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Eastern Championships

Wrestlers Eye Title

By RICH GOULD

If Syracuse has any hope of regaining the Eastern Championship from Lehigh, then the lower weight divisions must come through. Throughout the entire 1965 campaign the burden has been on the heavier classes, but now the big men will need help.

This is not an impossibility. Orange coach Ed Carlin says, "We can come up with the championship if everyone does the job he's capable of."

Starting at 123 will be Terry Haise (1-1) whose only loss was to Lehigh's Joe Peritore. Haise, third in the 1964 Easterns, has been plagued by an

injury through most of the season, but Carlin commented, "Terry is in shape and should be ready to go."

Kerin Rafferty (2-4-1) will go for the Orange at 139. Team captain Jim Murrin (137) has won four straight matches after his defeat by Mark Scureman (Army). Jim, who took third place last year, will be in a tough weight class, but Carlin indicates that Murrin has the ability to place high.

The middle of the Syracuse line-up will find George Rodgers (0-1-1) at 147 and Paul Crapsi (1-3) filling in for an injured Kurt Kuppinger at 157.

A lot could depend upon Lew Roberts (5-2-2), who will find himself in a well-rounded 167 pound division. Roberts finished third in last year's tournament at 177 and should be strong in the lower weight class.

Sophomore sensation Tom Schlendorf should be first-seeded at 177. Tom's record of 7-1-1 includes two victories over two-time Eastern champ Gerry Franzen (Navy).

The big question at the 191 class is Gerry Everling's injured knee. The tough senior will probably go as far as his injury permits, and this could be all the way, although tough competition will come from Steve Speers (Tempie) and John Nichols (Navy).

Two-time defending champion Jim Nance (4-0) will be the favorite in the heavyweight bracket. "Bo's" stiffest competition will be from John Illengwarth (11-1) of Lehigh.

PREDICTIONS

123

- 1 — Mike Caruso (Lehigh)
- 2 — John Windfelder (PS)
- 3 — Gary Fowler (Army)
- 4 — Terry Haise (SU)

130

- 1 — Joe Peritore (Lehigh)
- 2 — Bob Steenlage (Army)
- 3 — Mike Johnson (Pitt)
- 4 — Steve Erber (PS)

137

- 1 — Bill Stuart (Lehigh)
- 2 — Jim Murrin (SU)
- 3 — Wayne Hicks (Navy)
- 4 — Frank O'Korn (Pitt)

147

- 1 — Mark Scureman (Army)
- 2 — Dino Boni (Pitt)
- 3 — Bob Hartenstine (Lehigh)
- 4 — Bob Sanders (Navy)

177

- 1 — Tom Schlendorf (SU)
- 2 — Gerry Franzen (Navy)
- 3 — Lee Hall (Pitt)
- 4 — Ray Sepeta (Army)



Tom Schlendorf: Winner at 177?

By NEIL KERR
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Based on this winter's performance, Tom Schlendorf stands an excellent chance to take an individual title at the Eastern Wrestling Championships this weekend at Cornell.

Schlendorf, Syracuse's sophomore star in the 177-pound class, has compiled a 6-1-1 record this season. He figures his toughest competition will come from defending Eastern champ Gerry Franzen of Navy and Lee Hall of Pittsburgh.

"I've beaten Franzen twice this year," noted Tom, "in the Coast Guard Tournament by 5-1 and in our dual meet with Navy by 8-4. That first match was my toughest this year. We were tied 4-4 until I took him down with 15 seconds left."

In a meet with Pitt, Schlendorf fell behind Hall by 2-0, then 4-2, but came on strong in the final period to pull out a 4-4 tie.

Tom's only "loss" came against Matt Dunne of Penn State. The Orange's 177-pounder was leading 8-0 in the first period when he lifted Dunne high and dropped him forcefully on the mat. The move was considered an illegal body slam and when Dunne finally got to his feet five minutes later, he was declared the winner.

Besides the fact that Schlendorf has a chance to win at the Easterns, he believes that Syracuse will do well in the team standings.

"We've got a potential championship team," said Tom. "Maybe we won't get five first places, two or three seconds and a few but if we can get a couple wins, two or three seconds and a few thirds, we can take it."

Schlendorf rated Syracusans Terry Haise, Jim Murrin, Lew Roberts, Gerry Everling, Jim Nance and himself as possible first-place winners at Ithaca.

"In most all our weight classes we have guys who can be right up there - second, third or fourth - and pile up real important points," added Tom. "All our team is pretty healthy now and I feel we're really 'up' for this one."

Schlendorf began getting "up" for wrestling matches at Merrick, L.I., where, in the 7th grade, he competed on a junior high wrestling team.

Later, at Calhoun High School, Tom compiled a 52-2 record over three seasons and won a state intersectional crown in the 167-pound class his senior year.

In the spring of 1963 the Calhoun star received "about six or seven" scholarship offers from schools such as Oklahoma and Maryland before deciding on SU. As a frosh Schlendorf went 8-0 while adding enough strength and weight to put him in the 177-pound division.

This past summer Tom worked out with neighbor and teammate, Jim Murrin, in preparation for his first year on the varsity.

"Jim and I lifted weights together quite a bit last summer, and three nights a week we'd go to various clubs to practice," Tom said.

"Wrestling is very big on the island," he added. "Guys like Greg Ruth and Dean Lahr - former NCAA champs - would be working out with us."

This winter Tom's year-round conditioning program has paid off he could become Syracuse's first sophomore winner at the Easterns since Jim Nance won a title two years ago.

Engineers Favored To Cop Mat Crown

By RICH GOULD

Defending champion Lehigh is predicted to repeat as team titlist at the Eastern Wrestling Championships at Cornell today and Saturday.

The Engineers, third-ranked nationally, show an 11-1 season mark with their only loss coming at the hands of second-ranked Iowa State.

Lehigh can boast of several outstanding performers. Bill Stuart and Joe Peritore earned a total of 24 victories, the most for any pair of Engineer wrestlers in their 56-year history of dual meet competition.

At 123 is Mike Caruso (10-1)



MIKE CARUSO



JOE PERITORE

whose only setback was to Army's Bob Steenlage. This defeat was at 130, not Caruso's normal weight.

Joe Peritore (130) a sophomore, is one-half of the "undefeated twins." His 12 victories show wins over Bob Robbins (Army) and Terry Haise (Syracuse).

Stuart (137), a junior, the other Engineer with a perfect record, has defeated such strong opponents as defending Eastern champ Wayne Hicks (Navy) and Army's Mark Scureman.

Before leaving the lighter weights it is interesting to note that Rich Warnke, a Lehigh reserve, has been tabbed as "the finest substitute in the country."

Warnke's only four matches were all victories and included Eastern champ John Windfelder (Penn State) and Gary Fowler (Army) among his victims.

Heavyweight John Illengwarth (11-1) missed a perfect record by one defeat at the hands of Steve Shippas of Iowa State.

The quintet of Caruso, Peritone, Stuart, Warnke and Illengwarth combined their efforts for an amazing record of 49-2.

Other starters for the Engineers this weekend include: 147 - Bob Hartenstine (6-4-1), 157 - Glen Amsbaugh (3-3-2), 167 - Harley Ferguson (7-3-2), 177 - Rob Bushner (5-4-1) and 191 - Mort McClellan (1-1).

MAT BROADCAST

WAER (88.3 fm) will broadcast the finals of the Eastern Wrestling Championships at 7:45 p.m. Saturday direct from Cornell's Barton Hall. Jon Galinsky and Dan Stone report. Reports on the Easterns will be offered at 6:10 p.m. Friday and 5:55 p.m. Saturday.

157

- 1 — Jeff Stephens (Cornell)
- 2 — Brian Small (Colgate)
- 3 — Jerry Seaman (PS)
- 4 — Ed Sharkness (Army)

167

- 1 — Marty Strayer (PS)
- 2 — Harley Ferguson (Lehigh)
- 3 — Lew Roberts (SU)
- 4 — Fran Ferraro (Cornell)

191

- 1 — Steve Speers (Tempie)
- 2 — Gerry Everling (SU)
- 3 — John Nichols (Navy)
- 4 — Tom Abraham (Army)

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- 1 — Jim Nance (SU)
- 2 — John Illengwarth (Lehigh)
- 3 — Guido Carloni (Navy)
- 4 — Jerry Hyck (Army)