony Scordo, who pulled his record up to 3-2 with a decision against Cornell, will wrestle for State.

Smith, the third of the Lewistown sophomores, holds down the 137-pound berth with a 3-0 record including one pin and two

decisions. Dan Johnston, 3-0-2, will go for State.

Varre and either Neil Turner or Jerry Seckler will battle in the 147-pound division. Both Turner and Seckler were beaten at Cornell. EIWA 167-pound champ Al Marion beat Seckler and Turner lost a 4-3 decision to Danny Makarainen at 147.

Kerin and Ron Pifer should provide plenty of fireworks at 157. Kerin is 3-0 and Pifer 3-2.

John Barone will probably wrestle at 167 for State against Maryland sophomore Richard Guidi. Both are 1-2 for the season.

Karl Offenbacher is undefeated at 177 for the Terps. Offenbacher, a sophomore, beat ACC champion Bill Rischell for the starting position. Phil Myer (3-2) will wrestle for the Lions.

Roger Shoals, a tackle on Maryland's football team, is the Terp heavyweight. He's 0-1-1 thus far. Johnston Oberly, 4-0-1 gets the nod for the Lions.

There will be no 191 pound bout by mutual consent.

Frosh Teams Face Navy

Penn State's freshman basketballers and gymnasts will face Navy tomorrow at Annapolis, Md.

The gymnasts will be seeking their first win of the year after losing to Temple in their opener Jan. 14. The basketball team is 1-1.

Lax Candidates

All candidates for the varsity and freshman lacrosse teams should report to coach Earnie Baer at 8 p.m. Monday in 114 Rec Hall for an organizational meeting.

Grid Vets

The 1960 football season marked Penn State's 74th year of intercollegiate grid competition.

Thomas Out to Better Record

NEW YORK (AP) — John Thomas, abruptly shoved into the background by an 18-year-old Russian, begins his campaign to regain recognition as the world's best indoor high jumper tonight in the Millrose Games.

Only last week, Valery Brumel soared 7 feet, 4 1/2 inches in Leningrad—the highest jump ever, indoors or outdoors. Thomas' recognized world mark is 7-3 3/4. Last week, the gangling Boston University junior cleared 7-3, a half inch more than his previous indoor best.

Whether he is ready to go all out is problematical. Ed Flanagan, his coach, has been bringing him along in stages with the idea of hitting his peak three weeks from now in the national AAU championships. Perhaps Brumel's performance has changed his mind.

But Thomas won't be the whole show. There are Olympians by the carload in the meet, and two other world indoor marks are in danger. Istvan Roszavgyi, the spindly, 32-year-old Hungarian, is taking aim at Ron Delany's 4:01.4 mile mark in the Wanamaker mile. It was Rosy who chased Delany to the mile record. In that race, Rosy was caught in 4:01.8.

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