

#17 Lehigh (EIWA) vs PITT (EWL)

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 15TH-2PM –GRACE HALL

LEHIGH WRESTLING CLUB STUDENT PREVIEW EDITION

Lehigh stunned Penn State Friday night in front of 5250 avid fans in Stabler with a comeback 23-14 win to raise their record to 2-0. The Lehigh Wrestling Club was pleased that over 500 students made the trek to Stabler with nearly 100 continuing the longtime Lehigh Wrestling tradition of sitting matside. On Sunday afternoon the team returns to the main campus and friendly confines of Grace Hall (known by opponents as the “Snake Pit”). Walk-up student seating is available in Grace on a first come-first serve basis with plenty of standing room for the overflow. Sunday’s opponent is a traditional cross state rival with a storied wrestling tradition. In addition, Pitt is the alma mater of Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro where he was a 2 time NCAA champion under the tutelage of current Pitt coach Rande Stottlemeyer.

While Pitt only brings 1 nationally ranked wrestler, it is always a formidable opponent beating Lehigh the last time they visited Grace Hall in ‘07/08 by a score of 25-9. The feature bout of this match will be at 141 pounds where Lehigh pinning phenom Seth “Sparky” Ciasulli will face #13th ranked Tyler Nauman. Nauman defeated “Sparky” 4-1 at last year’s dual in Pittsburgh. However, Ciasulli has a 17-2 record with 9 pins since last January including his electrifying pin Friday night against Penn State. Seth is ranked #18 by NWCA(the official ranking service) but #8 by Amateur Wrestling News publication. This match should help to sort out his true national ranking status. #6 Zach Rey will have his hands full with heavyweight Ryan Tomei who was a top high school recruit like Zach. Listed below are the matchups with high school state champs noted as well as Lehigh Wrestling Club predicted favorites. See you at the “Snake Pit”:

LEHIGH		PITT		LWC PREDICTION
125—John McDonald-So (De Champ)	vs	Chris Kochinsky-So		TOSS-UP
133-#12-Matt Fisk-Sr(Pa Champ)	vs	Zach Grove-So		LEHIGH
141-#8 or #18-Seth Ciasulli-Sr	vs	#9 or #13-Tyler Nauman-So(PA Champ)		TOSS-UP
149- Brian Tanen-So	vs	Eric Albright-Sr		PITT
157- Sean Bilodeau-So(Prep Champ)	vs	Mark Powell-Sr		TOSS-UP
165-#9-Mike Gallante-Sr(Prep Champ)	vs	Karl DiCiantis-So		LEHIGH
174- Robert Hamlin-Fr(Vt Champ)	vs	Adam Counterman-jr		LEHIGH
184-#10-David Craig-Sr(FI Champ)	vs	Zac Thomusselt-So		LEHIGH
197-#19-Joe Kennedy-So(Pa Champ)	vs	AJ Hunte-Sr (MA Champ)		LEHIGH
285- #6-Zach Rey-So(NJ Champ)	vs	Ryan Tomei-Jr		TOSS-UP

Match Scoring—Takedown=2pts; escape from bottom=1 pt; reverse from bottom=2pts;

Stalling—1=pt;near fall =2 or 3pts; Riding Time > 1 Min=1pt; PIN=match over!!

Team scoring—Win=3pts;Win 8-15 point difference=4pts;Win by15pts+=5pts;FALL=6PTS