Speidel Moved Lions Into Near-Victory

By DEAN BILLICK

In 30 years of coaching wrestling at Penn State, Charlie Speidel has turned quite a few "sure defeats" into Lion victories through his behind the scenes strategy. And Saturday against Lehigh he almost did it again.

Going up against the nation's top team, Speidel made no less than five changes in the lineup. Two of them paid off in

CHARLIE SPEIDEL

victories and but for a near miss in another, the Lions would have walked off with the biggest upset of the season.

The Lions lost, 15-12, but not before they had 3,400 Lehigh fans hanging onto their seats.

"We had it all planned out a week ahead of time," Speidel said yesterday as he watched his grapplers prepare for their match Saturday with Maryland. "I knew we could win four bouts because we had them well scouted and I tried to maneuver our heavyweights so we could get another victory."

SPEIDEL MOVED Phil Myer, a regular 171-pound wrestler, to the heavyweight spot, and the Lion co-captain came through with a 5-3 win against previously unbeaten John Burns. "We knew Burns was big and strong, but we also thought he couldn't move fast enough to stay with Phil," Speidel said explaining the move.

Another Speidel maneuver paid-off when he started 191pound Ed Pohland for the first time this year. Pohland rolled over Lehigh's Chuck Moore, who had won four previous bouts. "I felt sure Ed could beat Moore." Speidel said. "Pohland is going to be a good wrestler. State fans are going to hear a lot about him."

Two other moves⁹didn't pay-off in victories, but they went exactly as Speidel had planned. The veteran Lion coach started John Barone against eastern champion Kirk Pendleton in the 157-pound class and Bill Polacek against unbeaten Jim Ditrixhe in the 177pound division.

BOTH STATE grapplers lost, but Speidel figured he could trade these losses for victories in the '191-pound class and the heavyweight division.

With all the maneuvering, just one thing went awry. Speidel figured to get a victory from cocaptain Ron Pifer in the 167pound bout. Pifer lost 6-4 to Dave Angell but according to Speidel, Pifer should have copped the win. "Pifer is a better wrestler than Angell, but he couldn't handle all the extra weight," Speidel said. (Pifer is a regular 157-pounder and last year was the eastern champion in the 147-pound division.)

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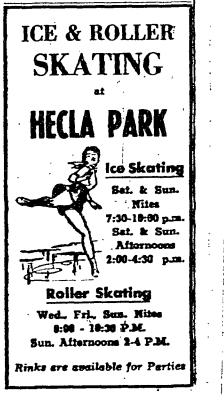
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