

## Koll hopeful for nationals

# Seven grapplers qualify

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Seven Lion wrestlers qualified over term break for the national tournament to be held March 17-19 in Norman, Oklahoma.

Jim Earl (134 lbs.), Dave Becker (158 lbs.), Jerry White (177 lbs.), and Bill Bertrand (190 lbs.) each won their weight classes in the Eastern Wrestling League tournament March 5 and 6 at Lock Haven.

Mike DeAugustino was defeated for the first time since his sophomore year in high school in the finals by Clarion's Pete Morelli — who lost to DeAugustino earlier in the season — but the Lion 118 pounder still qualifies by finishing second.

Bill Vollrath (150 lbs.) also finished second as he was upset by Chris Poff of Bloomsburg. Vollrath was pinned after suffering a rib cartilage injury.

He's still working out but the cartilage probably won't be completely healed by nationals. Coach Bill Koll said he'll have to wrestle with the pain unless "some new drug comes along in the next few days."

"He's just going to have to take my

silver bullet along and bite on it," Koll said.

Ashley Swift (167 lbs.) rounds out the Penn State qualifiers as he was chosen as a wild card selection, by the league coaches. Ashley lost on a referee's decision at Lock Haven and finished third in the weight class.

Only three starters failed to qualify as Penn State dominated the tournament. Ray Frantz lost out in the tough 126 lb. class, Geoff Brodhead lost in overtime at 142 lbs., and Irv Pankey was eliminated at heavyweight.

The qualifiers will work out here until Monday and then fly to Norman after Monday's practice.

For most of the wrestlers, now is the time of the year when they must peak condition-wise, but also try to shake off some of the nagging injuries that accumulate through the dual meet season.

Becker is getting over his finger injury and rebuilding his strength after last week's flu; White has been getting whirlpool treatment for his sore left ankle; Bertrand is still getting his knees and ankles taped, and Ashley Swift is still wearing shades to cover up his black eye.

Coach Koll is looking forward to the

tournament because he feels the Lions have several good chances of getting some place winners this year.

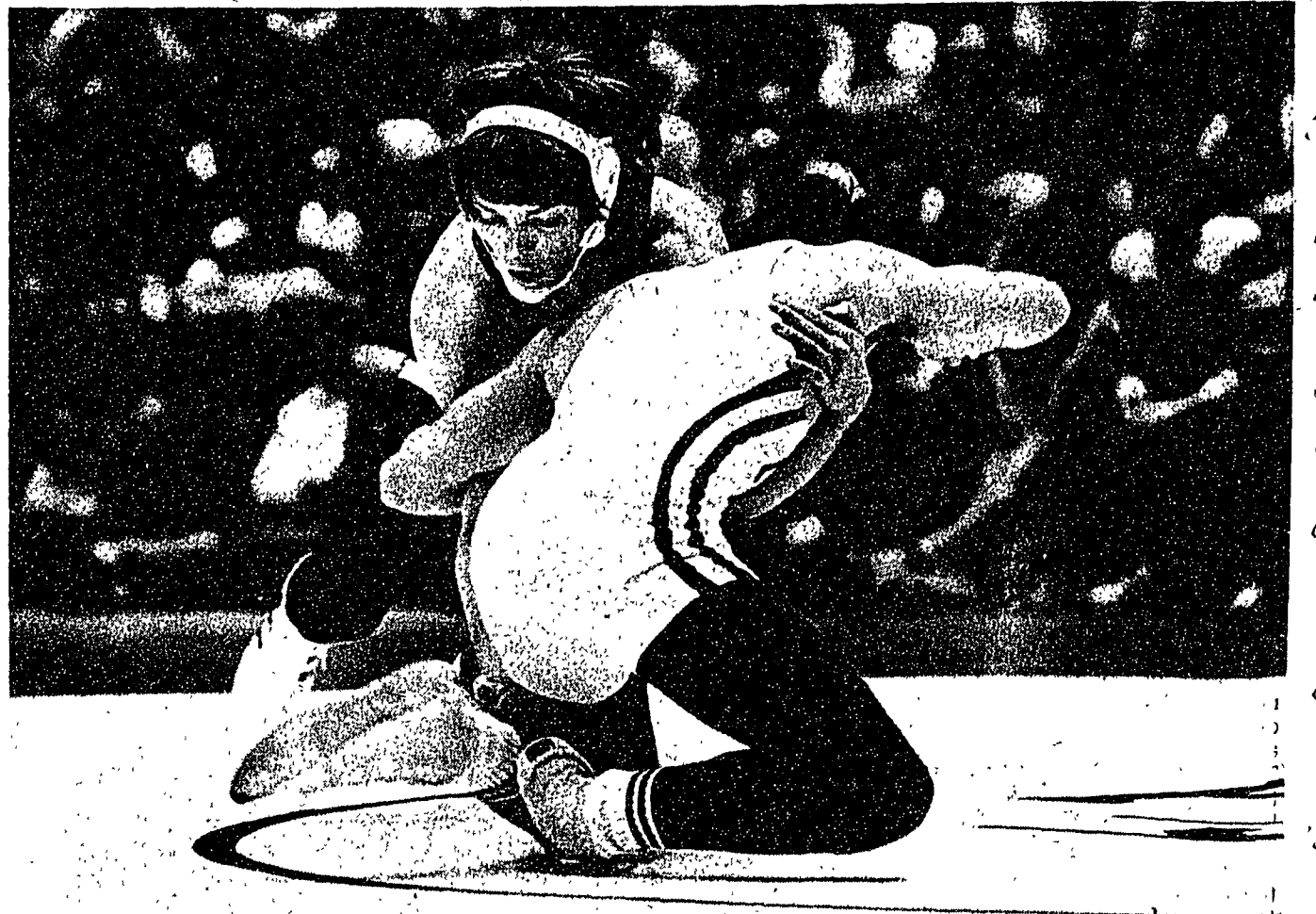
"I know we have some guys that can place, but it's up to them now," Koll said. "I'm not so damn foolish to go out and say we're definitely going to do well. We could all get blown out in the first round, who knows?"

But Koll probably would be a bit disappointed if at least one or two of this year's Lions don't place. Experience has no doubt taught him to be a little wary in wrestling, especially in a short three-day tournament where almost anything can happen.

"It takes ability plus a little luck," he said. Koll himself has won three national titles at 145 pounds and has coached two other champions at Penn State — assistant coach Andy Matter in 1971 and 1972 and John Fritz in 1975.

As a team, the 1977 Lions finished 10-1 and won the EWL for the second straight year. They ended the dual meet season over term break with a 41-7 clobbering of Montclair State.

White finished the year undefeated at 15-0-1 and led the team in falls with four. Becker was 15-1 and DeAugustino was 13-1.



Lion wrestler Ray Frantz was one of only three Lions 126-lb. weight class, not qualifying for nationals, as he was beaten in the tough

Photo by Sally Hunter

## Rode strokes to Eastern championship

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Sophomore Steve Rode, with a first place in the 200-yard breaststroke and a second in the 100-yard breaststroke, was Penn State's standout at the Eastern finals held in Morgantown, W. Va. last weekend.

It was a battle between Rode and Syracuse's Jeff Noury in both events. Rode edged out Noury in the 200-yard breaststroke to set a new Eastern record of 2:08.11. The tables turned, however, in the 100-yard breaststroke. Noury

won the event in 58.15 and Rode was close behind in 58.45. The two swimmers will meet again at the NCAA finals later this month.

In diving, freshman Pat McFadden was second behind Pitt's Tom Faytol on the one meter board. McFadden finished fifth on the three meter board and will go on to the NCAA finals. Faytol won both diving events and was named the outstanding diver of the meet.

Penn State's top diver, senior Rich Maurone, was needed to place high in both events. He sprained an ankle

during practice and was unable to compete. Maurone, captain of this year's diving squad, has qualified for the NCAA finals the past three years.

Two new Penn State team records were set at Easterns. Jon Reitz swam a 22.02 in the 50-yard freestyle. This broke the previous record of 22.10 set by Will Metzger in 1975.

In the 400-yard medley relay, Bill Heib, Steve Rode, Barry Quita and Doug King teamed up to break last season's record with their time of 3:36.40.

Overall, Penn State finished sixth among a field of ten competitors. The University of Pittsburgh completely dominated the meet. Their final total of 498 points was well ahead of second place East Carolina University's 310 points. Third place went to Syracuse with 279 points. Maryland followed close behind with 270 points. West Virginia finished fifth with 241 points. The Lions were a distance sixth, totaling 95 points.

The NCAA finals are set for March 23-24 in Cleveland, Ohio.

## NAHL player faces assault charges in Canada

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — Rick Jodzio, a player for the Erie Blades of the North American Hockey League, has been ordered to stand trial in Canada on assault charges.

He was accused of assault with intent to injure Marc Tardiff of the Quebec Nordiques during a brawl between the Cowboys and the Nordiques last year when Jodzio played in the World Hockey Association.

During the fight, Jodzio allegedly attacked Tardiff with a

stick and caused him to be taken from the ice unconscious. Tardiff suffered extreme brain contusions.

Jodzio, a 22-year-old right winger, was ordered to appear in Quebec Superior Court May 8. The charges carry a possible 14-year prison term.

After a Feb. 26 game with Binghamton, Jodzio was involved in a post-game fist-fight with members of the Broomedusters and filed aggravated assault charges against two of the players. He later dropped the charges.

## Exhibition baseball

Tuesday's Results  
San Diego (N) 7, California (A) 6

Yesterday's Results  
Detroit (A) 5, Boston 4  
San Diego (N) vs. California (A) at Mexicali, Mexico, n-

Today's Games  
Philadelphia (N) vs. Toronto (A) at Dunedin, Fla.

Los Angeles (N) vs. Boston (A) at Winter Haven, Fla.

Detroit (A) vs. Minnesota (A) at Orlando, Fla.

Houston (N) vs. Atlanta (N) at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Pittsburgh (N) vs. Chicago (A) at Sarasota, Fla.

Milwaukee (A) vs. Chicago (N) at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Cleveland (A) at Tucson, Ariz.

Oakland (A) vs. Seattle (A) at Tempe, Ariz.

San Francisco (N) vs. Cleveland (A) at Tucson, Ariz.

California (A) vs. San Diego (N) at Yuma, Ariz.

## Immaculata girls advance in EAIW regional action

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sandy Miller and Mary Scharff combined for 45 points as Immaculata defeated Rutgers 83-70 in women's college basketball last night.

The win moved the Mighty Macs into the semifinal round of the Middle Atlantic regional of the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

Miss Miller scored 24 points and Miss Scharff had 21 as Immaculata drew away in the second half after finishing the first 20 minutes with a two point lead, 39-37.

In other first round games, Carol Blazjowski had 14 points as Montclair State edged East Stroudsburg 75-70, Debbie Stewart scored 28 points to lead Maryland to an 85-72 victory over West Chester and Jen Bel-narek tallied 20 points as Penn State overcame Slippery Rock 73-67.

Cheyney State downed Delaware 70-57, Pittsburgh defeated Lock Haven 77-55, St. Joseph's defeated William Patterson 75-62 and Edinboro took host Temple 77-48.

## Clarion defeated by Grand Valley in NAIA tourney's second round

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Paul Peterman scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds yesterday to lead eighth-seeded Grand Valley to a 79-65 victory over ninth-seeded Clarion State in the second round of the NAIA basketball tournament.

Grand Valley was charged with only nine fouls and won the game at the free throw line, where it outscored Clarion State 19-3. Clarion State jumped to an early lead and was on top by 12 points at the half, but Grand Valley switched offensive

patterns and tied the game at 55-55 midway through the period.

Grand Valley shot 62 per cent from the field in the second half to boost its record to 29-2. Clarion State, led by Reggie Wells' 19 points, dropped to 27-3.

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