

Fencemen try for ninth victory; battle always tough Midshipmen

The men's fencing team will try to sink Navy tomorrow for its ninth win of the season.

But it won't be easy. The Lions have only won one meet from the Midshipmen in their 20 meetings.

Navy brings a 3-4 record with them. In a triangular meet last weekend, Navy lost to Penn, 16-11, and defeated Columbia, 15-12.

"It will be a very difficult task," Penn State coach Mac Garret said. "The problem lies in their outstanding foil team."

A Navy fencer placed fifth in the Penn State Open while the Lions were absent

from final competition. A Navy epeeist made it to the semi-finals while another was knocked out in the quarter-final round of the Open. Navy didn't bring a sabre team to the competition.

"The two teams should prove to be of equal strength," Garret said. "The success that either team will achieve will be based on errors and misjudgements made by their opponents."

Starting in foil are Matt Harris, Brian Gibson and Bart Fried. Don Murray and Stu Rothenberg will fence as alternates.

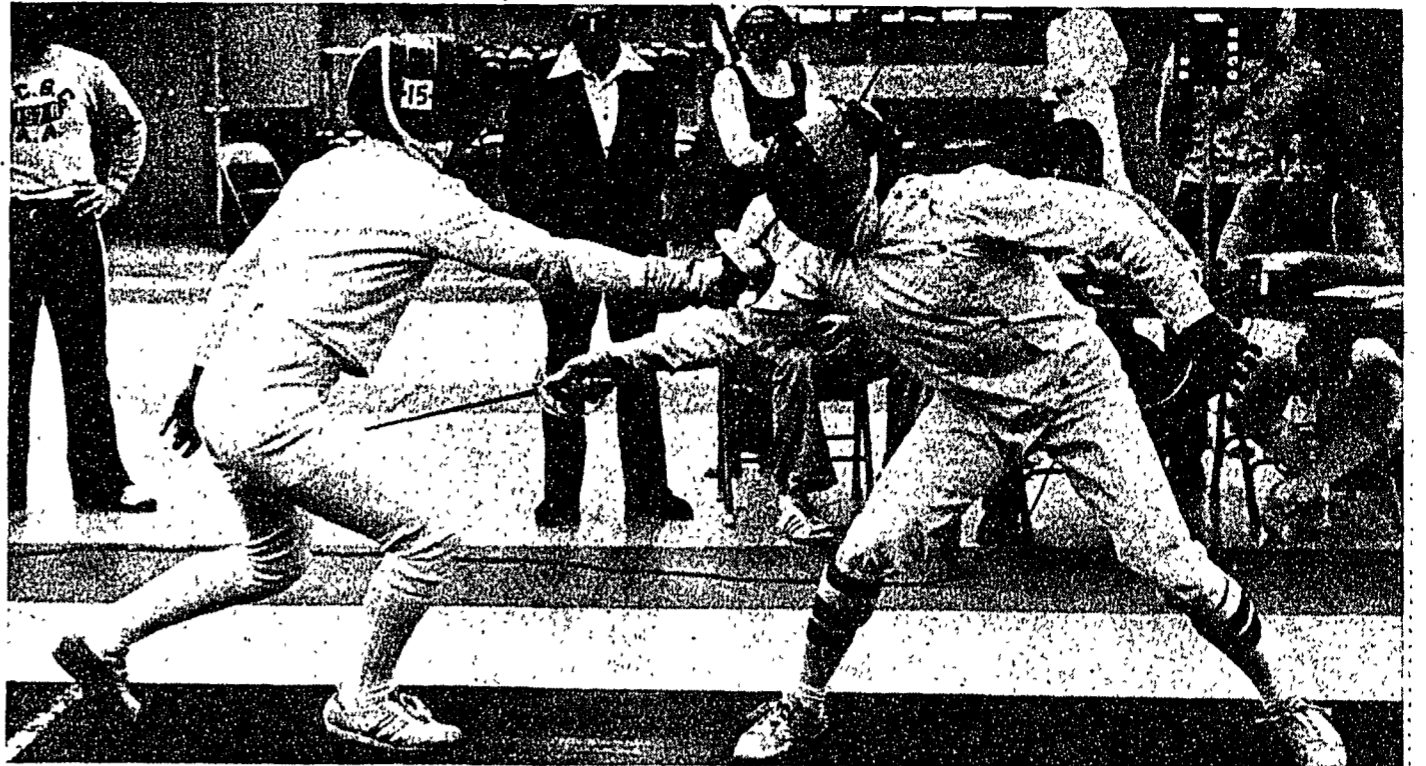
Don Lear, Jim Miller and Dan Jarashow will fence sabre. Harry

Youchak and Stoyan Popovich will substitute.

The epee squad will be Jeff Haney, Mike Corona and Bob Malleck. Hans Ward and Darren Kessler will dress along with Jim Gregg, transfer from the foil team.

Some Lions will be fencing their last meet before a home crowd Saturday. Haney, Youchak, Popovich and Ward will graduate from the team. The last home meet of the season will be over term break, March 3, against Carnegie-Mellon.

—by Becky Andrews



Sabre fencer Harry Youchak and the men's fencing team seek their ninth win of the season when they face Navy

tomorrow at 1 p.m. The Lions have been able to muster only one victory in 20 encounters with the Midshipmen.

Host Jersey City, California State

Fencewomen expect to win twice

Saturday will be an experiment for the women's fencing team as it faces Jersey City State and California State of Pennsylvania.

Coach Beth Alphin said both teams aren't very strong. Jersey City is an all new team with a new coach. They have lost their strongest player, Sheila Armstrong, who gave the Lady Lions trouble on the strip last season. California has just returned from a break and has only practiced one week.

"It's going to be a good weekend for us," Alphin said. "I've really shifted the order around."

In her quest for a number five fencer to help the varsity in the state and national championships, Alphin will try Jan Kappmeyer, Pam Lehning and Ginny Thomas on the first team.

Jersey City will bring six fencers while California will bring only four. Both schools have agreed to fence both the Lady Lions' first and second teams.

In another switch, Alphin has moved Nancy Anderson to the second team. "I want her to get the experience of fencing all eight fencers but without the pressure of a varsity meet," Alphin said.

"We changed Nancy's game. She

didn't have an offense. An opponent knew if they got two touches on her, they just had to wait to win because she wouldn't attack," she said.

"Now, in the process of attacking, Nancy has disturbed her distance. She feels she has to be closer because she's not experienced in offense and has a tendency to get too close and gets picked off coming in."

"She has to develop an offense. You can be primarily an offensive or a defensive fencer but you cannot be exclusively either and be a good fencer," Alphin said.

—by Becky Andrews

Lady tankers seek improvements

While their opponent may not be a Rutgers or a Princeton, the Lady Lion swimmers will be looking to improve their times and record against a 4-3 Slippery Rock team that is potentially dangerous. The meet will be at 1:30 at the Natatorium.

"All of this is part of the long climb to the top," coach Ellen Perry said. "Hopefully, we'll be improving our times and will be able to see how our training program has progressed so far this season."

Penn State will again be placing swimmers in events they don't normally swim in an attempt to qualify more teams for the Eastern championships in March. So far more than half of the girls on the 17-member squad have qualified for Easterns and four for Nationals.

The meet will be distance with lengths of 100 and 200 yards, and 400-yard relays. The Lady Lions have swum only two other distance meets this year so tomorrow's outing will provide new opportunities to qualify in the longer races.

"We're swimming a long meet and will be switching people around to get some new qualifiers," Perry said.

Slippery Rock's main attack will center around the performances of their six All-America swimmers. Chief among these is Les Entwistle, a breaststroker whose best times rival those of Penn State.

Other close matchups could be in the freestyle and backstroke events but the Penn State relay teams should have no problems.

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