

Four Mat Teams Battle For Top Eastern Honors

By DEAN BILLYK

Rec Hall will be the site of the 1962 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Tournament and with the dual meet season three-fourths over, a four-team battle appears to be shaping up for the pre-tourney favorite's role.

The four teams are Lehigh, Pitt, Penn State and Army, not necessarily in that order. In fact the race is so scrambled that this year's tournament could turn out to be one of the best ever.

As of now, Pitt and Lehigh appear to be the top teams. This weekend, however, could upset that appellation. The Engineers and Panthers will throw their unbeaten records at each other at the Pitt Field House Saturday and indications point to one of the biggest crowds in Pitt mat history.

THE PANTHERS have rolled over six opponents after being held to a tie in their opening match against Michigan. Lehigh has done a little better, whipping 13 straight foes over a two-year span.

By comparative scores though, Pitt should be the better team. The Panthers ripped Navy, 26-3, while Lehigh beat the Middies,

18-9, and Pitt topped Army by a 20-11 score while Lehigh had to settle for an 18-14 win. Syracuse fell hard to both teams, losing to Pitt, 30-2, and to the Engineers, 32-2.

The Panther's biggest win came



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Monday night against Maryland, 23-2.

WHILE STATE has been grinding along with a 5-2 record, far short of the unbeaten charts of Pitt and Lehigh, the Lions can't be counted out as a threat for the eastern crown.

State gave Lehigh its biggest scare, 15-12, and has an important match remaining with Pitt. A win over Syracuse this weekend and a victory over the Panthers the following week would put State right in the middle of the fight.

Coach Charlie Speidel's grapplers believe they can win the eastern crown. For the Lions to do this, their big guns must come through. This means Bob Haney, George Edwards, Ron Pifer, Phil Myer and Ed Pohland will have to do well, come March 9 and 10.

THE OTHER Eastern contender, Army, started strong, but has tailed-off lately. The Cadets won four of their first five, including a 21-6 triumph over State, but since then have lost to Syracuse and Lehigh.

No matter what happens this weekend in the Pitt-Lehigh match and the State - Syracuse bout, one thing is fairly certain—Lion wrestling fans have a ring side seat to what should be some top-notch wrestling.

Balsam Swimmers Win 1st Start, 34-5

By JOE GRATA

Bill Crecelius copped top honors in the diving and breaststroke events to pace Balsam to a 34-5 sweep over Nittany 33-34 in independent intramural competition at Glennland pool last night.

Crecelius notched 16 of Balsam's 34 points by turning in a 44.5 second performance in the breaststroke and a 13.5 total in diving. He did a jackknife and layout for the two required dives and a one and one-half tuck as the optional dive.

Jim Miller, who took first place in the freestyle, Ray Grossman, who garnered first place in the backstroke and second in diving, and a first place relay team consisting of Miller, Nat Carter, Tom Ferguson, and Eric Vander Heyden accounted for the remainder of Balsam's points.

Linden defeated Lancaster, 27-13, and will face Balsam Feb. 23. Andy Frederick won the backstroke and breaststroke while teammate Fred Heil took the freestyle to pace Linden's attack. Lancaster won the relay and diving.

In the other meet of the night, Lyons III decisioned Clearfield, 25-16. However, it took a last minute win by the Lyons' relay team to cop the decision.

Lyons had a 20-16 edge on Clearfield going into the final event, but it took a quartet composed of Ed Novak, Paul Pflaumer, George Wolford, and Whitt Newby in the 120-yard relay to insure the Lyons' victory.

In diving Pflaumer notched 10.9 points to take another first for Lyons. Teammate Newby won the freestyle event.

Tonight, Northampton and Allegheny meet in the independent loop, while the remainder of the action is in the fraternity league. Phi Sigma Delta meets Sigma Chi and Sigma Pi, which drew a bye in the first round, challenges Theta Xi, victor over Pi Kappa Alpha, 27-13.

State Hosts Mat Finals

The 1962 Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling championships will be held at Penn State March 9-10. The event is expected to attract capacity crowds of 6,000.

NCAA Applies New Pressure In AAU Battle

CHICAGO (AP)—Forces of the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations agreed yesterday to "move forward promptly in organizing new federations in track and field and gymnastics."

A basketball federation proposed by the National Basketball Committee already has a constitution drafted.

THE MOVE in formalizing federations in the three sports could be interpreted as continuing pressure by the NCAA in its wrangle with the AAU over control of amateur athletics and international recognition.

A two-day "peace parley" between leaders of the NCAA and AAU ended Monday in an impasse. It was the fifth session between the two groups that failed to produce an understanding.

Organization of new federations in track and field and gymnastics will be completed, and objectives determined, at a meeting in Chicago March 4-5, said Walter Byers, NCAA executive director.

Meanwhile, Lou Wilkie of Bartlesville, Okla., said he again will act as convener at a meeting yet to be set for basketball groups.

The AAU now has this country's two delegates to FIBA — Federation International Basketball Association — and the NCAA wants representation.

IM Results

BOWLING

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE A
Five Guys 8 Schuykill 0
Allegheny 6 Hickory 2
Hi-Lo's 6 Ten Pins 2
Beaver 8 Newman Club 0
Woodburners 6 Tornados 2
High Game—ALFRED KRALL, Woodburners 210
High Series—MURRAY POPKAVE, Hi-Lo's, 554
High Game (team)—Woodburners, 953

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE B
Spoilers 6 Mercer 2
Miafita 6 Northumberland 2
Clearfield 6 Northomery 2
Pooler 6 Splinters 2
The Nittany Five 6 Rejects 0
High Game—RAY WATSON, Northumberland, 225
High Series—RAY WATSON, Northumberland, 561
High Game (team)—Miafita, 525

BASKETBALL

INDEPENDENTS
Butler (3-2) 28 Jefferson (3-2) 24
Armstrong (2-2) 41 Somerset (0-5) 9
Nittany 42 (5-0) 41 Nittany 31 (1-4) 2
Nittany 39 (3-2) 24 Nittany 35 (0-3) 20
FRATERNITY
Triangle (4-0) 20 Pi Kap. Al. (4-2) 18
AL Ep. Pi (1-5) 20 Om. Psi Phi (2-4) 22
Lam. Chi Al. (1-5) 27 Zeta Psi (0-4) 14
Th. Del. Chi (3-1) 21 Alpha Zeta (2-4) 20
A. Phi A. (5-1) 1st. AL Phi Del. (1-5) 0

Beatty to Run

NEW YORK (AP)—Jim Beatty, who became the first man to run the mile indoors in less than four minutes, confirmed his entry in the Baxter mile of the New York A. C. Games at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Beatty, 27, was clocked in 3:58.9 last Saturday night in the Los Angeles Times meet.

He will run against a select field of four — John Reilly of Georgetown, Lt. Gary Weisger of the Quantico Marines, Lt. Pete Close of Camp Lejeune and Tom O'Hara of Loyola of Chicago.

Nittany 42 Wins 61-3 Tilt

Nittany 42 scored a lopsided 61-3 victory over Nittany 31 in intramural basketball competition Monday night.

Led by Ed Schaeffer with 20 points and Ambrose Devaney with 17, Nittany 42 had the second highest point output of the year. The Gailwynns won a 64-14 decision over Nittany 41 earlier this year.

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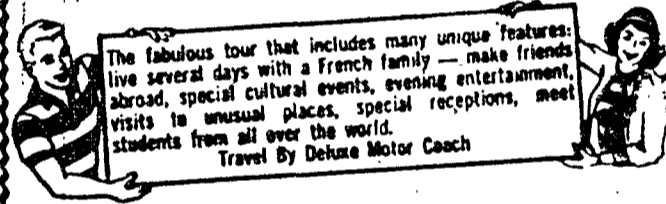
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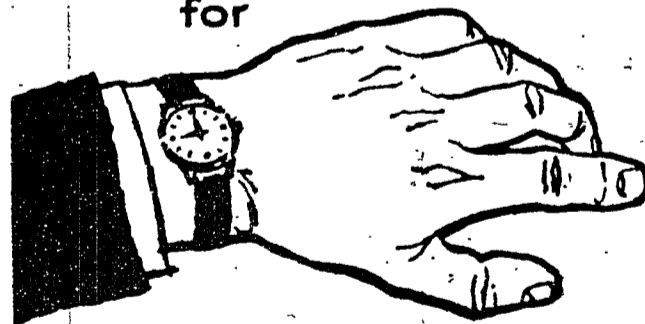
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