

Grapplers Challenge 4th Southern Opponent

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It will be three down and one to go tonight when Penn State's grapplers face their fourth southern opponent of the season at 8:30 in Rec Hall.

The three down are Maryland, 16-11, West Virginia, 27-3, and Navy, 17-12, and the one to go is once beaten and perennial Southern Conference powerhouse VPI.

Coach Charlie Speidel's grapplers, who were idle last week, have a 4-2 record and the meet tonight looms as a must win if State is to remain among the top teams in the East.

Two weeks ago the Lions fell apart at the seams losing to Army, 21-6, and a repeat performance would convince fans that the Cadet romp was no fluke.

"CERTAINLY WE EXPECT to win, but it won't be any easy matter," Speidel said earlier this week. "They are the top Southern Conference team and have five conference champs back from last year. So that is proof enough that they'll be tough."

If comparative scores mean anything, the Lions should win. State topped Navy earlier in the season, while the Gobblers suffered a defeat from the Middies, 25-6. VPI has beaten Davidson, 28-0, The Citadel, 16-11, and Auburn, 25-8.

THE GOBBLEERS will send their two top wrestlers at the Lions at 123 and 130. Ernie Venturino at 123 and Mike Grandstaff at 130 are both unbeaten and were the lone VPI grapplers to win at Navy. Grandstaff, a senior,

was a Southern Conference champ last year at 123.

Venturino will be facing the Lion's Denny Slattery, who will be starting his second meet. Slattery has been sidelined most of the season with rib injuries and got his first start two weeks ago against Army, losing, 5-1.

Grandstaff will meet the Lion's top grappler, Bob Haney. The Lion sophomore is 6-0, including a 5-0 win over Gary Thomas of Navy.

OTHER VPI STARTERS should be Towney Smith (3-1) at 137, either Don Ellerman (1-1) or Bob Lefsew (1-1) at 147, Don Cox (1-2) or Henry Smith (1-0) at 157, Bill Hardy (1-1) or Bob Hatcher (1-1) at 167, Wayne Simmons (1-0-2) at 177 and Gene Breen (2-2) at heavyweight. Breen, who is a junior from

Pittsburgh, is the lone Pennsylvania boy on the squad.

Speidel will probably start Slattery at 123, Haney at 130, Dick Campbell (0-1-1) at 137, George Edwards (5-1) at 147, Ron Pifer (4-2) at 157, John Barone (1-3) at 167, Phil Myer (5-1) at 177 and Ed Pohland (3-1) at heavyweight. There will be no 191-pound bout.

State will be facing VPI for the first time in wrestling. The Lions have beaten Navy, West Virginia, Maryland and Cornell, while losing to Lehigh and Army.

Following a two week layoff, Penn State's freshman wrestling team will make its third start of the season at 8:30 p.m. tonight, playing host to Steven's Trade School.

State's freshman grapplers made their last start Jan. 20 when they shutout Cornell, 37-0. Since then, Lion coach Davey Adams has been preparing his matmen for the match with the Lancaster school.

STEVEN'S TRADE is undefeated in five starts, downing the "jayvees" of Millersville, East Stroudsburg, and Bloomsburg. They also registered a 26-5 win over the Navy Plebes and in their last outing decimated Bainbridge Naval Prep, 21-10.

Adams is expected to stick with his regular lineup. Four of the Lion matmen are undefeated — Dave Ludwig (130), Rich Catalano (137), Sandy Gellis (147) and Mike Gill (177). All sport 2-0 records.

Daring Lion Fencers Meet Orange Today

By IRA MILLER

Fans who attend this afternoon's Penn State-Syracuse fencing meet at Rec Hall will be in for some quick, driving, pressing and sometimes erratic fencing on the part of the Nittany Lions.

"We'll be rushing them the same way we did against Hopkins," Lion coach Dick Klima said. "We'll be trying to make them feel uncomfortable all the time and not allow them to really get started." State used the same strategy to down Johns Hopkins, 15-12, in its opener last week.

The meet, scheduled to start at 2 p.m., will be the Lions' second of the season and the first in Rec Hall since 1951. Syracuse has had four meets so far this year, winning two and losing two. In their most recent outing, the Orange ran roughshod over Utica (N.Y.) College, 23-4.

Alexander Dako's squad had previously beaten Rochester, 17-10, while losing to Buffalo, 16-11 and to Cornell, 17-10.

KLIMA EXPECTS today's meet to be a rough one to win, pointing out that Syracuse is in the middle of one of the leading fencing hotbeds in the nation. In fact, the Orange haven't had to leave their immediate area for a meet prior to today.

However, Klima looks for the metallic strips upon which the

match will be waged to aid the Lion swordmen.

"We'll really be able to utilize our pressing game, especially on metal, which is an aid to the wild fencer," he said. A wild fencer is likely to strike the floor occasionally, but a hit upon one of the metallic strips will not register on the electrical judging devices, enabling the attacking fencer to continue his pursuit.

The Lions will make a couple of lineup shifts, at least for the first round of fencing. Klima will insert Barry Smith in place of Steve Serepa in the epee competition, and Ron Buszko will replace Nainuchit Chaturachinta in foil.

"Those changes will be for the first round only," Klima said. "After that I can't say just what I will do."

Syracuse is expected to provide a good test for the Lions' powerful sabre trio, Larry Chamberlain, Earl LaKier and Charles Poole. They paced last week's victory by scoring six of State's 15 points.

IN EPEE, Smith will team with captain Bob Oliver and Dave Lewis.

Buszko moves into the starting foil lineup with Art Fuller and Joe Bubinak. Fuller and Bubinak took five of a possible six points in last week's meet.

This will be the seventh meeting between State and Syracuse. The teams last met in a triangular meet in 1942 with the Lions edging Syracuse for second place behind Cornell. Overall, State leads the series, 5-1.



RON PIFER

Handball Finals Set for Monday

The championship round of the IM handball and paddleball tournament will be played Monday at 7 p.m. on the Rec Hall courts.

Jim Bush (Triangle) will face Vernon Zeitz (Phi Epsilon Pi) for the fraternity handball championship, and Dave Lehmer (Sigma Chi) will meet Jim Baker (Theta Delta Chi) in the paddleball title match.

Dave Gibbs (Watts I) will play Larry Greenberg for the independent paddleball title, and the handball champion will be decided when Bill Brightfelt meets Bruce Blanning.

The independent players have thus far played four or five matches, while the fraternity men have played five or six, depending upon their leagues.

The eight finalists are all that remain of 170 men who entered the tournaments and were eliminated since the opening day, Jan. 17.

Pirates Sign Mazeroski

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Bill Mazeroski signed his 1962 contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday.

The 25-year-old second baseman set a National League record for participating in double plays last season with a total of 144. The old mark of 137 was set in 1951 by Jackie Robinson.

Nittany Rifle Team Meets Tough Navy

State's rifle team meets Navy at Annapolis, Md., this afternoon and the Lions will have to do some heavy shooting to enhance their 8-2 record.

The always tough Middies, regarded as one of the top teams in the East this year, have yet to lose to Penn State.

The Lions have two meets remaining, Duquesne and Carnegie Tech., before the sectional shoot-offs at Grove City, Pa., March 30 and 31.

State's scores so far this season have been good enough to place them in the top 5 per cent of all teams in the country.

Warmath Inks New Pact

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Football coach Murray Warmath was given a new four-year contract yesterday by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, extending through Feb. 1, 1966, at a salary of \$21,000 a year.

Fencing Terms

Attack — a forward movement of the weapon which constitutes an imminent offensive threat.

Composite attack — an attack made in two or more movements.

Delayed attack — a composite attack in which there is a momentary hesitation.

Parry — a successful defensive movement.

Phrase — a period in a bout in which there is no cessation of action.

Riposte — counter-attack.

Fresh Cagers, Thinclads Encounter Navy Plebes

Penn State's freshman indoor track and basketball teams travel to Annapolis, Md., tonight to meet Navy. For the track team it will be the opening and the close of its 1962 season, as the contest is the only one scheduled.

The basketball team will be looking for its fourth win in six games. The cagers have beaten Altoona, Behrend, and DuBois, while losing to Altoona and Bucknell.

Inao Scores TKO

(from our wire service)

Ingemar Johansson, former world's heavyweight champion scored a TKO over Joe Bygraves at 2:08 of the seventh round last night at Goleborg, Sweden. Johansson, who weighed 200 pounds, had said he'd retire from boxing if he lost the bout.

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