

Grapplers meet No. 10 Syracuse

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If there is one thing that can be said about 1985 wrestling team, it is that coach Rich Lorenzo's squad is not ducking anybody as it shoots for a national championship.

The Lions have eight Top Twenty teams on their 14-meet schedule, and two of those remaining six opponents are ranked in the Top Forty.

After successfully opening its dual meet season with a 23-19 win over fourth-ranked Oklahoma State last Friday, Penn State faces no easier task as it meets No. 10 Syracuse at 8 p.m. tonight in Rec Hall.

Lorenzo said that the Orangemen will be just as tough as Oklahoma State, despite being ranked several notches below the Cowboys.

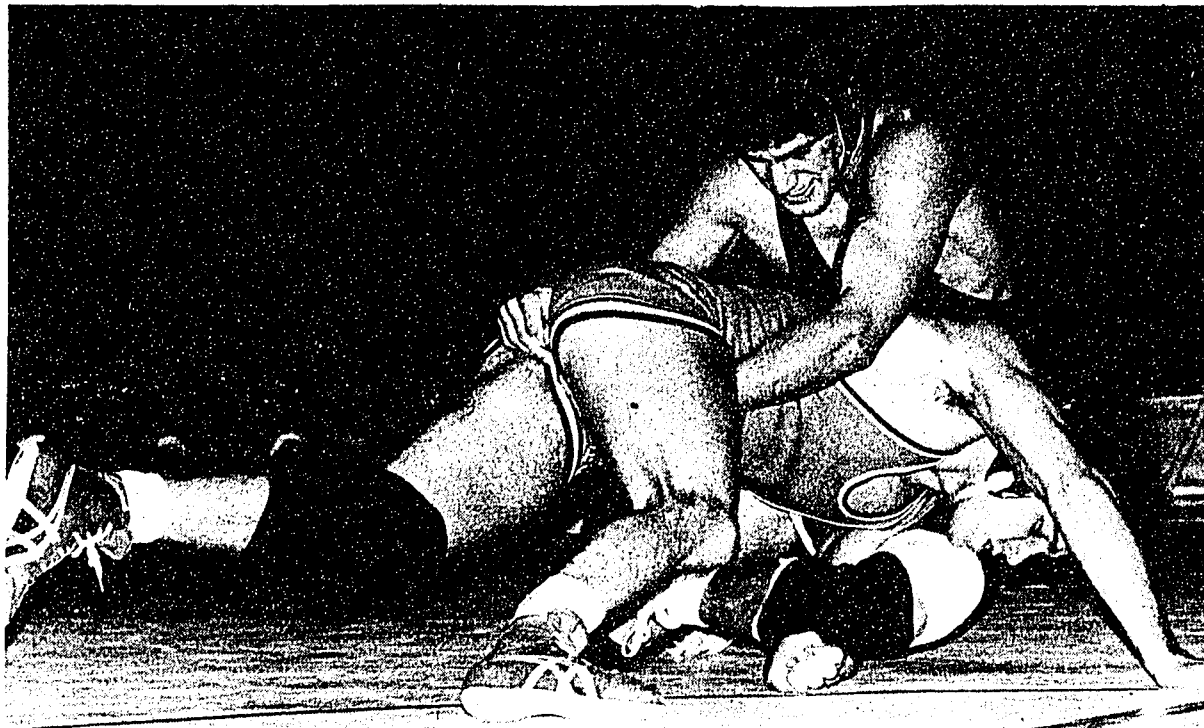
"We can't overlook Syracuse or we won't stand a chance of beating them," Lorenzo said. "We have to treat them like they are our next challenge, our next opponent, and we have to treat them with every bit of the respect we would give an Oklahoma State or an Iowa.

"We are going to have to have an effort as good if not better than the one we did against Oklahoma State to come out on top."

Tri-captain Eric Brugel said that Syracuse is capable of beating anybody.

"They don't care that we beat Oklahoma State," Brugel said. "They have a good team. They are real strong in the lower weights. We realize there could be kind of a let-up after that big win, but we know we have a match on our hands (tonight)."

Last year Penn State won 25-20 as Marty Bollinger, wrestling for the injured Gary Kaschak, upset the



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Penn State's Greg Ellinsky (top) works to turn his Oklahoma State opponent in a 158-pound bout last Friday in Rec Hall. The Lions downed the fourth-ranked Cowboys 23-19 and host another Top Ten team — No. 10 Syracuse — at 8 tonight.

Orangemen's Cary Broad at 142 pounds. Broad had just captured the 142 pound title at the 1984 Penn State Invitational the week before.

This year Broad returns along with six other starters, five of whom are ranked nationally. Tony Cotronio is sixth at 118, Mike Catania is 12th at 134, Marty Lynch is sixth at 150, Wayne Catan is first at 177 (but may wrestle at 190 against the Lions), and Andy Schwab is second at heavyweight. Broad is not ranked, but Lorenzo said that is an oversight.

For the Lions Tim Flynn is eighth

at 126, Joe Hadge is 15th at 134, Kaschak is 15th at 142, Chris Bevilacqua is third at 150, Greg Ellinsky is first at 158, Brugel is sixth at 167, and Dan Mayo is seventh at 177.

Lorenzo said that Syracuse is a brawling type of team.

"They are physically tough, they are aggressive and they like to mix it up," Lorenzo said. "We expect a real battle from this team because they have excellent personnel and some proven wrestlers, and even their young kids are some of the best recruits, not only in the east, but in the entire nation.

"Any team in the Top Twenty is capable of beating any other team if you give a subpar performance. You have to go out there and give it all you've got every time you go out on the mat."

Brugel said the Lions are looking forward to tonight's match but they are not overconfident.

"We feel confident against anybody, but we don't feel that we can just walk in there and beat them," Brugel said. "We have to have our best team out there wrestling the way they are capable."