

Navy takes on highly-touted Lehigh wrestlers

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Navy assistant wrestling coach Mike Frick could be at odds with himself this afternoon, when the Midshipmen play host to perennial power Lehigh in the second half of a big doubleheader at the Naval Academy's Field House.

Frick, now serving in the Navy and assigned to the academy to help with the wrestling team, was a national champion while wrestling for Lehigh a few years ago. Today will be the first time in his life he will have the task of cheering against his Alma Mater.

Another bit of irony concerns Navy wrestler Doug Heimbach, who is a native of Bethlehem, Pa., the land where Lehigh is king.

"If there ever was a match I'd like to win, this is it," said Heimbach. "There will be a lot of people from my home town down here cheering for Lehigh."

The competition against Lehigh is special to Heimbach simply because wrestling fans from his home town will be here in force.

For Frick there is no conflict of interest or feelings.

"I don't have any mixed feelings," stated Frick. "I hope we beat them. I'm on this side now."

"It's all a game," said Frick with a smile. "I want to beat Lehigh because I'm on this team now."

Navy coach Ed Peery explained how the Lehigh fans verbally ride him during matches between the teams. "But," said Peery, "I'd be willing to bet that this time they'll be riding you know who," he added nodding in the direction of Frick.

"I hope they do ride me," noted Frick, "because that will probably mean we're winning."

Peery knows that Lehigh has an outstanding team this year and that the Pennsylvania school has some very good freshmen and sophomores. The Navy coach cannot feel that his team will have any edge in experience since, as he says, "we have a lot of freshmen in our lineup, too. We're going to give it our best," assured Peery. "We can't do any more than that."

The coaches, Peery, Frick and Reggie Wicks, got back to work by discussing the dos and don'ts for certain wrestlers. The talk included comparing the strategies and strengths of the Lehigh wrestler against the abilities and strengths of the Navy wrestlers.

There is a great deal of strategy put into the preparation stages of such an important match and that includes making the decision as to which Navy wrestler could fare the best against the Lehigh wrestlers in the same weight classes.

The Navy team had a nine-match win streak stopped last Saturday at Penn State and just prior to that match, Penn State had been beaten, 27-15, by Lehigh.

The Engineers from Bethlehem, Pa., are led by NCAA champion Darryl Burley at 134 pounds and NCAA runnerup Mike Brown at 190 pounds. But the Lehigh team also has another pair of unheralded wrestlers in 118-pound freshman Rich Santoro and 177-pounder Colin Kilrain.

Kilrain, Brown and Burley all have lost once this season, while Santoro has been beaten twice.

The Navy team has a pair of leaders by example in junior Heimbach at 126 pounds and freshman John Reich at 167. Heimbach will take a 13-1 record into the match, which Reich has a 16-3 mark which includes 14 victories by fall.

Other top records for Navy include Frank Shaffer's 15-4 record at 150 pounds and Barry Kenny and Pat Brady are both 10-3 at 142 and unlimited, respectively.

The match gets under way at 4 o'clock and will draw the biggest crowd of the season to a Navy wrestling match. Lehigh usually brings with it hundreds of fans to support the team even on the road. Interest in the Navy wrestling team has been climbing this season and the local fans have been working up to this match against Lehigh.

The Engineers of coach Thad Turner have won the last three engagements with the Midshipmen including a decisive 33-11 decision a year ago in Bethlehem.

Lehigh is currently ranked sixth in the nation, having shown good strength in a mid-west tour. Lehigh is easily the best in the East according to the rankings which show only Clarion (Pa.) State College joining Lehigh in the top 20. Clarion is listed as No. 15.

The big doubleheader will get started at 1:15 when the Navy basketball team goes against a Penn State team that is showing the improvement hoped for when Dick Harder was hired as head coach.

For those fans desiring to attend both the basketball and wrestling, there is a cut rate ticket. Separate

tickets for the two events are \$3 each, while a combined ticket will cost only \$4.

Penn State comes in with a 14-9 record, compared to Navy's 9-9 mark. As if it isn't enough to have his team going against a bigger and highly physical team, Navy coach Bob Hamilton now will have starting guard and team captain Bruce Grooms sitting with him on the bench, rather than playing on the floor.

"Grooms injured his knee in practice yesterday (Thursday)," reported the Navy coach. "He'll be out for sure this weekend and could be out quite a bit longer."

Hamilton will either simply insert Kevin Cotherman into Grooms' position or move freshman David Brooks, the team's leading scorer, to point guard and use Vic Smith at the other guard spot. Smith has played well in spot relief for the Midshipmen. That decision might not be finalized until the last minutes prior to the tip-off.

Navy will probably have some trouble matching up with the Penn State starting lineup. The Nittany Lions are led by 6-9, 230-pound Frank Brickowski, who has a 10.6 scoring average, and 6-7 Rich Fetter, who has a 10.4 average.

Brooks' outside shooting has pleased the Navy crowds, but he has made many freshman mistakes which must be expected. Second to Brooks in scoring is another guard Chuck Green, who has been off and on. Navy, however, will have to get a good inside game from John Geshay and Myron Simons if it's hopeful of regaining a plus .500 percentage.

The Midshipmen have dropped three consecutive road games and have not won since defeating Fordham two weeks ago.

In a third event at the field house today, the indoor track team will run against Manhattan.

The men's fencing team faces Penn State beginning at 1 o'clock and the women fencers meet George Mason starting at 3. The fencing matches will be held in the third floor loft at MacDonough Hall.

On Sunday, the women's basketball team hosts Mount St. Mary's, with the tip-off slated for 2 p.m. The women's gymnastics team meets George Washington at 2 o'clock.



ED PEERY, Navy's head wrestling coach, feels his team is wrestling as well right now as at any time during the season. Today his team has the unenviable task of going against Lehigh, which comes in ranked sixth in the nation. "We'll give it our best. You can't ask for any more than that," says Peery.

IOC discusses many Olympic problems

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — The executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) met Friday to discuss the U.S.-led threatened boycott of the Summer Olympics in Moscow and the tangled question of Chinese representation at the Winter Games in Lake Placid.

Leaders of the U.S. Olympic Committee — president Robert Kane and executive director Don F. Miller — are expected to meet with the executive board during the

session, which is likely to run through part of Saturday. The full session of the IOC, where final decisions will be made, starts Sunday and runs through Tuesday.

Kane and Miller are carrying a message from President Jimmy Carter, asking that this summer's Olympic Games be moved from Moscow or canceled if Soviet troops are not withdrawn from Afghanistan. It was learned that Lloyd Cutler, Carter's special counsel, flew into Lake Placid

Thursday and met with Olympic officials on the president's demand that the Summer Games be moved from Moscow.

IOC members gathering for the full session appear unanimous that Carter's plea be rejected and that the Games go on in Moscow as planned. Carter has said he would not favor a U.S. team competing.

Chinese Olympic officials also are likely to go before the executive board to discuss the situation that has arisen over the

Taiwanese team.

In a package deal aimed at bringing Mainland China into the Games, the IOC ordered Taiwan to drop the name and flag of the Republic of China and call itself the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, using a special Olympic flag. But a state court judge in nearby Plattsburg on Thursday upheld a suit filed by the flag bearer of the Taiwanese team and ruled he could carry what flag he pleased.

The appeal was filed in Albany, N.Y., in the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court by lawyers of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee. The committee was named in the suit filed in state court by Liang Ren-Guey, a Taiwan Nordic skier.

William Kissel, chief counsel for the organizing committee, said that if Liang himself asks for accreditation he will be admitted under the Republic of China Olympic Committee as the suit directs. It was not clear what the committee would do if the entire delegation asked for accreditation.

Taiwan's long-standing battle to keep its name, flag and anthem in Olympic competition took a new turn Thursday when



State Supreme Court Justice Norman L. Harvey ordered the Organizing Committee to ignore an International Olympic Committee order that Taiwan come up with a new flag and anthem.

The Appellate Division said it would hear the case Monday.

"We are just waiting, we have no idea what we should do" Lee said. "The urgent thing for us is training for our athletes."

Athletes and officials from mainland China have been living in the Olympic Village for several days. When the Taiwan group arrived they were turned away because they refused to accept any designation other than Republic of China.

There was no comment from the Peking delegation. Chao Xuereen of Radio Peking's English language service said Li Menshau, vice president of the Chinese committee and the group's chief of mission, would have no comment until he has talked to Olympic officials.

"The Chinese people take this matter very seriously. If this ruling is allowed to stand, it will again create two Chinas, and our people vehemently oppose this. The IOC ruled last year that the so-called Republic of China would have to compete under a new flag and a new anthem. It is my personal opinion that the IOC, the Lake Placid Olympic Group, and our friends in America will uphold the justice of the IOC ruling," said Jin Yuan, a reporter for the Chinese news agency Xinhua.

The LPOOC offered the Taiwanese accommodations and accreditation to train and compete under a new name approved by the IOC last year. But the Taiwan team has refused to accept any designation other than its old one as the Republic of China Olympic Committee. The Taiwan delegation moved into a Lake Placid motel.

With the Taiwan decision was under appeal, the IOC executive board had to consider what to do if the judge's ruling is upheld. One possible solution is to do away with flags at the opening ceremony altogether, and tell each competing team to carry an Olympic flag.

The IOC has considered that alternative more than once in the past when nationalistic problems have threatened to undermine the games.

The IOC's inner cabinet consists of the president, three vice presidents and a five-man executive board.

A Russian, Vitaly Smirnov, is one of the vice presidents. The whole group was present Friday except senior vice president Mohamed Mzail of Tunisia, who messaged that he was delayed but expected to arrive in time for the full session.

Blazers send two vets away

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Two starters on Portland's 1977 National Basketball Association title team were sent packing Friday as the Blazers dealt forward Maurice Lucas to the New Jersey Nets and guard Lionel Hollins to the Philadelphia 76ers.

The shakeup, which brought Nets' rookie forward Calvin Natt to the Blazers, had been anticipated for several weeks because both Lucas and Hollins were seeking bigger contracts.

Both also had seen their playing time diminish drastically this season. Ironically, Hollins had been elected the Blazers' captain by his teammates this season, and Lucas was the captain last season.

The trade left Bob Gross, Dave Twardzik and Larry Steele as the only players remaining from the '77 title team.

Lucas, once considered the epitome of a power forward, had two years remaining on a contract that reportedly pays him \$350,000 per year. Prior to the start of this season, he had demanded that the Blazers either renegotiate his contract or trade him.

"I don't think there's any question in my mind that as of now, Calvin Natt helps our team much more than Maurice Lucas has been helping us," said Blazers' Coach Jack Ramsay.

"I'm disappointed in losing Maurice Lucas in respect to the fine play that he's given us in Portland," Ramsay added.

Weekend wanderings



Joe Gross

We often see that an event is being held for the benefit of one charity or another, but rarely do we see the direct outcome of the charitable donation.

I am pleased to learn that we can see something as a result of money raised for one event. The annual Annapolis 10-mile Run, sponsored by First Federal Savings & Loan Association and run by the combined group of the Severna Park Funrunners and Annapolis Striders, is proudly announcing its donation to the American Heart Association.

It's apropos that as "Heart Month" begins — February is Heart Month across the country — the Anne Arundel Community College's "Prescribed Active Cardiac Exercise" program was presented an expensive defibrillator for its use.

The special cardiac monitor was presented to Cal Peterson, the coordinator of the PACE program for use at the college last week. The monitor was purchased by proceeds from the fourth running of the Annapolis 10-miler held last August. More than 1,700 runners participated in the run.

Plans are already in the making for the fifth edition of the event for Aug. 24, 1980.

Well-known Annapolitan Charlie Skipper will be the manager this coming season of the Marina Bath & Racquet Club in Eastport. Skipper, who has a great deal of experience in athletics and running programs, is hoping to improve the events at the club by creating a more structured program. He announced that the courts will be resurfaced in the near future and that he will have Dave Brown and Anita Verner employed as teachers for the instructional program. Brown is out of the Naval Academy, while Verner is a product of University of Maryland. Skipper is an avid tennis player and is versed in the management end of the club as well.

McGarvey's Lacrosse Club has announced that Craig Hubbard will be its coach for the coming season. Hubbard who has coached at Severn School and as an aide at Maryland, will have the team out practicing one week from today at the Anne Arundel Community College field.

McGarvey's will play its home games at Weems-Whalen Field in Annapolis. The season will start out with the team playing four top college teams. On the weekend of Feb. 23 & 24, McGarvey's will play at University of Delaware and University of Maryland. On March 1 & 2 the Green Machine will meet Navy and UMBC. The Navy game will be played at the academy's artificial turf field and will be a benefit for the Anne Arundel General Hospital children's services. Keep the date on your calendar.

Annapolis' Debbie Price has become a top performer for the Frostburg State College women's swimming team, having transferred from Maryland. She has set three individual team records, been on two record-setting relay teams and established another pool record.

Crofton's Rusty Black, an Arundel High School graduate, is also swimming at Frostburg and is enjoying a successful season.

Annapolis' Dwain Thomas has established a Frostburg record of 1:13.0 for the indoor 600-yard run. Thomas is a freshman at the school.

I've been informed by Harry Dobson, the head of the local of-

officials' group, that there will be a series of meetings for the Amateur Softball Association officials. The meetings are slated for March 4, 11, 24, 31 and April 28. Dobson hopes to have as many umpires as possible attend the meetings which begin at 7 p.m. Coaches are also invited to attend the clinics. For further information call Dobson at 263-6388.

The Chesapeake Lacrosse Officials Association needs more men to call games this spring. Anyone wishing to become a lacrosse official should attend a meeting at the Arundel Center at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 19. Or call Dan Winegrad at 263-3382 or Dick Larrimore at 263-4797.

Davidsonville's Linda Zang, one of our county's prime candidates for the in-limbo Summer Olympic Games, was among a group of equestrians testing the surface that will be used for the World Cup Grand Prix event to be held in April at the Baltimore Civic Center. This will be the biggest international equestrian event ever held in the United States.

Linda, who is the Maryland chairman of the United States Equestrian Team, announced her feeling that the proposed surface was very good for the competition that will be held April 23-27.

Andover High School graduate Steve Stielper went over the 2,000-point mark in his career at James Madison University. The senior standout got over that milestone en route to a 25-point performance in JMU's win Tuesday night over William & Mary.

Annapolis grads Annette Rolle and Bernadette Vann are still excelling for Bowie State College's women's basketball team. Rolle is a valid All-America and leads the team in scoring.

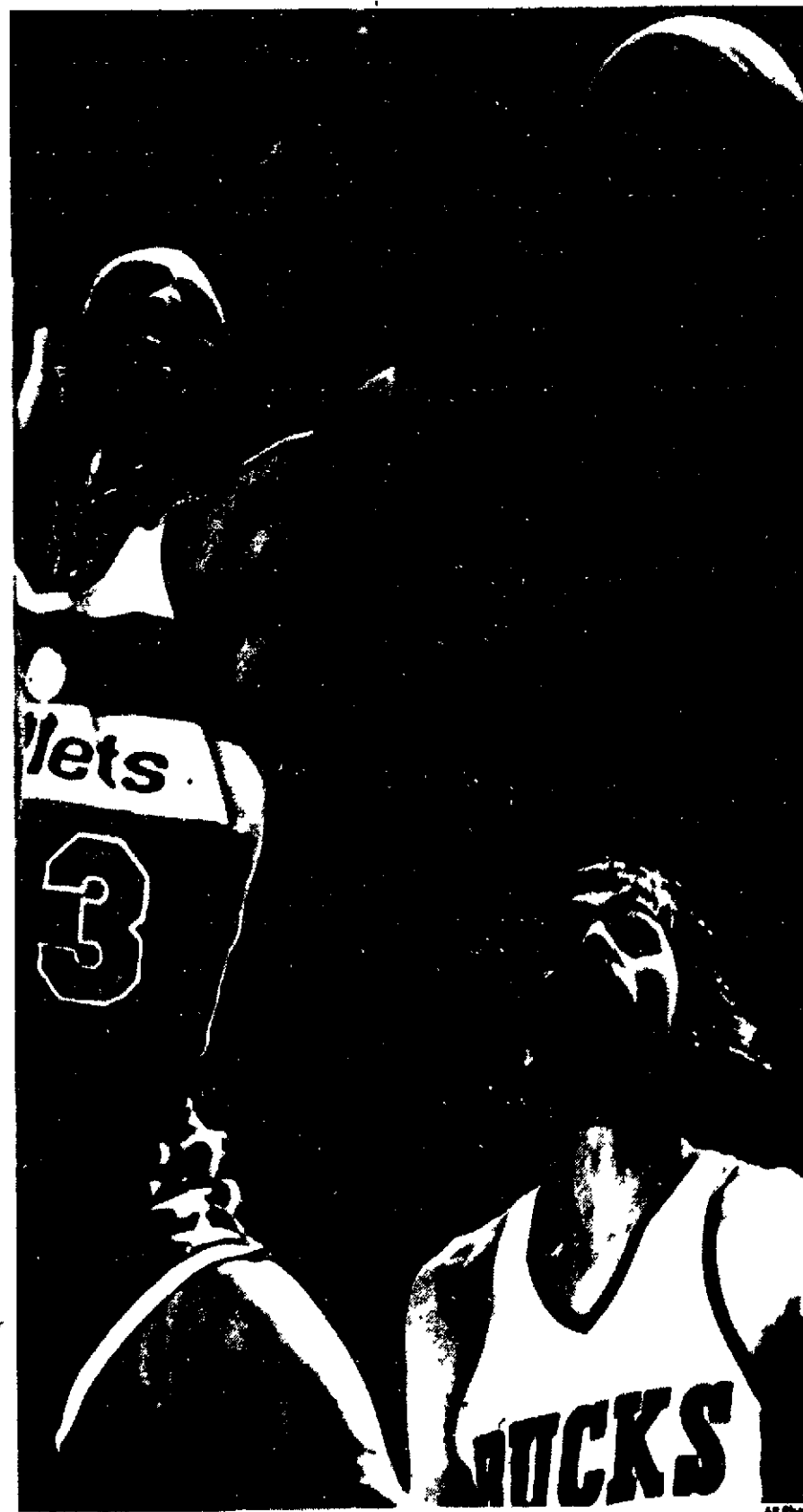
I understand that Southern High School's super sports fan and sports photographer Buddy Tull is headed for a stay in Calvert County's hospital. Get out of there fast, Buddy.

And, a brighter note on a similar subject, Steve Carroll, the former coach and athletic director at Arundel High School is getting out of Johns Hopkins University Hospital after undergoing surgery on his eyes. Steve lost his sight after an odd chain of events that started with an infection in his foot. There's nothing definite on the success of the operation as yet, since it takes time to find out whether or not any of his sight will be returned. Our prayers are with you, Steve. And, if you have a spare moment you might throw in an extra prayer for Steve Carroll, who's one heckuva super person.

Naval Academy assistant gymnastics coach Peter Korman, a bronze medal winner in floor exercise in the 1976 Olympics, will join the Annapolis Junior High School girls gymnastics team in an exhibition at the school. Coach Neil Russell announced the show would be next Friday (Feb. 15) beginning at 7:30. The public is invited to attend the exhibition.

Condolences are in order for Navy sports information aide, Glenn Jochum, whose father passed away last week.

If the predicted snow is on the ground today or tomorrow, please be careful. Respect the snow.



JIM CLEAMONS (3) of the Bullets reaches in vain for a ball that is headed out of bounds as Bucks' Brian Winters looks on in apparent amazement.