

Surprising Lion Wrestlers Face Top-Ranked Lehigh As Lacrosse Coach

By DEAN BILLYCK

Penn State's surprising wrestlers face an almost impossible task tomorrow evening when they knock heads with Lehigh at Bethlehem, Pa.

All Charlie Speidel's grapplers must do is battle the number one team in the nation. Lehigh moved into the top spot after upsetting Oklahoma and rolling over Syracuse, Yale, and Cornell.

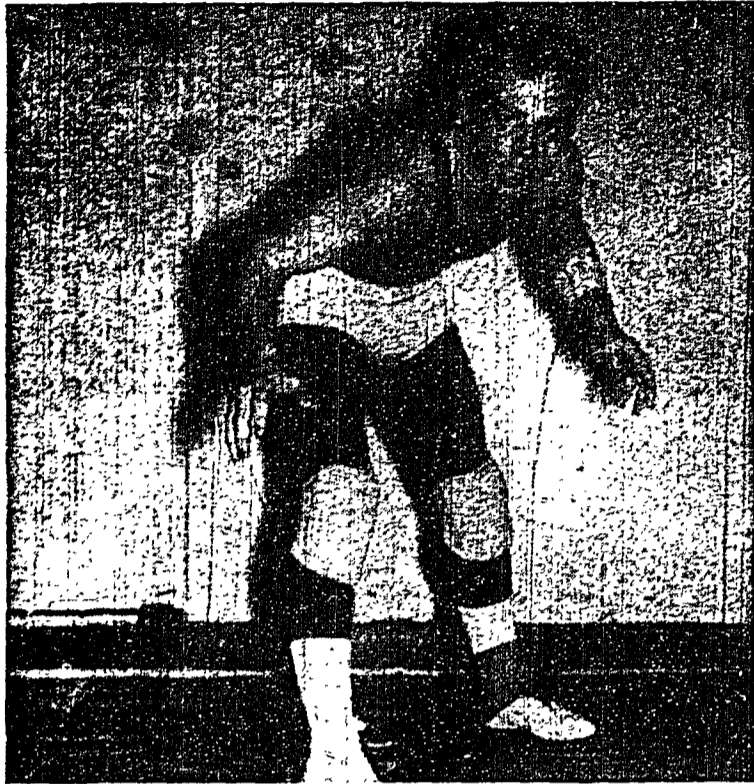
State, meanwhile, has surprised wrestling followers by upending Navy 17-12 and drubbing West Virginia, 27-3.

But surprising as they have been, the Lions are expected to be no match for the power-laden Engineers. "They're loaded for bear and are really cocky about whipping us," Speidel said yesterday.

Speidel rates the Engineers as "much better" than last year's Lehigh team which completely dominated State, 24-8. And it's no wonder.

Lehigh rocked Yale, 35-0, Cornell, 31-0, Syracuse 27-2 and then topped mighty Oklahoma, 17-8. In all, Engineer wrestlers have 31 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties.

Six Lehigh wrestlers are undefeated while another has only a tie to blot his record. Bill Merriam at 123, Pat Smartt at 130, Kirk Pendleton at 157, Jim Detrixhe at 177 and Chuck Moore at 191 all have won four straight bouts and heavyweight John Burns has won three. Dave An-



Lion sophomore George Haney

gella is unbeaten at 167, but has one draw.

Curt Alexander at 137 and Pete Gratto at 147 are the only Engineer grapplers to suffer defeat.

Pendleton leads the team with three falls while Moore has two.

Tenth-ranked State, however, will be no push-over for Lehigh. The Lions have been pretty impressive themselves in their two victories.

Three unbeaten sophomores and veterans Ron Pifer and Phil Myer have led State's assault.

Pifer has a pin and a 12-4 victory to his credit and Myer has two pins. Sophomore lightweights Mark Piven and Bob Haney, along with another sophomore, George Edwards, have been the surprise of the team. Edwards won, 6-3, and 10-3 decisions. Piven easily topped two opponents, 10-0 and 4-0, while Haney has two 5-0 victories to his credit.

Other individual records during the holiday meets were Steve Erber, 1-1, Bill Anders, 0-1, Bill Polacek, 0-1, John Barone, 1-1, and Dick Walker, 0-1.

Dick Pencek, a two-time All-American lacrosse player for Rutgers University, has been named lacrosse coach at Penn State. Pencek succeeds Ernie Baer, who resigned his head coaching job last year to join a Baltimore sporting goods firm.

The new Lion coach is presently a physical education instructor and assistant lacrosse coach at the University of Massachusetts. He is expected to assume his duties here in mid-January.

Pencek is no stranger to State lacrosse. Last season, he served as defense coach, and watched the Lions suffer through a 4-6 season. He also played against

State when he was at Rutgers. This season State is expected to have one of its best teams in the past seven or eight years. The Lions lost just one senior from last year's team and Pencek should have some fine material on hand for his first team.

The 22-year-old coach is a native of Port Jervis, N.Y., and a 1958 graduate of Port Jervis High School where he earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball and track.

At Rutgers he won three letters as a lacrosse defenseman. He was named to the All-American lacrosse team in his junior and senior years, and in his senior year played in the annual North-South All-Star game.

He was graduated from Rutgers in 1960 with a bachelors degree in physical education and last year he did graduate work at State leading to a masters degree in physical education.

Pencek also will serve Penn State as an instructor in physical education.

Miller, Wilson Selected To Captain Northerners

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Senior Bowl all-star teams yesterday voted their quarterbacks in as offensive captains for tomorrow's tilt before running through light punt and kickoff drills.

Mike Cotten of Texas was named to captain the South and Arizona's Ed Wilson, the North.

On defense, Tennessee linebacker Mike Lucci will head the Southerners and a Utah State tackle, Clark Miller, will spearhead the Northerners.

LSU, Army Still Uncertain About Dietzel

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Paul Dietzel refused to tip his hand last night on whether he would leave Louisiana State for the head football coaching job at West Point.

Dietzel appeared on a Baton Rouge television program and would say only that his decision to accept or reject a reported offer from West Point would be based on "what I feel is best personally, for myself and my family. Any decision will not be something I jumped at," he continued. "It will be something I have thought over many hours and many days."

But the 15-minute interview sounded much like a swan song for the 38-year-old former West Point assistant who guided LSU to the national championship in 1958 and three bowl appearances in the last four years.

He declined to speculate on today's meeting of the LSU board of supervisors, ostensibly called to clarify Dietzel's position on whether he will ask for release from the remaining four years of his \$18,500 per year contract.

Six Panthers Reported Out

Special to the Collegian
Rumors flew hot and heavy around Pittsburgh last night that the University of Pittsburgh had suspended six football players. University officials refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Reported out are Paul Martha (quarterback), Bob Ostrosky (tackle), Glenn Lehner (defensive quarterback), John Botula (guard), Carmen Ronca (fullback) and Ray Conway (halfback).

The six are reported suspended indefinitely for disciplinary reasons, but the only official word from Pitt was a flat "no comment."

Athletic Director Frank Cerver put it this way: "I understand that there is action pending, but I do not know the extent of that action. It is against university policy to release student names."

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