

Lions Defend Mat Title At Eastern Tournament

By JIM KARL

Penn State has dominated eastern wrestling for 10 years, but Charlie Speidel isn't so sure the Lions will remain in the driver's seat for long.

"We've been on top for the last ten years," Speidel said yesterday before departing for the Eastern tourney at Bethlehem, Pa.

"We won the title in '51, '52, '53, '57 and '60. Four other times we finished second. But this year I'm wondering if we can even come in eighth."

The Lion mentor will have a better idea after today's preliminary rounds are completed.

State's defending champs will face 15 EIWA foes, including win-hungry Lehigh, in the 57th annual mat championships.

The tourney will continue with quarter-final rounds tonight. The semi-finals and finals will be completed tomorrow.

Although State managed only a 6-4 record this season, things aren't as bleak as Speidel predicts.

One of State's losses was to Michigan, ranked among the top five mat powerhouses in the nation. Although the other three defeats were to EIWA foes, State could have won two of those with a break or two.

Phil Myer was sidelined with a skin rash in the Lions' 16-15 loss to Syracuse. Speidel detests alibis after a meet is over, but he admitted that Myer's presence in the lineup would probably have meant a victory.

The same holds true for the

17-11 loss at Navy. Dan Johnston was so weakened by tonsillitis that he couldn't wrestle and Milt Brubaker, his substitute, lost a 5-0 decision.

There was no doubt about the



Jerry Seckler

Phil Myer

Lehigh debacle though. State lost 24-8 to the Engineers, who are ranked second in the nation to Oklahoma State.

Lehigh is everybody's favorite to win the team title, with Pitt the consensus for second place. Penn State, Navy, Army and Rutgers could give the Panthers a battle.

Rutgers hopes rest with three lightweights, Bob Hogan (123), Dick Jamish (130) and Mike Leta (137), last year's champ at 130. Army has a good 147-pounder in Joe Natvig and three tough heavyweights — Al Rushatz (177), Ray Nickla (191) and Dale Kuhns (Hwt.).

Navy pins its hopes on its undefeated heavyweight, John Griffith, Captain Dick Royston (177) and Mike Harman (137).

Penn State has defending champion Johnston Oberly plus solid contenders in Johnston (137), Ron Pifer (147), Jer-

ry Seckler (157), and Phil Myer (177).

If Pitt's "Mighty Mites" are in top form, the Panthers could give Lehigh a battle. The "Mighty Mites" include Dick Martin (123), undefeated this year; Larry Lauchle (130), runner-up to Leta last year; Daryl Kelvington (137), second at 137 last year, and John Zolikoff, the 147-pound EIWA champion.

The Panthers also have a top middleweight in sophomore Jim Harrison. Pitt handed Lehigh its only loss of the season, a 16-14 squeaker three weeks ago.

Lehigh's only weak spots are at 123 and heavyweight. Don Baillie is a capable 130-pounder and Curt Alexander (137), Bob Gunst (147), Kirk Pendleton (157), Thad Turner (167), and Dave Angell (191) are all undefeated. Jim Detrixhe's only loss at 177 was to Rushatz.

ATO, Acacia Notch Victories To Enter IM Swim Semis

Alpha Tau Omega and Acacia earned the right to face each other in tonight's IM swimming semi-finals with victories at Glennland Pool last night.

ATO won four of five events to swamp Beta Sigma Rho, 33-8.

But Acacia had to come from behind to beat Tau Kappa Epsilon, 23-18, in a see-saw battle that wasn't decided until the final event.

Guy Jackson got Acacia off to a fast start, winning the freestyle in 36 flat. Cliff Wise took second for TKE, but George Jackson, Guy's twin, notched third as Acacia opened up a 6-3 lead.

Bob Dimock knotted the score at nine with a win in the breaststroke in 43 flat, and Jack Borgerding pushed TKE into a 15-12 lead with a winning 38-second ef-

fort in the breaststroke. Acacia tied the score again at 18 on the strength of Hal Zook's diving. Zook edged TKE's Chuck Gaston, 15.7-15.2, to leave it up to the relay team.

The Jacksons, Zook and Larry Wolfe combined to win the relay in 1:02.2 and clinch the win for Acacia.

ATO just breezed through its encounter with Beta Sig after Steve Sussman won the freestyle to give Beta Sig a short-lived 5-4 advantage.

John Gasser won the backstroke, Dick McCoy took the breaststroke and Gordie Schmidt scored 26.2 points to cop diving honors for ATO.

In the only independent action scheduled, Nittany 36 forfeited to Navy.

Homecoming Game

California will be Penn State's Homecoming opponent next season. The teams will clash Oct. 28 at Beaver Stadium.

Yowarsky Joins Vikings

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League yesterday completed their coaching staff with the signing of Walt Yowarsky as another assistant to Head Coach Norm Van Brocklin.

Yowarsky, 33, lives in Cleveland and has served the past two seasons as assistant coach and chief scout for the New York Giants of the NFL. He played tackle for the University of Kentucky, being graduated in 1951.

Moran Foregoes Duel

Penn State grad student Ed Moran will forego another mile duel with Hungary's Istvan Rozsavolgyi at the Chicago Daily News Meet tonight. Instead he will compete in the 1000 and then switch to the mile tomorrow night in the Milwaukee Journal Meet. Rozsavolgyi is not entered in the mile tomorrow night.

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