

# Seckler, Turner Puzzled By Sub-Par Performances

By JIM KARL

Overall, Penn State's wrestling team has had a fairly successful year, but for Neil Turner and co-captain Jerry Seckler, the season seems like a bad dream. Both wrestlers hope the nightmare ends soon.

Turner and Seckler—both 147-pounders—are two reasons why Penn State was ranked seventh in pre-season polls.

Seckler was 9-0-1 last year and was runner-up in the EIWA tournament. Turner didn't wrestle last year but he was 3-2 as a sophomore in 1958-59.

With two wrestlers of such talent in one weight class, strategists felt that Lion Coach Charlie Speidel could safely use either one at 147 or, if necessary, juggle his lineup and still feel confident of victory.

But with 60 per cent of the season gone, Penn State has won only one match in the 147-pound division in six outings.

Turner has yet to win in three tries. Seckler is 1-2, wrestling once at 167. Ray Connell, a sub for Turner and Seckler in the Michigan meet, is 0-1.

Turner started in the opener against Army and lost a 4-3 decision to Al McElhoge. Seckler went against West Virginia and pinned Howard Lester.

Connell stepped in against Michigan when inepetigo sidelined both Turner and Seckler. He put up a good fight against Jim Blaker, one of the top 147-pounders in the nation, losing 6-0.

Highly touted Bob Gunst stopped Seckler in Lehigh's smashing 24-8 victory over the Lions, outscoring him, 6-1. He moved to 167 against Cornell and lost 4-0 to Al Marion, the 157-pound EIWA champ.

Turner started the Lions' last two meets and lost both times—4-3 to Denny Makarainen of Cornell and 8-4 to Pat Varre of Maryland Saturday night.

"I just couldn't get my moves Saturday night," Turner said yesterday. "I was in my best shape of the year but he was fast." Turner was soundly beaten by Varre, a former Bald Eagle Nittany star, but his other two losses could



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**FRIENDLY ENEMIES**—Jerry Seckler (top) and Neil Turner (bottom) are fraternity brothers and good friends but they have battled each other for starting berths at 147 all year. Both have had bad luck, with a lone win between them in six outings, but they look hopefully to State's remaining four matches.

have gone either way. Neither Turner nor Seckler can explain the unforeseen turn of events, but both are looking forward to better things in the next four matches.

Seckler is confident that the Lions will raise some eyebrows in the remaining meets. "I think we can go all the way," he said.

"Potentially, we're the best team in the East, and I think we're going to prove it."

As for his own chances, "the season isn't over yet," he said. "I'm optimistic, I have hopes of getting back in there."

Fraternity brothers and the best of friends, Seckler and Turner have been battling each other all year for starting berths. Their matches in tryouts are usually decided by one point or referee's decisions.

Both grapplers are hungry competitors and hate to sit on the bench. But Ron Pifer is firmly entrenched at 157 and the jump to 167 is too much, especially for Turner.

# Scheffing Says Tigers Have Excellent Outfield

(Another in a series of major league team prospects written under the managers' own bylines.)  
Detroit Tigers

By BOB SCHEFFING

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Because this is my first season as an American League manager, it will take at least a good part of spring training before I'm able to evaluate the Tigers much less the nine other clubs in our league.

The one spot I'm not concerned about is our outfield. We have one of the best in the business with Rocky Colavito, Al Kaline, Billy Bruton and Charley Maxwell. Bruton, whom we got from the Braves, will add a lot of speed to the club and with him in center we'll be able to move Kaline back to right field where he has always been a standout.

The infield is another thing. We may go with rookies at both second and third. Steve Boros will probably be the third baseman. He had a fine year at Denver last season, hitting .317. Jake Wood, another Denver graduate, and Chuck Cottier will battle it out for the second base job.

Cottier came to us in the Bruton deal. He's an exceptional fielder in the East, and I think we're going to prove it."

At first base, it'll be between Larry Osborne and Norm Cash. Osborne won the American Association batting championship. Cash is a good hitter who'll have to sharpen up his fielding. He can also play the outfield and we'll play him there if necessary.

The pitching and catching departments are also unsettled at this time. Last year, Don Mossi, Ray Narleski and Paul Foytack all came down with injuries and were lost to the club for considerable periods.

If they're back in shape, we'll have no trouble. Jim Bunning and Frank Lary are two experienced right-handers. Bunning can do considerable better than his 11-14 record of last season.

Harry Chiti, Dick Brown and Mike Roarke are the catchers. Brown has a lot of power, but doesn't hit for a high average. Chiti is the most experienced of the three.

# Johnson Favored to Win Title

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Harold Johnson of Philadelphia zoomed to a solid 3-1 favorite yesterday as he and Jesse Bowdry took their final workouts for their 15-round battle for the National Boxing Association version of the world light heavyweight championship at Miami Beach Convention Hall tonight.

Promoter Chris Dundee continued to predict a crowd of 3,000 and a \$60,000 gate, both of which would be records for the big arena. The previous high marks were 4,500 and \$28,000, set in the opening fight show in 1958 between Johnny Buzso and Joe Brown.

The main event is scheduled for 10 p.m. and will not be on television or radio. Scoring will be on the 10-point must system.

Johnson is 32 and had his eye

on the title long before Bowdry, 23, had any ideas of a pro fight career. The Philadelphian had one shot at the crown, losing by a knockout to Archie Moore in the 14th round in Madison Square Garden, New York, Aug. 11, 1954.

It was their fifth meeting, and Moore had won three of the previous four, none title matches. It is for ancient Archie's vacant throne Johnson and Bowdry will be fighting tonight. The NBA ejected Archie for failure to put the crown on the line in a reasonable time.

Johnson hasn't fought in nine months and Bowdry has had only two fights in the last year. He was knocked out twice by a middleweight, Henry Hank, in his two preceding fights, prompting him to go into temporary retirement.

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