



J. Polk Smartt

Wrestling for Lehigh has been one constant battle for Pat Smartt. Although he entered Lehigh with a fantastic high school record and is now the reigning E.I.W.A. 130 lb. champion he literally fought his way into the lineup.

In addition he has had to battle injury. This year he opened the season suffering from the after-effects of a separated shoulder which hindered him in his first two bouts before being sidelined.

Pat's success is by no means unexpected. At the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn., he won the Mid-South Tournament twice and compiled a string of over 40 consecutive victories.

In his freshman season at Lehigh, Pat compiled an impressive 4-1-1 record and was the recipient of the Roy A. Lewis Award.

His fine first season was still not enough to allow him to break into the Engineer lineup in '60. As a spot wrestler on the Eastern champion squad he compiled an impressive 5-2 record.

Last season Pat won his position in the lineup by defeating all contenders in wrestling trials. He rewarded Coach Leeman's confidence with an outstanding 9-0-1 mark. Pat capped his fine season by annexing the Eastern Title.

This season has been one of hardship for Pat. Suffering from a shoulder injury he still managed to finish second in the Coast Guard Tournament. After a slow start Pat rebounded to take 7 of his last 8 matches and finish with a 7-3 record.

Defending EIWA Champs Stake Title At Annapolis

By PHIL KINZEL

Lehigh grapplers are defending their EIWA crown in the 59th tournament at the U. S. Naval Academy against such strong opponents as Syracuse, Pitt, Navy and Penn State. Rutgers, Cornell, and Temple with its impressive 11-1 dual meet log will also try to figure into the title picture along with other EIWA teams, F&M, Brown, Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, Penn and Yale.

The Engineers have John Illengwarth back in the lineup and Harley Ferguson is in at 167.

The team left by car for Annapolis yesterday afternoon in order to weigh in at 8:00 this morning. Preliminaries begin at 1:00 p.m. and the quarter-finals are this evening beginning at 8:00. The semi-finals and finals are tomorrow.

Three Engineers, Bill Merriam 123, Pat Smartt 130, and Kirk Pendleton 157, returned to the tournament to defend the Eastern titles that they won last year.

Smartt probably has the toughest job in defending his crown against such strong bidders as Bob Haney (8-0-1) Penn State, Mike Johnson (6-0-2) Pitt, and Bethel Greenhalgh (7-1-1) Syracuse. Haney, who could conceivably be seeded first at 130, had to settle for third place last year. Greenhalgh is another experienced tournament wrestler who was eliminated by Smartt in the semi-finals last years, 2-0. Greenhalgh has beaten Smartt in a dual-meet this year and had his only loss to Haney, 8-5. Mike Johnson is out to prove his talent in his first encounter with the EIWA tournament. The "dark-horse" of this weight class is Dennis Farrar (0-2) of Navy. Farrar was second in last year's tournament.

Merriam, who is favored at 123, will probably get a strong bid from Terry Haise (Syracuse) for the champ's crown. Haise (7-1) defeated Merriam in the dual-meet. Other strong wrestlers in this division are Mounts (8-2-1), F&M; Pike (6-3), Rutgers; Slattery (2-3-1), Penn State, and Crawford (5-3), Navy. Slattery and Crawford were third and fourth respectively in last year's tournament.

Lehigh does not expect Kirk Pendleton to have any difficulty in retaining his crown at 157. It seems to be the weight class to avoid at the tournament. Mike Natvig, Army NCAA champ, dropped to 147 for obvious reasons. John Carr (5-3) of Pitt is also trying to drop down to 147. Carr was crushed by Kirk 10-0 during the season. Perhaps, Carr will be better off at 157 since he is probably seeded second and may have a better chance of getting the runner-up position at that weight.

At 147 Carr would have to contend with powers such as Natvig (6-1), George Edwards (9-0), Penn State, and Lehigh's Doug Koch (4-0-2). Koch could be seeded third and with that break could go quite far if not all the way.

Returning champ Mike Harmon of Navy is favored at 137. Jim Murrin (7-1-1), Syracuse, and veteran Ed Winborn (4-3-1), Army, are other strong contestants. John Leek has his first experience in EIWA tournament wrestling.

Harley Ferguson is in a tough class at 167 with strong candidates like Cummings (11-0), Cornell; Jim Harrison (6-1-1), Pitt; Gary Sirota (6-1-1), Syracuse. Cummings, who could be seeded first, settled for a fourth place at 157 last year. Pitt has high hopes of having an Eastern champ with Harrison who took a third last year. Other entrants are Armentrout (6-0), Princeton; Pereira (7-3), Harvard, and Strayer (5-3-1), Penn State.

Lehigh hopes to have John Gladish seeded first at 177. John suffered his only loss to Gwynn Vaughn of Army who is replaced by Ray Nickla. Nickla finished second at 191 last year and should offer strong competition at 177. If Ken Barr, Pitt, drops to 177 he will no doubt present a serious threat to all opponents. Barr was runner-up to Jim Detrixhe of Lehigh last year. Others at that weight are Lew Roberts (5-1-2), Syracuse; Lee Hall (4-4), Pitt, and Yancowitz (8-2), Columbia.

Syracuse has its eye on EIWA crowns for favored Gerry Everling (6-0) and Jim Nance (8-0) at 191 and heavyweight respectively. Everling will receive the most competition from Ed Pohland (4-1-1), Penn State; Tebben (5-2), Navy; John Burns (5-3-3), Lehigh, and Barr if he weighed in at 191. Burns, who wrestled heavyweight in last year's tournament lost to Everling, 8-1, in the dual meet. Burns and Pohland competed at heavyweight in last year's tournament. Pohland finished fourth at that weight.

Everyone wishes that John Illengwarth (7-1) was in better condition for his first EIWA tournament. Illengwarth has been using a harness for protection to his chest. John is probably seeded third after Nance and defending champ Ed Shearer (6-0-1), Rutgers.

Although undefeated Syracuse (9-0) looms as the favorite, coach Leeman feels confident that Lehigh matmen will retain the EIWA championship title.

Pittsburgh coach Rex Peery comments, "I realize Syracuse has two sure winners but I still think Lehigh might win it. A lot depends upon what teams have wrestlers finishing third and fourth. As for us, we are just a little too young."

Navy rates the nod as a "dark horse" for tournament laurels. The Midshipmen have not won an Eastern crown in 16 years but finished third last season. "Navy could possibly spoil things for somebody," comments Coach Gerry Leeman. "They are usually not too tough when they are off the base but become very difficult on their own mats," he added.

Pitt does not have high hopes of winning the team crown, but Peery is hopeful for two individual titles for Mike Johnson and Jim Harrison. Although Pitt has finished behind Lehigh the last two years, the Panthers won titles in 1954-55-56, the first three years they competed. In 1960, they tied with Penn State for the title.

In last year's tournament the Engineers took home everything but the wrestling mats at Penn State. Lehigh had six of the nine individual titles and outdistanced its nearest competitor for the team crown by 27 points.



Kirk Pendleton

Wrestling captain Kirk Pendleton has become the first man in the 53-year history of the sport at Lehigh to complete a career with an undefeated dual-meet record. He is a two time Eastern champion at 157 pounds, gaining the Outstanding Wrestler Award last year, and is favored to retain the title.

However, Pendleton has yet to attain his personal goal of winning a national championship. Kirk has come in second the last two years and hopes this will be his year to capture the title.

Pendleton's career began at the Academy of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, when as a student he was the only one small enough to wrestle at the 95 pound class, and was drafted into the squad. Kirk came to Lehigh during the summer of 1951 to attend the annual wrestling clinic. After this first meeting with Coach Gerry Leeman, Pendleton returned every year to further develop his skills. In addition, he began a year round program of calisthenics and conditioning.

Pendleton's sincere determination to do well and his continuing efforts to improve himself have been displayed throughout his career at Lehigh. He has been a keystone on Lehigh's wrestling team for three years, and is now an important cog in the Engineer's drive to retain the Eastern Inter-collegiate Wrestling Association crown.

As for the future, Pendleton plans to enter into the 1964 United States Olympic Team competitions. After this he will further his studies on the graduate level in business administration, dropping his active participation in wrestling.



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