

Stage Set for Gym Meet

Lions, Cadets Square Off In Key Battle at 8 p.m.

By JOE GRATA

The Nittany Lions and Army Cadets wouldn't be under more steam, heat and strain if they were locked inside a pressure cooker raging over a full flame on the kitchen stove.

And when the two gymnastics squads tangle at 8 p.m. in Rec Hall today, something is bound to give-way. An estimated crowd of 6,000 is expected to attend.

State's gymnasts seek to continue unbeaten and to gain revenge for the 54-42 whipping handed them last year at West Point. Coach Gene Wettstone's products sport wins over Springfield, Temple and Navy.

MEANWHILE THE CADETS of gym boss Tom Maloney, losers only to a powerful Syracuse squad (48½-47½) in seven meets, are determined not to lose. They last year won the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League championship; another loss this season might eliminate them from this year's running.

According to Wettstone, reserve strength will make the difference in today's meet.

"Our third man will be the thing," the veteran boss said yesterday. "We'll have to get at least fifth place and the point that comes with it. Then we'll give them zeroes (for sixth place)."

While a loss to Army would not necessarily eliminate the Lion performers from EIGL contention, it might make things dismal for next Saturday's battle against the undefeated Orange of Syracuse.

HEADING THE LIST of State strength will be captain Tom Seward, all-around man on the horizontal bar, parallel bars and in free exercise. Sophomore Mike Jacobson will also work three events for the first time this year. He'll back up Seward in all three events.

The third man in free exercise and on the horizontal bar is sophomore Jimmy Culhane. On the parallel bars it'll be Gene Harlacher. Harlacher, along with Al Porter and Ray Cherry, also works on the side horse. State's F. P. Sforza, Pete Saponaro and Tom Burnett will vault the long horse.

Specialist Bud Williams will be at his usual number one spot in the lineup for the still rings. He'll be backed up by Bill Jenkins and Sforza.

IN LAST WEEK'S meet against Syracuse, the Army performers compiled an average individual score of 88.0; their two top performers in each event averaged a 90.0.

Team captain Steve Best and sophomore Ken Slutzky lead the list of Army performers. Best competes on the horizontal bar and Slutzky on the still rings, horizontal bar and parallel bars.

Sophomores Tad Ono (parallel bars, free exercise and side horse) and Jerry DuFour (free exercise and long horse vaulting) rate among the Cadets' best reserves.

Maloney, the boss of the Army gymnasts, owns an impressive lifetime coaching record at the academy of 200 wins, 25 losses and six ties. He and the veteran Wettstone rank among the best coaches

Nittany Thinclads Seek First Win Against Middies

By ED CARPENTER

Imagine entering a track meet nine points behind. This is the problem confronting the Penn State track team when it tangles with Navy this afternoon at Annapolis, Md.

The nine-point deficit will come in the 35-pound weight throw. State has no one entered in the event, allowing Navy to score a sweep. To help compensate for this, coach John Lucas intends to concentrate on the 1,000 yd., mile and two-mile runs. In these three events there are a possible 27 points, and Lucas hopes to get 20 of them.

IN ADDITION to the 35-pound weight, the Lion mentor also seemed concerned about the shot. Lucas has a fine shot putter in Tom Urbanik, who threw the shot 51' 1¾" in last week's meet at Ohio State. However, in his match against Manhattan last week, Navy's Greg Berkowitz threw the shot over 55' (Navy lost the meet, 61-48. This evened their log at 1-1, having defeated William and Mary, 102-25, earlier in the season).

A PROBLEM also has arisen in the pole vault. Due to the cold weather, two of the fiberglass poles split. The only one remaining is a 170-pound pole. This means that it will bend for only a person weighing 170 pounds. Anyone weighing over that will break the pole; anyone under that will prevent it from bending. Two of State's top vaulters weigh less than 170.

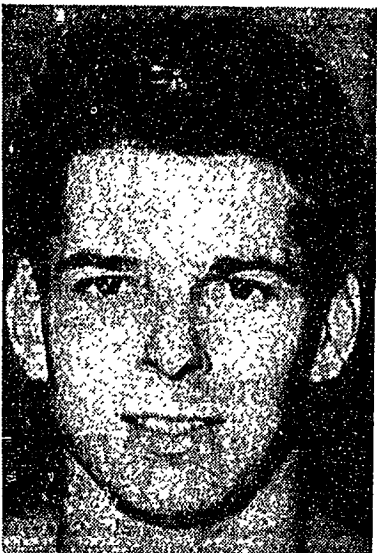
The Lions' weakest event appears to be the sprints. Lucas intends to use Don Gregg as his top sprinter. The number two slot is up for grabs among Jerry Doldschim, Lou Fischman, Jack LaDue, and captain Bob Grantham.

GRANTHAM may also compete in the broad jump or the hurdles. Against Ohio State the Lion captain broad jumped 21'-7¾". However this isn't good enough to match the 23'-2¼" that Middle Jim Thorell jumped against Manhattan.

In addition to Grantham, Lucas is counting on Howie Dardorff, Dick Lampman and Tom Bedick to score most of the Nittanies' points.

"Although we'll be nine points behind at the beginning, we still could pull it out," Lucas said earlier this week. "However, we'll have to do better than we did against Ohio State."

The thinclad frosh have their lone meet of the season when they face the Navy Plebes in the Annapolis Fieldhouse.



ALL-AROUNDS: State gym captain Tom Seward (top) and sophomore Mike Jacobson will compete as all-arounds by working three events in today's meet with Army. Free exercise will begin the bout at 8 p.m.

THE SIX VICTORIES by Maloney's products have been over the Air Force Academy, Indiana, Southern Connecticut, Massachusetts, Springfield and Pitt.

At 3:30 p.m., State's freshmen gymnasts meet the Army Plebes in Rec Hall. The young Lions, unbeaten in two starts, are headed by Ed Isabelle. In the two State meets this season, Isabelle has captured all of a possible six first places.

Wrestlers Face VPI In 'Warm Up' Match

By JIM BUKATA

Assistant Sports Editor

Penn State's wrestling team goes after its fourth win of the season this afternoon against the winless VPI Gobblers at Blacksburg, Va.

The Lions enter today's meet after a two week break in the schedule. State last wrestled Jan. 19, when it upended Cornell, 21-10. The win gave the Lions a 3-2 record for the season.

THE GOBBLERS, coached by Frank Teske, have been having their troubles this season.

In addition to five losses, Teske also has his three top wrestlers out of the meet with injuries. Gene Breen, Walt Hanula and Ernie Venturino, a Southern Conference Champion last year, are sidelined for the remainder of the year.

The Gobblers have lost to Navy, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio State and Purdue. They also own a tie with Hiram.

Lion coach Charlie Speidel intends to use the match as a warm up for next Saturday's big bout against unbeaten Syracuse.

In fact, the Lion coach will use two new faces in the starting lineup.

Junior Tom Balent will be wrestling his first varsity bout when he meets Ellsworth Snyder in a 123-pound bout. Balent will take the place of Denny Slattery.

MARK PIVEN will be the other new face in the lineup. The junior from New York won the position when he beat season-long regular Dave Thiel in a wrestle-off earlier this week. Piven will face Bob Robinson at 137 pounds.

Another change in the Lion

lineup will find Chuck Beatty wrestling at 157 pounds. Art Weiss, a winner in the Cornell match, was scheduled to compete but was scratched when he came down with a cold. Beatty will take a 0-4 record into his bout against Charlie Callahan.

The other State starters will be the regulars that have seen action in the last three bouts.

UNDEFEATED Bob Haney at 130 pounds and captain George Edwards at 147 pounds, both go after their sixth straight win of the year. Haney faces Carl Gellis while Edwards is paired against Don Ellerman.

Marty Strayer, a former Middle Atlantic Conference Champion at Wilkes and a transfer student, will wrestle at 167 pounds for State. He will meet Bob Hatcher.

Sophomore Mike Gill faces Craig Streett at 177 and Ed Pohl and tangles with Dan Marks at unlimited.

A win today would go a long way toward giving Speidel another winning season. Bouts still remain with Syracuse, vastly improved Pitt and rugged Rutgers. Provided they win today the Lions will only need one of the remaining three for that winning record.

Jenks Paces Delta Phi to Win

Delta Phi's Jim Jenks and Phi Delta Theta's Charlie Yartz were double victors last night who led their respective teams to victories in IM swimming action at Glenside Pool.

Jenks and Yartz both won the free style and breaststroke events as Delta Phi romped over Alpha Tau Omega, 27-7, and Phi Delta Theta held off Tau Phi Delta, 22-19. Alpha Chi Rho forfeited to Delta Tau Delta.

TWO SEASONS ago, Jenks and Sam Weir, Chi Phi's multi-record-holder, were members of a Chester House quartet that established a 120-yard relay record that still stands. There is a good chance for a head-to-head meeting later this season between Jenks and Weir if their teams keep winning, IM director Dutch Sykes said last night.

Jenks won the free style in 32.1

seconds and the breaststroke in 38.2 seconds. Delta Phi's Jim Dougan, Bill Wilkens, Jim Schultze and Ken Ralphs breezed through the relay in 1:07 while ATO's Gordy Schmidt captured the diving event.

Tau Phi Delta made a game bid to catch the Phi Deltas, but they couldn't overcome the big lift given the winners by Yartz.

Delta Phi's relayers were unofficially clocked in 1:02 in a post-meet exhibition against Delta Tau Delta. The Deltas finished just inches behind.

Harris Holds Record

Gene Harris holds the Penn State record for most points in a single game. The lanky Lion scored 46 points against Holy Cross in 1961 to break Jesse Arnette's mark of 44 set in 1955 against Bucknell.

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