



Charlie Getty (top) is one of the top two heavyweights in the East

Matmen set for second season

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The Penn State matmen, along with 13 other wrestling teams, start a second season of sorts, this Friday and Saturday at Annapolis.

Halsey Field House is the site of the 70th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships, the first step in winning a prestigious national title.

As has been the case in the past, Penn State, Navy, and Lehigh are the tourney favorites. The Nittany Lions matmen won the event two of the last three years, relinquishing the title in 1972 to the Middies.

Since the competition began in 1904, Lehigh has won a total of 19 team championships. Penn State is second with 16.

"Penn State is the team to beat this year," according to Lehigh coach Thad Turner. "They have the best overall balance of any team entered. Several teams will have to chip away at them in order to dethrone them."

All in all, the 70th anniversary should be one of the best. Weight by weight, this is what the competition looks like.

118—Penn State's Kevin Woodrow (16-0) will be pitted against tough competition here. Pitt's George Bryant (7-

0) and Columbia's Sal Lanuto (11-0) are the early favorites. Eric Walters (8-1) of Columbia and Dan Blakinger (11-1) of Harvard may cause some surprises.

126—Nittany Lion John Fritz (12-1-1) should get the top seed here. He is undefeated in dual meets, although last week's draw with Rande Stottlemyer of Pitt could easily have been a loss. Other than Stottlemyer, his main competition should come from Dave Groverman (8-1) of Penn. Another top contender is Mike Frick (16-2-1), whom Fritz defeated in the dual meet with Lehigh.

134—Penn State captain Bob Medina (8-2-3) was runnerup last year at this weight. He should be in for a tough battle. Defending champ Tom Sculley (15-0-1) of Lehigh is back, as is Bob Ciarrocco (8-0), a senior from Rutgers who placed sixth last year. Sculley defeated Medina in a dual meet earlier, and should get the top seed.

142—Penn State freshman Bill Vollrath (1-4) has been improving, but he's not quite ready to stay with the best. Defending NCAA champ Dan Muthler of Navy is back, as is Dennis Underkofler of Princeton, who placed fourth in the Easterns last year. Other top grapplers here are

Pat Greene (8-1) of Syracuse, and Larry Trowbridge (10-1) of Columbia.

150—Mike Moussetis (5-4-1) is Penn State's entry in the only wide-open weight-class. Favorites are Ray Sarinelli (9-0-1) of Penn and Jim Bennett (13-1-2) of Yale, who placed sixth last year. Although the records of the latter two are impressive, anything can happen in the early rounds, and Moussetis could possibly make some noise.

158—Defending champ Jerry Villecco (12-1) is back, but so is Cornell's Dale Porter (17-0-1) who finished third last year. Villecco, whose only loss came in the Penn State Invitational at the beginning of the season, should get the top seed.

167—Another Penn State defending champ, Dan Breneman (6-1-2) could have his hands full with Jim Rich (11-3-1) of Colgate and Columbia freshman Jamie Fee, who is currently 11-0.

177—This could be the most exciting weight class in the entire event. Penn State freshman Jerry White (13-1) lost only to Lehigh's Terry DeStito (16-1-2). A rematch in the finals could be in the making. White knows what he did wrong, and thinks he can avoid a reoccurrence. DeStito,

who finished sixth in the nationals last season, should get the top seed. His only loss was to defending 190-pound NCAA champ Greg Strobel, of Oregon State.

Other competition here could come from Steve Bonsall (9-1) of Rutgers. Bonsall had an impressive 68-1 record in two years of junior college competition.

190—Larry Suhey (4-2-0) might have problems in this one. Defending champ Jeff Simons of Navy, who defeated the State College native 15-0 in their dual meet confrontation, should get the top seed. Neal Brendel (13-1-1) of Yale should also be near the top. Brendel drew with Breneman in the Penn State-Yale dual meet this season.

Hwt.—There are only two names worth mentioning here, but when the two meet, the best match of the event may take place. The two are Penn Stater Charlie Getty (6-0) and Yale's Tim Karpoff (14-0), who won this weight class a year ago. Karpoff pinned Getty en route to last year's title.

For the lucky matmen who

make it out of the Easterns alive, a trip to Ames, Iowa is in store. Iowa State is the host of the NCAA tournament, to be held March 14-16.

Six of the ten defending champs are eligible for this year's tourney. They are Don Rohn (134) and Bill Simpson (167) of Clarion State, Dan Muthler (142) of Navy, Michigan's Jarret Hubbard (150), Iowa State's own Rich Binek (177), and Greg Strobel (190) of Oregon State.

Several Penn State grapplers have a shot at a national title. One of those is Fritz, of whom Thad Turner calls "One of the nation's top guns at 126."

Navy boss Ed Peery agrees. "Fritz is one of the top wrestlers in the country," he said. That's not only at 126, but at any weight.

Andy Matter (167) was Penn State's last titleist, winning crowns in 1971 and '72.

Will someone take Matter's place as the latest Lion national champ?

"Only time will tell," said Koli, the Penn State boss for the last ten years.

Riflers eye tourney

Penn State's scheduled rifle match with Brooklyn today was cancelled. However, Sgt. Joe Dilks will be taking his shooters to Annapolis this weekend for the National Intercollegiate Rifle Championships sectional tournament.

The shooting commences March 1 and continues on March 2. During that time, both individual and team marksmanship will be tested.

Penn State will send 12 shooters and three different teams. It's first team will carry the big guns consisting of Kurt Kummer, Mark Hall, Joe Tenaglia and Clyde Plushanski.

Kummer and Hall are shooting around 270 while Tenaglia and Plushanski are at the 260 level.

"I think they're doing pretty good," said Dilks, whose club is 3-3 going into the sectionals. "I feel Kummer is going to go pretty far in rifle—he's an amazing fellow."

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