

1962-63 Wrestling Prospects

# Speidel Pessimistic

Penn State wrestling coach Charlie Speidel has been coaching long enough to realize that it is suicide to heap praise upon a team before the season begins.

"That sort of thing can lead to nothing but trouble," Speidel says, "because if you say that you have a good team, and somehow things don't work out, you have to eat your words."

Speidel won't have to eat any of the words he's said thus far this year, though, because he's not sure just who will compete for State in the various weight classes, and therefore ranks close to another successful but pessimistic Nittany mentor—Rip Engle.

Right now all Speidel is interested in is getting his grapplers into shape. As an added incentive he's presently staging a tournament among the men to see just who is superior in the various classes. Men are paired according to their present weights and Speidel hopes that by the time next week rolls around many of the wrestlers will lose some added poundage.

Next month the season opens in earnest. By that time Speidel should have a good idea of how the weight classes should stack up. Right now freshmen are battling against upperclassmen in these "fun affairs," as Speidel has dubbed them.

Based on last year's record, it would seem as though the Lions are blessed with an abundance of lightweight wrestlers but lack strength and depth in the heavier brackets.

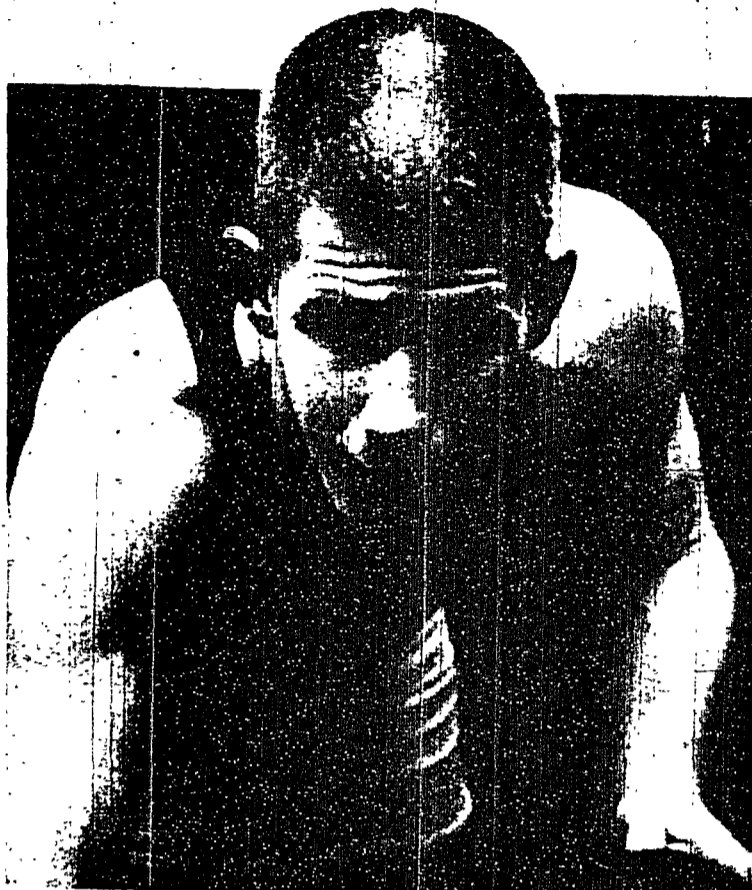
Denny Slattery appears to have the inside track on the 123-pound spot with his main opposition coming from Jim Pittman.

At 130, a "battle royal" could be staged at the nightly eliminations before the coming meets. In fact, it might be a better bout than the one staged against the winners' opponent because it pits the Lions' regular 123-pounder for most of the last season, Mark Piven, against the incumbent Bob Haney.

The 137-pound class also includes a talented lot. Presently Piven and Steve Erber are battling it out for pre-season supremacy, but Jay Windfelder is expected to move up a weight to challenge.

Captain George Edwards is a fixture at the 147-pound class.

From here on, Speidel will be



GEORGE EDWARDS

... Lion captain

doing a lot of experimenting to see which of his inexperienced heavies men show him the most.

Marty Strayer, 157-pounder, has not donned State wrestling togs as yet, but the junior transfer from Wilkes College brings with him some impressive records including an Atlantic Coast Conference crown. Strayer is also top man in the preseason practice tournament.

At 167, it's between Ray Scoboria, John Zabatta and Dan Kolody for top man.

Speidel probably wishes he had last year's 177-pounder, Phil Myer back again because that class appears to be manned by inexperience. Mike Gill, undefeated as a freshman, and Greg Flemming have the inside track.

The 191-pound contestants may be Ed Pohland and Dick Moen. Pohland alternated between 191 and heavyweight last year, and

may do the same this season. He won't be competing this term, however, due to academic ineligibility.

Heavyweight won't be one of Speidel's strong points for the second year in a row as evidenced by the fact that a freshman currently heads the list of contenders, having won his preseason class. Bill Anders, who saw some action last year, and Fred Euteromoser may get the nod.

Speidel is pleased about the prospects for next year, due to a promising bunch of frosh terrors, but this year is something different. At any rate Speidel should have a well conditioned, spirited team molded when mat time rolls around again.

—Denlinger

# Top Ranking Teams Clash; Major Bowl Bids on Line

By The Associated Press

The congested road to the post-season football bowls is due for a solid clearing today amid the heavy fragrances of Rose and Orange blossoms in the Midwest, and pleasing thoughts of southern hospitality on New Year's Day in the Southeast and Southwest.

The biggest log jam is in the Big Ten where Wisconsin, Minnesota and Northwestern all are tied for the lead with 4-1 records. Wisconsin, ranked fourth nationally, can emerge with Big Ten and Rose Bowl honors by beating Illinois today and Minnesota next week.

Northwestern, No. 9, makes its last bid for the glory against Michigan State. Minnesota, ranked eighth, is ineligible for the Rose Bowl, but can get a Big Ten title by beating Purdue (4-2) and Wisconsin. Purdue still has an outside chance for the Rose Bowl trip.

Missouri and Oklahoma play for the Big Eight lead and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Missouri, No. 6, has a 5-0 conference record and the Sooners are 4-0 and on the move. However, the Oklahoma offense that has outscored the last three opponents 150-0 will run into the nation's seventh-ranked defense.

TOP-RANKED Alabama (8-0) plays a Southeastern Conference game against Georgia Tech (5-2-1) in Atlanta with its rugged defense geared to stop the all-around abilities of Tech's Billy Lothridge. In other SEC games, third-ranked Mississippi (7-0) plays weak Tennessee (3-4) and 10th-ranked Louisiana State (6-1-1) faces Mississippi State (3-4) in Jackson, Miss. The ranked SEC teams are all but assured of bowl bids, and their problem becomes one of choice.

Second-ranked Southern California, one foot already in the Rose Bowl as Big Six representative, puts its 7-0 record on the line against Navy (4-4) in Los Angeles in a game reportedly of a grudge nature because of charges by Navy Coach Wayne Hardin that the Trojans resort to illegal formations to win. It is Navy's last game before its Dec. 1 clash with Army in Philadelphia.

Fifth-ranked Texas (7-0-1) hopes to keep its one-half game lead in the Southwest Conference

against an old bugaboo, Texas Christian (4-3). The Longhorns wind up their season on Thanksgiving Day against Texas A&M, and a pair of victories would put them into the Cotton Bowl as host. Arkansas, No. 7, nationally and second in the SWC with a 4-1 mark, plays Southern Methodist in Little Rock, and also is the subject of bowl rumors even if it doesn't make the Cotton Bowl.

Three games are being televised regionally, including the Purdue-Minnesota clash. Others are the second in the Ivy League's ancient Big Three series with Princeton at Yale, and Utah at Utah State.

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