

'King Rex' Guides Panthers to Wrestling Prominence

By DEAN BILLUCK

In olden days when Knights of the Roundtable were busy rescuing damsels in distress and Robin Hood and his faithful band of followers were ransacking the countryside, the most powerful person in the land usually was the king.

At Pitt they have a wrestling coach named "King Rex" and they call him King for a pretty good reason. For he too has been called "the best" and most powerful in his field.

His lifetime chart at Pitt of 99-32-4 speaks for itself.

HIS NAME IS Rex Perry and his rise to the "kingship" begins with a school that couldn't even field a full team.

It was in the early '30's that King Rex first entered Oklahoma A & M to learn the skills of wrestling. He learned well, for in four years of wrestling Rex didn't lose a single regular match. He won

three NCAA titles and 102 matches against two losses.

It was a good thing for Perry that he inherited the winning habit too, for he was going to need it later when he came to Pitt.

The mat sport was born at Pitt in 1914. The Panthers lost their first outing, 4-3, to Lafayette, and that was the closest they came to winning for quite some time. They lost 12 in a row and in 1917 the sport was dropped.

AGAIN IN 1935 the Panthers tried, but 17 straight losses dampened their pioneering spirits. Then Perry came along. He didn't exactly set the school mats on fire either for his first team lost all 10 matches, but at least it was a start. He had fielded the first full Panther wrestling team.

Perry's second team split 14 matches and the Panthers were on their way. He hasn't had a losing season in the 11 years

since, and he's had a 26-meet winning streak in between.

The Panther's 26-game streak ended in 1957 and the villain that broke it was none other than Penn State.

Perry teaches wrestling the



way they teach math or chemistry—no nonsense. His grapplers give him their undivided attention, no gawking, no wisecracking. He teaches them more than techniques. He conditions men mentally. He toughens them.

AT LUNCH his wrestlers must pass up the chicken, potatoes and pie that get a strong play from the rest of the student body. He has hungry wrestlers that want to win and will sacrifice to do it.

"They eat lettuce and steak" Perry says. "They do what other people call making sacrifices. That is, they get big helpings of rest and sleep, and they don't stuff themselves with food."

Perry's success is due to sweat. And his wrestlers are constantly reminded of the message which Rex first greeted his initial Pitt team with: "I want no one who is satisfied with mediocrity."

The Panthers have done quite

a bit better than mediocrity. In 1952 they were 9-2; in '53, 10-1; in '54, 9-1; in '55, 9-2; in '56, 10-0; in '57, 9-1; in '58, 8-2-1; in '59, 9-1; in '60, 7-1-1, and 6-3 last year. So far this season they are 6-1-1, losing their first last week to the nation's number two team, Lehigh, 17-14.

SATURDAY, PERRY and his "hungry" matmen face a State team that has yet to show its full potential. Perry will be looking for his 100th win, but he won't get any concessions from the Lions.

Matching wits with Rex will be the dean of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association—Charlie Speidel. The wily Lion mat coach holds an even more amazing record than Perry of 179-48-12.

Putting the two coaching records together, one wonders how the other eastern wrestling schools have managed to win at all.

High-Scoring Weiss Paces Lion G-Men

By JOHN MORRIS

Lion coach Gene Wettstone has called Greg Weiss one of the greatest gymnasts in Penn State history, and a glance at the statistics shows why the hard-working captain merits such high praise.

There is no accurate measure of Weiss' value to the team, but his point-scoring ability is a matter of fact.

Weiss has competed on the parallel bars, the side horse and horizontal bar in each of the Nittanies' five meets, and the senior star has taken first place in 12 of his 15 appearances.

The horizontal bar has been the "weak" spot in Weiss' performance. He has finished second to teammate Tommy Seward twice on the high bar and took third behind Army's Phil Costain and Seward in the Lions' only defeat of the season.

The grim-faced Weiss, one of the most consistent performers to appear at Mt. Nittany, set a Penn State record against Syracuse Saturday, scoring a 296 on the p-bars.

He had set the previous record of 293 in winning the p-bars against Temple three weeks ago.

He is undefeated on the side horse and parallel bars with only

a meet at Pitt this week in the way of a perfect season.

Weiss' average score for his 15 routines so far this year is an amazing 278.1. His lowest score of the year was a 249 on the horizontal bar at Temple.

STILL RINGS specialist Larry Yohn has the second highest average per routine (.266.4), but the senior competes in only his speciality.

Seward is actually the second most productive scorer on the team with seven first places to his credit.

In addition to his two high bar victories over Weiss, the stocky junior is undefeated in the free exercise. He also has recorded four seconds and a third on the parallel bars.

A 175 after two major breaks in his high bar routine against the Orange Saturday dropped Seward's average score to 266.2, just two-tenths of a point off Yohn's average.

JUNIOR BUD WILLIAMS, State's other still rings star, ranks fourth in average score for his events. Williams, a converted rope-climber in his first year as a ringman, is scoring at an average of 256.4 per routine.



Greg Weiss

IM Results

BASKETBALL

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE G

Armstrong (4-2) 29 Butler (3-3) 15

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE H

Nittany 24 (1-5) 41 Nittany 21 (1-5) 24

Nittany 42 (6-0) 38 Nittany 29 (4-2) 27

Nittany 23 (5-1) 37 Nittany 29 (3-3) 31

Nittany 21 (2-4) 21 Nittany 33 (1-5) 17

High Scorer—KEVIN KENT, Nittany 35, 15

FRATERNITY LEAGUE D

Delta Up. (3-0) 40 Al. Chi Sig. (3-4) 9

Al. Chi Rho (2-5) 32 Pi Lam. Phi (4-3) 19

Kappa Sig. (5-2) 27 Delta Chi (1-5) 22

Pi Kap. Phi (5-2) 1 S. Tau G. (0-7) ft. 0

High Scorer—DICK FRICK, Delta Upsilon, 15

BOWLING

FRATERNITY LEAGUE A

Pi Lambda Phi 6 Phi Delta Theta 2

Sigma Nu 6 Kappa Sigma 2

Phi Mu Delta 5 Beta Theta Pi 0

Delta Upsilon 3 Acacia 0

Alpha Kap. Lam. 6 Delta Theta Sigma 2

High Game—DICK KELLEY, Phi Delta Theta, 219

High Series—LARRY FRY, Delta Upsilon, 589

High Game (team)—Pi Lambda Phi, 817

BASKETBALL SCORES

NBA

Syracuse 160, Philadelphia 109

COLLEGE

Duquesne 72, Georgetown 52

LaFayette 78, La Salle 69

Wake Forest 61, N.C. State 63

Virginia 72, Maryland 65

Toledo 82, Kent St. 80 (ot)

Chi Phi Captures Second Behind Weir's Near Miss

By KEN DENLINGER

Once again it was Sam Weir and his fast-moving Chi Phi teammates who stole the show in IM swimming last evening at Glennland Pool.

Weir, who last week set a new IM record in the freestyle, demonstrated his versatility by coming within one-tenth of a second of breaking the breaststroke record as he churned through the water in 35.4.

For awhile it looked as though Chi Phi would win the meet without entering the water. Their opponents, Alpha Chi Sigma, did not arrive until after the freestyle, thus forfeiting that event to give Chi Phi a commanding eight point lead.

Joe Holden, who won the backstroke, and the victorious relay team provided the remainder of the scoring for a 30-9 triumph.

Acacia, capturing firsts in all five events, swamped Sigma Nu, 31-5. Bill Barber scored firsts in

the backstroke and breaststroke, while Guy Jackson and Larry Wolfe won the freestyle and diving, respectively.

The Delta Phi relay team finished with a 1:03.7 clocking to provide the necessary margin for a 24-17 victory over Sigma Alpha Mu. Ken Ralphs, Bill Wilkens, and Jim Schultz were other Delta Phi victors. Ralphs won the freestyle in 36.1, Wilkens took the backstroke in 48.8, and Schultz captured the breaststroke in 44.1.



Backstage with Fred MacMurray

"I'm not a dedicated actor," confesses Fred MacMurray. In this week's Post, he tells about the "accidents" that made him a star. How he nearly passed up his role in "My Three Sons"—now a hit on ABC Television. And how he gets along with his TV kids.

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