

Seek Championship

Fencers Prep for Tourney

By BOBBIE MARX

"We were second at the North Atlantic Fencing Championships last year; this year we have a chance to do better." beamed fencing coach Alexander Dako. With a 4-3 record and a "definitely better team" he hopes to wrap up the tourney at Buffalo this weekend.

Dako is planning on sending a six-man, three-weapon team. Harvey Schuman and James Barmon will start in the foil division, with Richard Beyer and Les Monostory in the sabre class.

Klint Wigren and Bill Wandmacher complete the team as they will participate in the epee competition. Wigren copped the Deau Dellis Trophy this year



for the best fencing record. "If the team has another good day, like last week's 17-10 performance against RIT," Dako continued, "we should be able to have at least one individual champion at Buffalo."

A victory there will net a journey west to the nationals in Detroit a week from this Saturday for all six fencers.

With only two seniors on the team this year, as opposed to a five on last year's varsity. Dako is confidently looking forward to next year. "I especially want to emphasize the frosh team," he concluded. "After all, they are unbeatern."

MAT TICKETS

Tickets for the Eastern Wrestling Championships this weekend at Cornell are still available. Applications should be addressed to Patrick J. Filley, Cornell University Athletic Association. Tickets for all matches cost S7. Tickets for the evening events on March 12 and 13 are priced at S2 each, while afternoon matches or both days cost S1.50 each.



Following is the athletic statement issued Wednesday by Athletic Director James H. Decker and Dean of Men Jim G. Carleton, director of financial aids:

"Recent public discussion of financial aid policies for so-called 'minor' sports at Syracuse University has produced some misunderstandings and forebodings about the future of these activities.

"Actually, assistance will be available for worthy student-athletes in these activities who can meet certain criteria of scholarship and need. The amount of aid, and number of recipients, will depend on scholarship resources, the total needs of the university, and a careful study by the financial aids office of each individual application.

"In effect, the university has moved away from fixed quotas or amounts of aid for specific sports, toward a more elastic aid program with emphasis upon recruitment of all-around students, and a re-apportionment of available financial aid to assist more, not fewer, deserving applicants.

"The coaches involved are congnizant of this change and have indicated their belief that, through more intensive recruiting efforts, they can interest prospects in Syracuse University, with the assurance that many of these student-athletes will qualify for financial aid."

With only two seniors on the What does the statement say? To quote one coach, team this year, as opposed to "The words flow real well, but they don't say anything." five on last year's varsity, Dako The statement is, in effect, a run-around.

The vague second paragraph merely ties together a series of "ifs" — aid will be distributed if there are scholarship resources on hand, if the needs of the university permit, if the financial aids office grants its OK. Also, there is the one big IF — if grants will be available to the "minor" sports after football and basketball are satisfied.

The third paragraph represents a move in the right direction. We have followed the example of Penn State, which sets up no specific quotas for certain sports, but rather establishes a budget and then divides the grants up according to the immediate needs of the different sports.

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"We'll just have to wait and see how the administration cooperates." is the general feeling of the coaches. Only time will tell.

Pitt, Penn State Boast Wrestling Aces

Today's article, the second of three concerning prospects for the Eastern Wrestling Champions at Cornell this weekend, features Penn State, Pitt, Temple and Rutgers.

By RICH GOULD

Neither Penn State (5-4-1) nor Pittsburgh (4-6), nor lesser powers Temple and Rutgers, can boast of good team records, but each has several outstanding wrestlers who could win individual championships at Cornell Saturday.

John Windfelder (Penn State), last year's 123-pound champion, has seven wins without a loss in his division this year. Pittsburgh's Tom Heniff (6-3) should provide some stiff competition for Windfelder.

The "outstanding wrestler" of the Eastern Championships in 1964 was Mike Johnson (Pitt). The 130-pound defending champ has lost only once in six dual matches in 1965.

Penn State's entry in this weight will be Steve Erber (7-3). It is of interest that Erber gained four of his victories at a higher weight class. Don Milone will be Temple's entrant, while Sam Gramiccione will go for Rutgers.

Senior Frank O'Korn (Pitt), sporting an impressive 8-2 record at 137, has gained valuable team points in past Eastern tournaments. In 1963 O'Korn finished third while last year he was fourth. State is very weak here, however, as their entrant. Gion Thiel, has failed to win a match in four attempts.

At 147 pounds the Panthers have the stronger wrestler in Dino Boni (6-2-1), who finished third in the 1964 Easterns. Joe Eremus of the Nittany Lions is 3-3-1. Al Lilley (Temple) could come through in this class.

Another third place for the Panthers

in 1964 went to Tom Bailey. The 157pounder carries a 5-5 mark for the past season. A possible winner is Jerry Seaman of Penn State. After losing three matches at 167, Seaman dropped down one division and proceeded to win five straight, three of which were pins.

The strongest Penn State competitor will be Marty Strayer at 167. The 1964 Eastern champ is undefeated the past two seasons with a 9-0-1 record last year and an 11-0 this season. Pittsburgh is rather weak here with Clair Riley showing only a 1-5-1 record.

The strong 177-division, which already has Franzen of Navy (1964 champ) and Schlendorf of Syracuse, now adds the 1964 runner-up in the person of Pittsburgh's Lee Hall.

The Panther has gone undefeated during the 1965 campaign with an 8-0-2 mark. Penn State's Matt Dunne (3-2) can show only one win at 177, his two other victories coming at higher weights.

Steve Speers (Temple), last year's runner-up. is likely to be the "man-to-beat" at 191. Both Pitt and Penn State are weak here. Al Traunsteiner (Pitt) is 0-2-0 while Ellery Seitz (Penn State) is not much better with 2-5-1.

The heavyweights are just as poor with Bill Bodle (Pitt) showing one win in eight matches, and Don McKenna (Penn State) one in three.



JOHN WINDFELDER



MARTY STRAYER