



MAYSER GYMNASIUM—Scene of 60th annual EIWA championships

EIWA opens 180-bout show today

Mayser Gymnasium center of pre-tourney activity

Mayser Gymnasium, scene of the 60th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. Championships today, shone bright under the finishing touches applied by Bob Getchell, tournament chairman, and his forces on Thursday.

Three mats are in place, two from Franklin and Marshall College, the host, and the third from Hempfield High. The "H" for Hempfield could also stand for Harvard, as could the red and black colors.

Harvard is one of the 16 teams in the EIWA warfare that opens today and rages through Saturday night.

The three mats were in place, as were the three match scoreboards on the floor, the giant scoreboard on the wall and the scoring tables for each mat.

The press section was also completed on Thursday.

OPENING DAY festivities will feature 108 of the tournament's 180 bouts.

There will be 72 afternoon matches and 36 at night.

PRINCETON WAS the first team to arrive on the scene for the tournament — outside of the host Diplomats, that is.

The official weighing ceremonies will take place today at 8 a.m.

THE SEEDING committee held its initial meeting at 3 p.m. at Mayser Gymnasium. The final seeding session will take place after the weigh-ins today.

The committee consists of coaches Stan Thornton, Columbia; Jimmy Miller, Cornell; Gerry Leeman, Lehigh; Jim Reed, Princeton; Bob Getchell, tournament director; Frank Carver, president of the EIWA, and George Shiebler, EIWA's executive secretary.

BANNERS CARRYING the name of many of the tournament entries were hung at the west end of the gymnasium late in the afternoon.

There will be five radio stations and a countless number of newspapers covering the weekend activity.



CHECKING POSSIBLE FOES—Coach Roy Phillips (left) and the outstanding member of his 1963-1964 Franklin and Marshall College wrestling team, Saul Shimansky, pour over list of talented entries in 123-pound class of Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. Championships. Shimansky is one of the favorites at 123 in the tournament which opens at Mayser Gym today at 1 p.m.

A VERY informal poll of coaches indicates that a wide open battle is expected for team honors in the weekend warfare. However, most of the coaches feel that Syracuse, the defending champion, is the team to beat again this year.

COACH GERRY Leeman reports his Lehigh team, one of the top regarded entries in the tournament, in good physical condition.

Columbia coach Stan Thornton reports his squad will be without its top 137-pounder, Charley Christensen, a sophomore who had to remain in New York to take weekend examinations. Christensen has won five, lost four and drew in one match, but according to his

coach grew stronger as the season progressed.

PITTSBURGH, ANOTHER school expected to be in the middle of the team struggle, may run into trouble in the 191-pound and the unlimited matches, where the Panthers run short on top talent.

GRAVE CONCERN was expressed over the flooding conditions in many sections of Pennsylvania among tournament officials on Thursday.

The Penn State team, and spectators from that area, it was feared, would find it difficult to reach the tournament location. Turn To Page 51 For More Of EIWA

The 60th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. Championships get underway this afternoon and it's anybody's guess as to who will be wearing the team crown when the two-day competition ends Saturday night.

Franklin and Marshall College will play host to the sixteen member colleges of the nation's oldest collegiate wrestling conference. All action is slated for F&M's Charles W. Mayser Physical Education Center.

One of the keenest team battles in years is expected, as not a single college can boast of an unbeaten season. Pitt comes closest with only an upset loss to Army marring its action against EIWA members, while defending champion Syracuse will be out to atone for regular season defeats at the hands of Pitt, powerful Lehigh and Penn State.

Another contender will be Navy, which brings a 6-2-1 record into the tournament. Army, Cornell, and Rutgers rate as darkhorse possibilities.

Rutgers' chances received a serious blow recently when Bob Rader, the Scarlet Knights' de-



JIM NANCE — Syracuse Unlimited champ

defending 191-pound champ, suffered a back injury in a loss to Lehigh's John Gladish that will keep him out of the tournament.

Two other defending titlists are expected to compete. They include Navy's Gerry Franzen (177) and Syracuse heavyweight Jim Nance, who along with Pitt 130-pounder Mike Johnson appear good bets to walk off with individual crowns. Both are un-



GEORGE EDWARDS Penn State

defeated this season, and Nance is also the reigning NCAA heavyweight champion. Johnson placed second at 123 in last year's NCAA meet.



PETER FREY — Yale Once of F&M

Another highlight of the meet is the expected return of all nine of last year's runners-up while Navy's Wayne Hicks (137), Syracuse captain Dick Slutzky

(157), Pitt's Lee Hall (167), and Temple's Steve Speers (191) sport some of the more prominent spotless individual marks.

Franklin and Marshall finished with a 5-7-1 record, but the host Diplomats are hoping to gain some consolation from the showing of Saul Shimansky. A sophomore, Shimansky recorded an 11-1-1 mark this season and was last year's 123-pound champ at the West Point Freshman Invitational Tournament.

This afternoon's action begins at 1 p.m. with the preliminaries. The quarter-finals are scheduled to start at 8 p.m. Saturday's semi-finals get underway at 12:30 p. m., with Saturday night's final round starting at 7:30.

Lehigh leads the conference in total championships with 15½. Penn State ranks second with 13½, while Cornell is third with 12.



SEEDING EIWA ENTRIES—Six members of the seeding committee of the 60th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. hold preliminary meeting at Franklin and Marshall College's Mayser Gymnasium, site of the two-day tournament starting today at 1 p.m. They are: front row from left, George Shiebler, executive secretary

of the EIWA; Jimmy Reed, Princeton coach; Stan Thornton, Columbia coach; back row from left, Gerry Leeman, Lehigh coach; Frank Carver, president of EIWA, and Bob Getchell, tournament director. Seventh member of committee, Cornell coach Jim Miller, hadn't arrived in time to attend Thursday night's meeting.

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dition. However, officials were much relieved when it was reported that the flood waters were subsiding.

SAUL SHIMANSKY, F&M's chief hope in the talent packed 123-pound division, was asked who he thought would be the toughest entry in his class. "There are nine tough entries, anyone of whom could win the title," Shimansky replied.

However, Shimansky was later heard to say that he felt Lehigh's Rick Warnke was the man to beat in the leadoff class.

SHIMANSKY TOOK the longest workout in the gymnasium on Thursday afternoon. He was attempting to lose one-half pound prior to today's weigh-in.

F&M's Bill Schneiderman, an entry in the unlimited class, also held a workout, as did several visiting grapplers.

COACHES AND athletic directors of all the schools relaxed at a buffet dinner at the Holiday Inn Thursday night.