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## Challenge Issued To Pitt Matmen

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TO: Pittsburgh's Wrestling Team  
FROM: At Least One Disgusted Grappling Fan (And Probably the Team)  
FOR: A Challenge

We challenge you, the Panther wrestling team, to wrestle like men and not run like babies when you come to the EIWA Tournament next weekend at Rec Hall!

What we are asking of you, Panthers, is to start wrestling, instead of running, stalling and laying on your stomachs like you did last week in your slim 15-14 victory over us.

For years now, wrestling fans have watched grapplers guided by your coach Rex Peery use what has been mildly termed "traditional Pitt conservative tactics." (Quoted from the Bethlehem Globe-Times)

In plain terms we're sick of watching you wrestle like this. You are ruining the sport. You are defeating its purpose.

Panthers, even your own fans were disgusted by your running tactics against us. They watched four of your nine men get warned for stalling; and two of those men lost points for not doing anything even after the warning. We had no warnings.

**THEY WATCHED YOU** get a couple of quick points and then lie on your stomachs, crawl for the mat edge, and in general just wait for the buzzer. Only about four of you did any wrestling — Dick Martin at 123, Daryl Kelvington at 147, August Arrigone at 157 and Jim Harrison at 167. The only time most of you wrestle is at the beginning of the bout and when you are behind.

One State fan gave a perfect answer to one of your followers who was complaining of the dullness of the match. "If you ever saw wrestling, you might like it," was his curt reply.

Our coach isn't one to complain after his team has been beaten, but this week was an exception.

"Pitt got a quick lead on us and then ran, lay on their stomachs like dogs, played on the edges of the mat and waited for the buzzer," Speidel said yesterday in his office.

"We knocked them all over the mats, but once they get ahead of you, you're not going to catch them in 10 years. It was our fault we let them get the early lead, but it was only right that they keep wrestling after getting the lead.

**'I'M NOT BLAMING** the boys because that's the way they've been taught. That style was brought in from the West by Peery and it's what I'd call the 'zone defense of wrestling.'

"That style will ruin the sport and is killing the rules. It couldn't survive here at State. Our fans wouldn't stand for it and we could just close up shop."

State isn't the only team that is disgusted with Coach Peery's tactics.

"Lehigh would just as soon not meet Pitt because of their style," Speidel added.

We can hear your answers now. "You're just a poor loser," you say, "and besides look at Peery's record. It's 100-32-4 and you can't knock that, can you?"

First of all, we're not poor losers, quite the contrary. Most of us, at least the fans anyhow, WERE firmly convinced that you had a better team than we. In fact, you could have beaten us by at least five times the score you did.

**FOR THIS REASON** we feel your style of wrestling didn't get the most out of your team and certainly didn't put on a good performance for the fans.

Secondly, Peery's record is outstanding, but we like to think there is more to athletics than winning. We like to think that rules are made to be observed, not broken.

The rules definitely stand against your type of wrestling. There is a penalty point for stalling, which consists of running off the mats or not making an honest effort to throw your man or make contact with him.

In other words, we like to see teams that wrestle and don't stall. You shouldn't try to beat the game by breaking the rules just because officials don't always have enough initiative to call the infraction.

**AND AS FAR AS WINNING** goes, Panthers, our style of wrestling has done pretty well also. We've managed to win our share and in the process continually draw crowds of 5,000 to 6,000 — much better than your all-time record of 3,800, against Lehigh this year.

Our coach's record is 179-49-12, even better than Peery's. In the overall series record, we've beaten you 14 times, you've won six meets. Not too bad, is it?

Undoubtedly you will remember this article next week when you compete in the Easterns. You will come here as co-favorites with Lehigh. You could win the title, but you will have to wrestle — not stall! Why not try it?

## IM Results

BOWLING	
INDEPENDENT LEAGUE A	
Woodburners	6 Newman Club
Allegheny	4 Ten Pins
Tornadoes	8 Beaver
Hickory	8 Schuykill
Hi Lo's	8 Five Guys
High Game—JOE WOMER, Hi Lo's	215
High Series—JOE WOMER, Hi Lo's	584
High Game (team)—Hi Lo's	864
INDEPENDENT LEAGUE B	
Rejcta	8 Poplar
Montgomery	4 Spoilers
Nittany Five	6 Spitters
Northumberland	4 Clearfield
Mifflin	8 Mercer
High Game—RAY WATSON, Northumberland	0
High Series—HAROLD OTT, Rejcta	549
High Game (team)—Rejcta	843
FRATERNITY LEAGUE A	
Alpha Kappa Lam.	6 Delta Upsilon
Acacia	8 Phi Delta Theta
Delta Theta Sigma	6 Phi Lambda Phi
Sigma Nu	4 Phi Mu Delta
Beta Theta Pi	8 Kappa Sigma
High Game—LOU PAULIN, Beta Theta Pi	206
High Series—LOU PAULIN, Beta Theta Pi	550
High Game (team)—Delta Upsilon	824
BASKETBALL	
INDEPENDENT	
Juniper (3-4)	35 Larch (1-6)
Linden (6-1)	46 Chestnut (2-5)
Balsam (7-9)	38 Maple (5-2)
Sycamore (4-3)	29 Watts I (2-5)
Hickory (3-4)	46 Birch (0-7)
Hemlock (6-1)	51 Butternut (1-6)
Berks (6-1)	52 Schuykill (1-6)
Lackawanna (5-2)	1 Grad. Hall
Bucky (2-3)	34 Jordan II (0-7)
Allegheny (7-0)	30 Montgomery (1-3)
High Scorer—JIM MOSS, Hemlock	and TOM SHAFFER, Berks, 14
FRATERNITY	
Phi Ep. Pi (5-2)	31 Sigma Chi (1-4)
Al. Phi Al. (6-1)	40 Phi Sig. Kap. (5-2)
Theta Xi (3-4)	30 Al. Sig. Phi (1-6)
Phi Del. Th. (6-1)	36 Al. Phi Delt. (1-6)
Phi Ga. De. (4-0)	44 Sig. P. Ep. (3-4)
A. Ga. Rho (3-4)	19 P. Kap. Th. (0-7)
Sigma Pi (5-2)	54 Sig. Al. Mu (1-6)
Tau Ka. Ep. (6-1)	31 Acacia (4-3)
High Scorer—PETE DeBALLI, Alpha Sigma Phi, 19	

## Eastern Gym Meet Features 10 Events

By JOHN MORRIS

Penn State's gymnastics team leaves today to compete in the somewhat confused Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League individual championships tomorrow and Saturday at West Point. Led by defending eastern all-around champion Greg Weiss, the Lions will compete in six events on the 10-event program.

The EIGL revised its schedule of events after the championships of last year, dropping the flying rings, tumbling and rope climb from the program in favor of the free exercise, still rings and long horse vault. This is a transitional period for the EIGL and the schedule of events for this year's eastern championships includes the events that were dropped from the dual-meet competition. "The flying rings, tumbling, rope climb and trampoline have been kept on the program to permit a gymnast who started in one of those events to finish his collegiate career," State coach Gene Wettstone explained.

The old events will be dropped from the individual championships in 1964, if they are dropped at all.

"We don't know how many entrants there will be in the old events," Wettstone said yesterday. "or maybe some of them will be put back on the program."

The Lions don't have any entrants in the four special events, but the talent-laden Nittanies figure to have at least one contender in each of the six regular events.

Weiss and Tommy Seward will compete in the all-around for State. In addition to his all-around crown, Weiss is also the defending eastern champion in the long horse vault, the parallel bars and still rings.

Seward, who may be Weiss' main competition in the all-around, is the defending champ in the free exercise.

Weiss is one of the favorites on the side horse and both men are in the running for the horizontal bar crown.

Penn State's Gerry Schaefer won the eastern flying rings championship last year, but did not compete this year when the event was dropped from the dual-meet program.



Gene Wettstone

### Bucs' Clemente Reports To Spring Training Site

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Outfielder Roberto Clemente reported to the Pittsburgh Pirates' spring training site yesterday and complained he has stomach trouble.

Team physician Dr. Joseph Finegold diagnosed Clemente's trouble as a nervous stomach. Dr. Finegold gave the Puerto Rican outfielder some pills and Clemente worked out with the team.

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