

Season Opens in Mass.

Redmen Host Gymnasts

By LEW THOMPSON Assistant Sports Editor

AMHERST, Mass. -- Gene Wettstone and the Penn State gymnastics team arrived in the greater Boston area yesterday...

This is the place where the boys at Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill to you history buffs) started all the fun-in and fighting about 190 years ago.

If there's one thing Wettstone doesn't want, it's another revolution, especially in the University of Massachusetts-Boyanon Gym this afternoon when the Lions open the 1966 gymnastic season against the Redmen.

In his own conservative way, Wettstone would like for a season like his team had last year, which may seem to be a defining program and change, but it's pretty hard to improve on a perfect 11-0 record and an NCAA national title in gymnastic circles.

So if the coach's maintenance-status quo attitude seems to make John Birchers into flaming liberals, blame it on the air of revolution in the atmosphere.

Lions Should Win Actually, Massachusetts doesn't appear to offer much of a threat to the Nittany Lions' bid for an opening-meet victory...

Penn State rates as a solid favorite in today's meet, even though the Redmen already have two meets under their belts...

The Lions hold a 2-0 slate in their previous meetings with Massachusetts, and last year's NCAA champions clobbered the Redmen, 93-25, in 1965 at Rec Hall.

This is another year, and another Lion team, however. In 1966, familiar names like Jacobson, Culhane and Saporano no longer dot the Penn State roster.

Isabelle, Cohen Back Captain Ed Isabelle and junior Steve Cohen remain, nevertheless, and that is more than most coaches have.

"You must have at least seven or eight real good men to have any hope of winning a team championship," he said.

After Isabelle and Cohen, Wettstone looks to his other returning letterwinners to pick up the slack created by graduation losses.

"Gene Scofield, Doug Collins, Dennis Paoletti and Gary Williams have all improved this year," Wettstone noted, "and we're counting on them

to provide the necessary depth"

Depth is more essential this year than ever before because the NCAA rules were revised last summer and now permit a school to enter four contestants in each event.

This is especially true since the score a team gets for a given event now is the total of the performances given by its three top men in that event.

Wettstone believes that this new scoring system will lead to lower and more technical scoring by the judges.

"Before, when points were awarded on the order of finish," he commented, "all the judges had to do was establish a level of performance with their scoring."

"This year," he continued, "they have to be more exact with their deduction of points because of deficiencies in a performance."

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limited-events performer, is slated for duty in six events, passing up only the still rings.

Seven of State's eight sophomores probably will see action in the first meet of their varsity careers, including Mary DeSantis (floor exercise and trampoline), Don Dries (side horse), Dave Cogger-hall (trampoline), Don Spiker (horizontal bar, long horse, parallel bars), Dick Runyan (horizontal bar), Ron Kochman (still rings) and Dave Chase (floor exercise).

The rest of the Penn State lineup will be Paoletti (side horse), Schofield (trampoline), and Williams and Larry Warner (still rings).

Despite his confidence in his veterans, the state of Massachusetts, if not its university, worries Wettstone. Just a short distance from Amherst is Springfield.

Springfield is important to the Lions for two reasons. First, it is the hometown of Ed Isabelle, and second it is the home of Springfield College, which visits Rec Hall next week in a meet which Wettstone predicts will be "a fight for survival" for his team.

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Lion Cagers Play Wrestlers Face Lehigh At Carnegie Tech At Grace Hall Tonight

By ALEX WARD Collegian Sports Editor

Carnegie Tech is like the one-man band coming on after Barbara Streisand. The Tartans have got a tough act to follow.

The last basketball team to entertain Penn State was Duke, an aggregation that has met with a relative amount of success so far this year. As a matter of fact, the Blue Devils are considered by most authorities on the subject to be the best basketball team in the country.

Carnegie Tech falls somewhat short in a comparison with the Blue Devils—they don't have a Jack Marin or a Bob Verga and their place on Dunkels ratings is hardly as prominent—but coach Mel Cratsley's team does have a respectable record of 5-2 and a 6-6 sophomore center named Jim Brown.

However, Cratsley's squad hasn't faced the calibre of material that State has. Tech's wins have come against Washington and Jefferson, St. Vincent's, Westminster, Geneva and Grove City, none of which are showing any signs of pushing Duke out of its high ranking.

Therefore it seems a fairly logical assumption that John Egli's team will have little or no trouble winning its eighth game of the season.

Egli, who shuffled his lineup around a little over the holidays, will go with Paul Mickey at center, Carver Clinton and Ray Saunders at the forwards and Jim Reed and Jeff Persson at the guard spots.

Roseboro, a 6-1 senior and a demon on defense, was a starter in the first few games. Though a good ball-handler and a hounder in State's zone defense, he couldn't find his shooting range and Egli benched him in favor of sophomore Persson.

By TOM BRIGGMAN Collegian Sports Writer

It's been an awful long time since an eastern school has won a wrestling meet at Grace Hall.

In fact, the last Lehigh loss at home was to Pitt in February of 1961. This time period encompasses a string of 37 straight home victories for the Engineers.

Tonight, Penn State coach Bill Koll and his matmen will try to stop the Engineer skunk and win this, the 50th meeting of the two schools. The Lions lead the series 29-18-2, but Lehigh has won the last five meets in a row and eight out of the last ten.

Lots of Sophs Lehigh, like State, is loaded with the sophomores. Head coach Gerry Leeman plans to start six of the first-year varsity grapplers against the Lions tonight.

Lehigh is carrying a 3-1 record with wins over Cornell, Syracuse, and Yale, and a loss to Oklahoma. The Engineers' Handball Club Meets

The Penn State Handball Club will hold a meeting tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 269 Rec Hall.

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have NCAA National Champions in Mike Caruso at 123 and Bill Stuart at 137. Joe Peritore, wrestling at 137, was a NCAA runnerup last year.

Lehigh Strong Leeman says that he'll be starting his strongest team of the season as sophomores Jon Ruschitz, 160, and Larry Pfeltz, heavyweight, appear for the first time this season.

Pfeltz has been troubled by a back injury, but is now in top shape, and Ruschitz had to finish out the football season.

State coach Koll is going with veterans Jerry Seaman at 160; Dick DeVall or Joe Eremus, 152; Dave Teller, 191; and Ellery Seitz, a heavyweight. The starting sophomores will be Wally Clark, 123; Tom Hostetter, 150; Vince Fitz, 137; Dave Spanda, 145; Matt Klue, 167; and Rich Lorenzo, 177.

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