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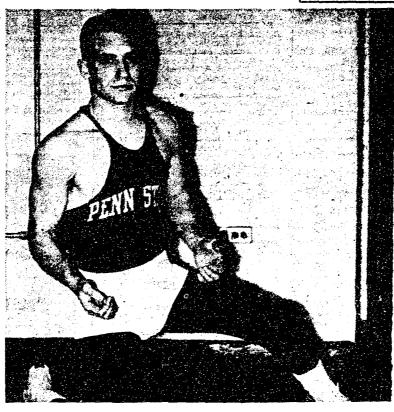
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–Collegian Photo by John Beauge RON PIFER

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Sophomores Must Come Through for Speidel

By DEAN BILLICK Assistant Sports Editor

Penn State's rabid wrestling fans who've been accustomed to seeing a powerhouse on the mats at Rec Hall may be in for a let-down next Saturday when the Lions open at home

"We've been 1-2-3 in the East for the past 10 years, but this season we may surprise a lot of people by falling down," Lion B coach Charlie Speidel said yesterday after watching his grapplers pe

The peppery little coach, who is beginning his 36th year here, said that State will be relying heavily on sophomores to better last year's 6-4 record. "We're young and will have to get our noses rubbed into the mats a few times before we shape up," he said.

Speidel's big problem will be to find replacements for Eastern champions Dan Johnston and Johnston Oberly. Johnston won the 137-pound title last year and Oberly won his second straight heavy-

Speidel isn't sure who will replace the graduated stars, but he does have an Eastern champion back and two seniors who finished

Ron Pifer is the Lions' top wrestler and he'll return to defend his 147-pound eastern title, Last year Pifer started slowly but made a dazzling late-season comeback that carried him to a 7-3 record and a second place finish in the NCAA tournament.

Pifer will co-captain this year's team along with Phil Myer, who wrestled his way to a 6-3 season in the 177-pound class last year.

The third senior that Speidel is counting on is State College's John Barone. Barone only had a 2-4-1 record but wrestled well in his late season matches last year in the 167-pound division. He'n face stiff competition from teammate Bill Polacek, who lettered last season.

In the lightweight classes the Lions will have two returning lettermen plus a flock of sophomores.

Denny Slattery, 6-4 last year, will battle with sophomores Mark Piven and Ray Nunamaker for the starting nod in the 123 pound class. Piven was one of the best wrestlers on last year's freshman team.

In the 130-pound division sophomore Bob Haney and senior Tony Scordo will give State a strong entry. Scordo had a 4-6 mark last season and Haney showed promise as a frosh.

The Lions will be inexperienced in the next two classes with sophomores figuring to get the starting nod. Either Dick Campbell or Steve Erber will start in the 137-pound class and George Edwards seems to have the job at 147.

Pifer, Barone and Myer will handle the middleweight classes but two more sophomores will handle the heavyweight slots. Dick Walker will start in the 191-pound class and Bill Anders has the inside track in the heavyweight division.

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