

a dean's view



Panther Mat Coach Challenges Column

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Assistant Sports Editor

"We're coming up there this weekend, and we'll try to wrestle like men."

The speaker was Panther wrestling coach Rex Peery and the reason for the remark was this writer's column entitled "Challenge Issued To Pitt Matmen" which appeared in the March 1 issue of The Collegian.

THE COLUMN ACCUSED Pitt of using stalling and running tactics on the mat. It challenged the Panthers to try "wrestling like men" in the EIWA tournament today and tomorrow at Rec Hall.

"We wrestle more for the fall than either Lehigh or State, so I don't see how you can say we stall," Peery said in a telephone interview this week. "Slattery (Denny) ran from Martin (Dick) and your boy Edwards (George) should never have beaten Kelvington (Daryl). As for the heavy-weight bout, my boy was leading 4-0 and just fell into that pin. It was a pure accident."

Peery wasn't the only one at Pitt that was unhappy with the column.

"I find myself differing with just about all the accusations," Pitt News sports writer Bob Smizik said in a Collegian Letter to the Editor. "If Penn State fans like WINNING wrestling, with a little thought behind it, I am sure they will enjoy our Pitt wrestling team this weekend."

The article also drew a reply from Pitt Sports Publicity Director Beano Cook.

"The accusations are ridiculous," he said. "Our style is to wrestle conservatively and we've been winning by doing it."

If the article did nothing else, it at least stirred up interest and maybe it will prod the Panthers to a little more wrestling — man-like.

ALL SIGNS POINT to this year's tourney developing into one of the best in a long line of outstanding EIWA meets.

There is one thing that could take the luster off the two-day meet and that is the conservative, defensive-type of wrestling that seems to be growing more and more popular. It is our hope that the 144 men in the tourney try to match each others skills and not begin stalling after getting a one or two point advantage.

In the championship round of last year's tourney, seven of the losers failed to score a point. Defense is good, but you can't win the championship without scoring points.

One way to keep the grapplers going the full nine minutes is for the officials to enforce the rules prescribed by the NCAA.

When a contestant is stalling, let's have him warned and if he doesn't respond, penalize him. And Mr. Official, don't wait until the bout is practically over before awarding the penalty point. Make them wrestle, and if they refuse, they don't deserve to win.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS of this year's championships will be the presentation of the Coaches Trophy and the Fletcher Award.

The Coaches Trophy goes to the top performer in the tournament, as selected by the 16 member coaches. Howell Scobey of Lehigh was the first winner in 1936. Thad Turner of Lehigh won the award last year to become the seventh Engineer to receive the trophy.

The John A. Fletcher Memorial Trophy goes to the wrestler who has done the most for his team in the EIWA meets. It was established in 1955 in memory of Navy star John Fletcher who lost his life in a plane crash at sea.

Penn State's Johnston Oberly, a two-time EIWA champ at heavyweight, won the award last year. Another Lion, Johnny Johnston, won the trophy in 1957.

For this award, points are accumulated from one year to the next and thus a senior usually wins the trophy. Going into this year's clash, Al Rushatz of Army and Dick Martin of Pitt are the high point men. Lehigh's Dave Angell is next followed by Ron Pifer of State, Daryl Kelvington and John Zolikoff of Pitt.

TEAM POINTS for the tourney are awarded as follows: first place (10), second (7), third (4) and fourth (2). Additional points are obtained by falls, defaults and forfeits.

Speaking of forfeits, the 16 competing schools must enter full nine-man teams. Five points are deducted from a team's score for each class in which it fails to compete.



DICK MARTIN

... Pitt 123-pound ace



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DENNIS FOCHT

Engineers Favored To Retain Crown

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Jim Harrison of Pitt, Al Rushatz of Army, Dick Janish and Bill MacGrath of Rutgers, Chuck Moore and Dave Angell of Lehigh and Daryl Kelvington of Pitt.

ALSO IN THE starting field are three 1960 champs—Rushatz, Mike Leta of Rutgers and John Zolikoff of Pitt.

Unbeaten Lehigh, boasting 12 victims, is the favorite to cop the team title, but the Engineers won't have an easy time. Pitt has the

PROBABLE LION LINEUP

- 123 Denny Slattery (1-2-2)
 - 130 Bob Haney (9-1)
 - 137 George Edwards (8-1-1)
 - 147 Ron Pifer (8-2)
 - 157 Paul Stegner (0-1)
 - 167 John Barone (2-4)
 - 177 Bill Polacek (1-5-1)
 - 191 Phil Myer (8-2)
- Hwt. Ed Pohland (5-3)

man power to topple the Engineers and coach Charlie Speidel's Lions can't be counted out.

The Engineers currently are ranked number two in the country and on the strength of wins over Pitt (17-14) and State (15-12) they deserve their favorites' role.

LEADING THE defending champs are four unbeaten grapplers and two others who have lost but once. Bill Merriam at 123, Pat Smartt at 130, Pendleton at 157 and Detrixhe at 177 are the unbeaten Engineers while Dave Angell at 167 and Chuck Moore at 191 have one loss.

Pitt is headed by Martin, Zolikoff, Kelvington and unbeaten Jim Harrison. Martin is closing out a brilliant career at Pitt where he has been unbeaten in dual meet competition.

State's chances for victory appear to lie with three untested sophomores. Once beaten Bob Haney at 130, George Edwards (8-1-1) at 137 and Ed Pohland (5-3) at heavyweight.

A GOOD SHOWING by the sophs plus the expected strong grappling of co-captains Pifer and Phil Myer at 191 could give the Lions the title.

The Lions will be attempting to repeat history this weekend. The last time a State team won the championship was 1957 when the tournament was held at Rec Hall.

That year Speidel's Lions won the 130, 137 and 147-pound championships. If State is to win again, those weights will have to be strong spots for the Nittanians.

THE LIONS WOULD jump ahead in the team championship race with a victory this year. Lehigh moved in front last year by winning its 14th title. State owns 13 titles outright and shares another with Pitt. Cornell ranks third with 12, followed by Yale with five full titles and two ties.

State leads in individual titlists with 78, followed by Lehigh with 75 and Cornell with 74.

Lehigh is the lone unbeaten school in the 16 team field, and Brown is the only team not to win. The competing teams are Army (6-4), Brown (0-8-1), Columbia (7-4), Cornell (9-5), F&M (5-7), Harvard (4-6), Lehigh (12-0), Navy (4-5-1), Penn (7-4), Penn State (6-3-1), Pitt (7-1-1), Princeton (2-6-1), Rutgers (8-3), Syracuse (5-2-1), Temple (7-5) and Yale (2-8).

Rutgers, Syracuse, Army and Cornell rate as outside choices for the runners-up slots.



KIRK PENDLETON

McGill Averages 38.8 To Pace College Cagers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Billy McGill of the University of Utah is the individual scoring champion of college basketball for the 1961-62 season, but the top offensive team won't be known until the end of the tournaments.

Loyola of Chicago and Arizona State are battling for team scoring honors with a 90-plus average, but both are committed to post-season action. Loyola, setting the pace with a 91-point average, is playing in the National Invitation Tournament. Arizona State, close behind at 90.8, is competing in the NCAA championship.

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TONIGHT

Evening Services . . . 8:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Robert Dengler.
Topic: "Amos, the Prophet"

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