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Park Honors Letter Winners; Berst Named to Coach Track

Frank Berst, former national weight-throwing champion, was named as Park School's new track coach at the father-and-son letter-award luncheon at the school yesterday.

Berst, a graduate of Bennett High School and Manhattan College, succeeds Herb Mols, who will go back

to coaching baseball during the Spring season. Berst had taken over as track coach when former Headmaster M. Adolphus Check was at the school. Check, now at the Cambridge School in Boston, coached baseball while at Park.

Berst Named to Coach Park School Runners



The new track coach and Peter Dow, a 1950 Park graduate, were the speakers at the luncheon. Dow, of the Harvard track team, related his experiences as a member of the Harvard-Yale track team in competition against Oxford-Cambridge in England and Dublin-Belfast in Ireland last Summer. Wrestling Coach Jim Boyle presented awards to the matmen and Basketball Coach Mols to the cagers.

Letter winners:
Wrestling—Captain Leon Shippy, Steve Morrison, Ron Maierhofer, Denny Wilson, Dave Bredemeier, Robin Mauuz, John Reissig, Dave Stewart, Bob Wilson.
Squad letters—Len Gross, Bob Hertz, Harry Nichols, Art Steinberg, Bob Montgomery.
Basketball—Captain Ray Sendker, Joe Scandurra, Len Liotti, Terry Finnell, Dale Casto, Tom Zierk. Squad letters—Dave Bunis, Karl Hellborn, Charles Keeler, Tom Maierhofer, Paul Oppenheimer, Joe Bell, Ron Bell, Joe Sanders, Clay Smith, John Clark, Roger Edwards, Dave Lyon, Don Wallens, Bob Wilson.

FRANK BERST, former Bennett High School and Manhattan College track and football star, is the new track coach at the Park School of Buffalo. Berst, winner of eight national weight-throwing championships, still holds the world record of 41 feet 6 inches for the 56-pound weight. Berst and Peter Dow, famous Harvard team member spoke at Park's father-and-son letter-award luncheon Saturday at Park. Herb Mols presented letters to the basketball team and Jim Boyle awarded letters to the wrestling team.

Park School Fete Saturday

The Park School of Buffalo will hold a Letter Day and a Father & Son Day starting at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Athletic Director Herb Mols said letters will be presented. Peter Dow, famous Harvard sprinter and Park alumnus will speak. Fathers-vs.-Sons basketball games will be featured and movies of the 1951 World Series will be shown.

Beyer Scores Upset in AAU

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Ithaca, April 3 — Dick Beyer of Syracuse University, former All-High football player from Buffalo, scored a mild upset in the National AAU wrestling championships tonight at Cornell by defeating Robert Maldegen, a member of the 1948 Olympic team, in a heavyweight match.

Beyer, a burly 200-pound football guard, gained a split decision over Maldegen, who reigned as the national heavyweight champion in 1949. Beyer attended Seneca Vocational High School in Buffalo.

Two Buffalo area grapplers were eliminated by suffering two losses. Eugene Hiller of the Buffalo Jewish Center dropped a first round verdict to Lolo Grandpray of Mankato (Minn.) State Teachers in a 147.5-pound match and then lost by a fall to Peter Damone of Long Island.

Robert Wilson of the Park Pioneers, Buffalo, also was sent to the sidelines in the 114.5-pound bracket. He was beaten by Keith Wheeler of Geneva in the first round and was pinned by Lester Baum of Findlay, O. College later.

Dennis Wilson of the Park Pioneers, competing in the 160.5-pound class, lost by a fall to William Turley of Hofstra. Another Buffalonian, Harry Nichols of the Park Pioneers, was pinned by James Christie of the Toronto Central YMCA in the same weight classification.

Olympic champion Henry Wittenberg, a muscled New York Police sergeant, opened his bid for an eighth National AAU crown with a whirlwind victory over Robert Higgins of Pennsauken, N. J., in one of the feature matches. Wittenberg is undefeated in more than 300 bouts since 1939.

JC, Sutton Win 40 Wrestle Awards

The Jewish Center of Buffalo won the team award yesterday by compiling 20 points in the second annual Jewish Center wrestling tournament. Orchard Park and West Seneca finished deadlocked for second place with 15 points apiece.

Dave Sutton of Orchard Park High School was awarded the individual trophy. Sutton captured the 147-pound title by pinning all three foes. The summaries follow:

- 115-pound—George Gallagher, Orchard Park.
- 121-pound—Milt Bartlett, Hamburg.
- 136-pound—Julie Schneider, Jewish Center.
- 147-pound—Dave Sutton, Orchard Park.
- 155-pound—Dennis Wilson, Park.
- 165-pound—Gene Hiller, Jewish Center.
- Heavyweight—Arnold Burgasser, West Seneca.

U. S. Wrestle Team Named For Olympics

Ames, Ia., April 20 (AP)—The 1952 U. S. Olympic wrestling team, representing a flock of newcomers since the last international event in 1948, will go into training at Annapolis, Md., June 25th.

The eight champions and runners-up, survivors of an original field of 174 district qualifiers, were decided last night after three days and nights of wrestling here.

The winners were:
114.5—Hugh Peery, 20, University of Pittsburgh pre-dentistry student formerly of Tulsa, Okla.

125.5—Billy Borders, 22, University of Oklahoma law student from Tulsa, Okla.

136.5—Lieut. Josiah Henson, 30, U. S. Navy flier from Tulsa, Okla.

147.5—Lieut. (J.G.) John Fletcher, 25, U. S. Navy flier from Warren, R. I.

160.5—Bill Smith, 23, machine operator from Cedar Falls, Ia.

174—Dan Hodge, 19, Great Lakes Naval Training Center from Perry, Okla.

191—Dale Thomas, 29, physical education instructor at Michigan State College from Marion, Ia.

Unlimited weight—Bill Kerslake, 22, aeronautical research scientist and graduate student at Case Institute, Cleveland, from Euclid, O.

The eight second-place winners were Sam Coursen, 21, Forty Fort, Pa., 114.5; Jack Blubaugh, 23, Ponca City, Okla., 125.5; Len Deaugustino, 21, Blacktown Mercer, Pa., 136.5; Tommy Evans, 21, Tulsa, Okla., 147.5; Jim Larock, 27, Ithaca, N. Y., 160.5; Lieut. Shuford Swift, 31, San Leandro, Cal., 174; Henry Wittenberg, 33, New York City, 191, and Herb Haberslach, 27, Clackamas, Ore., unlimited weight.

Ray Swartz, graying U. S. Naval Academy coach, will direct the U. S. team, which he calls "the strongest we've ever had."

"We're taking 16 men to the Olympics, but the eight best are going to wrestle," he said. "The boys who won the championships here will have to show they still are the best."

Swartz's plan to have the top man wrestle still leaves the way open for the injured Henry Wittenberg to defend his 191-pound Olympic title.

The New York City policeman, winner of eight National AAU titles, lost his first match since 1938 in the fifth round yesterday. Thomas' unanimous decision was the upset of the tournament and snapped Wittenberg's unbroken string of 395 victories.