

# Russ Criswell Denies He Won't Defend Interscholastic Ring Title

## Lion Boxing Champ Scouts 'Quit' Rumor

### Kreizman Is Reported Reconsidering His Mat Edict.

By HARRY HENDERSON

Russ Criswell, 115-pound Lion intercollegiate boxing champ, will definitely be a member of the Blue and White ring team. The slender pugilist today denied all rumors which have been circulating to the effect that he will not fight this year.

"That stuff is all the bunk. Sure, I'm going to fight. At least I'm going to try hard enough," the Lion champ declared firmly. "I've heard these rumors floating around and I want to deny every word of them."

"I don't know how they got started unless it has been because I haven't been out to practice since the Christmas vacation ended but that was only because I have had the grippe. I'm starting to work out again tonight," Criswell said.

Criswell won the intercollegiate crown last year in the 115-pound division while still a comparatively unknown fighter. Ring fans regarded his winning of the championship as a great show of what a fighting spirit will do for a man who has the odds against him.

Kreizman Rumored Quitting

Those interested in the future of the Lion wrestling team are also deeply concerned about current rumors to the effect that Lou Kreizman is not intending to apply for the heavyweight job this season. Lou is at the present time practicing in Altoona and has had only a few workouts since football season.

Kreizman has occasionally asserted that he is not coming out for the team when he gets back, and a great number of persons have taken him seriously. However, those who know him, including members of the varsity squad, expressed confidence that he would be out as soon as he got back.

Coach Charlie Speidel dismissed the rumor as unfounded and added that he was depending on Kreizman to bolster the heavy end of the team. Kreizman was one of the ironmen of the team last year, winning five of his six duel encounters. All of the other candidates for the heavyweight berth, Cromwell, Salisbury, O'David, Pohe, and Keizer, are unexperienced.

### LET'S BAER DOWN ON HIM, STEVE



STEVE HAMAS

## Hamas, Baer 10-Round No-Decision Fight Seen Highly Probable as Hoffman Agrees to Match

By JOHN MILLER

"In this corner—Muxie Baer, World Heavyweight Champion."

"In this corner—Steve Hamas, contender for the title."

Nor will it be long before these two boxers may meet, for Baer and his manager, Ancil Hoffman, have agreed to meet Carnera, Schmeling, Lasky, Louis, or Hamas in a 10-round no-decision bout in the Chicago stadium the first week of March.

The match will be a regulation bout in every respect except for the referee's decision. Baer has agreed to allow a poll of newspaper men to determine the result if he doesn't knock

Hamas is the most likely opponent for this exhibition bout because of his decisions over Lasky and Schmeling. Lasky would naturally be a second choice with Joe Louis rating a close third. This man, however, needs more experience before facing the husky Californian.

It is possible for Baer to lose his title if any opponent knocks him out in a no-decision bout. Benny Leonard won his lightweight title from Freddy Welsh in 1917 through such an engagement when he knocked him in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round match.

## 2 I.M. Sports Get Underway Before Exams

### Basketball, Wrestling, Boxing Contests Hold Interest.

By VANCE PACKARD

Eliminations in the annual interclass wrestling tournament began yesterday afternoon, boxing intramurals are scheduled to get underway tomorrow, and the intramural basketball tourney is scheduled to start next week.

Wrestling Finals Saturday

Each class of the grappling tourney will have one man in every weight and the seniors with Civitts, Cramer, Di Rito, both Johnstons, and Kreizman are favored. They will be closely pressed by the junior class which has Light, Waite, and Wolfson. The sophomores and freshmen are unknown quantities. The latter are expected to enter more than 100 in the tournament.

Eliminations will continue all week with the finals being held in Recreation hall at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Although in other years sophomores have opposed seniors and freshmen have been matched with juniors, drawings will be held this year to determine opponents.

I. M. Boxing Postponed

Intramural boxing bouts, previously scheduled for last Saturday, were postponed until tomorrow. The first bout will take place in Recreation hall at 4 o'clock. Contestants may weigh-in today and tomorrow from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Thomas A. Slusser, assistant in Physical Education, and Athletics, or Leo F. Houck, instructor in Physical Education, will referee the contests. Judges will be Nelson S. Walke, assistant professor of physical education, and Dr. Elwood C. Davis, professor of physical education.

Over 100 contestants have signed up for the tournament, which is the largest number ever registered for intramural boxing. Each bout will consist of three two-minute rounds. The registration fee is twenty-five cents per man.

Basketball To Start

Basketball intramurals will get underway sometime next week, the tourney ending before finals are over, William M. Scott '36, intramural manager, has announced.

Entrance fees and the lists of the players must be handed to Miss Keller no later than Friday. Fraternities, dormitories, and independent units are eligible to enter the tourney.

## WRIGHTING BETWEEN THE LIONS

### The sports department today comes out in a new dress, and with a slightly altered policy.

By FRED W. WRIGHT

The sports department today comes out in a new dress, and with a slightly altered policy. From this issue forward the sports of the College will be handled in less of a year book manner and with more emphasis on what this department holds may be of more immediate interest to readers. As a start, this department is going out of its previous lethargic way to get stories with more human interest, and at the same time is giving only three paragraphs to the Pennsylvania basketball game, which everybody who was at all interested has no doubt read about some days ago. The policy of placing considerable emphasis on intramural sports and publishing all the women's sports news that can be begged, borrowed, or stolen—in effect all this semester—will be in no way altered.

It may be an excellent thing after all that the intramural boxing matches were postponed from last Saturday until tomorrow. The added time will give the gentlemen of Recreation hall—both students and professionals—who have direct charge of the tournament, more time to check up on the lads who box in the 145-pound class, for instance, and really weigh in the 160's, by the simple method of having one man to do the weighing-in and an entirely different gentleman do the snorting and slugging.

Ironically enough, the boys from the city universities often hold that they're learning life, an impossibility in a small-town college, but it seems that there are still tricks in all trades, speaking of fraternity subjects.

Ex-Lion end Earl Edwards is now coaching in Ebensburg, some sixty-five miles west of here, and doing a very nice job of turning out lads who can win football games and ultimately get their intercollegiate careers paid for in places like the University of Smukler, Ebensburg, under Edwards' guidance even so, win six, lost three.

Even as in football, the State College h. s. basketball team line-up looks like a College directory, with both faculty and student names. Young Gates, however, seems to be definitely more sensational in a grid uniform than on the court. But the Little Lions shouldn't be discouraged by being beaten at Phillipsburg Saturday night. Who ever heard of any one from these parts going over there for basketball? And besides, the memory of that football team ought to be satisfaction enough to last for awhile.

Irony, too, predominates the announcement that Dick Harlow, one-time head coach here, will be in charge of Harvard grid destinies next year, a step-up from Western Maryland. The irony, however, is not in the fact that the Penn State All-American linesman of 1912 is receiving a deserved advancement, but in the fact that College athletic authorities over a several-year period worked toward a Western Maryland-Penn State game to smooth out the rift that came after Harlow left Penn State for Colgate with five players—and now Sir Richard won't be guiding the Green Terrors after all when the 1935 football season rolls around.

## Undeclared Temple Quintet To Meet Nittany Courtmen Here on Wednesday Night

### Coach Jimmy Usilton's Veteran Owls Regarded As One of Finest Squads in East.

By CHARLIE SCHWARTZ

Penn State court enthusiasts will have an opportunity tomorrow night to watch one of the finest quintets in the East function when an undefeated Temple aggregation meets the Lions in Recreation hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Coach Jimmy Usilton's veteran Owls have outpointed Johns Hopkins, St. Joseph's, Indiana, Ohio State, and Drake so far this season. They romped over the Hoosiers, Big Ten champions, to the tune of 50-to-30.

The Cherry and White squad has "scaled the heights of greatness" this year, according to Herbert Good, of the Philadelphia Record. Good says of them, "It is doubtful if any Usilton-coached team has ever shown greater skill and mastery. The shooting of the team is deadly and spectacular . . . the passing so superb that it has the fans dizzy from following the rapid flight of the ball. On defense the Owls are just as brilliant."

Coach Spike Leslie's proteges expect to have their hands more than full tomorrow night. The fact that they are playing at home, however, is a point in the Lions' favor.

This will mark the third time that Temple and Penn State have met on the court. On February 15, 1933, the Owls defeated the Blue and White here, 42-to-33, in a hotly contested battle. Their other meeting was on January 28, 1928, and the Lions were victorious by the overwhelming tally of 57-to-27. In this game, which was played in the Armory, Captain Von Nieda led the scoring with fifteen points.

The Quaker city quintet boasts an all-Philadelphia combination. "Reds" Rosan and Jimmy Brown, forwards, and Steve Jeunger, center, hail from Southern High, while Irv Casper, guard, is a product of Pierce School, and Ernie Messikomer, Casper's partner, comes from West Philly High.

Other Owls who will probably see action are Lou Dubin, a forward who was the big gun in Temple's opener this year; Fox, another forward; Burns, a center; and Friberg and Greenberg, guards. Friberg, another Southern High product, was a star in the Owl-Lion encounter here two years ago, accounting for ten points. He was topped only by Rosan, with fifteen tallies, and McMinn, Nittany forward, with thirteen points.

Lose To Penn, 43-22

Coach Leslie will probably start with the same five who opened against Penn on Saturday night. In that and encounter, in which the Lion roars were quickly "bottled" and kept in that condition throughout the entire fracas, the Quakers romped to a 43-

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## 15 Selected as Varsity Riflemen

'Shoulder-to-Shoulder,' 'Postal Tournaments' Scheduled With Many Schools.

With the list of prospects narrowed down to the required 15 men, the varsity rifle team will begin active competition this week, meeting five schools; Gettysburg College, Valley Forge Military Academy, Georgetown University, Rutgers University, and Concordia College.

The matches are to be "postal matches," with each school having ten men firing. The five best scores are mailed to the opposing team, low total team score determining the winner of the match.

Members of the varsity rifle team for 1935 are: Captain Marshall W. Myers '36, Joseph C. Crowmover '36, Franklin D. Eastham '35, David G. Hill '35, George H. Hill jr. '35, Anthony A. Jedrzewski '37, Paul R. Massey '37, Matthew I. Rorabaugh '37, Raymond G. Sloan jr. '37, George H. Sollenberger '37, William I. Waugaman '37, Forrest Woodland '37, Paul M. Wrigley '37, John C. Yeakel '35, Robert B. Yorke '37, and Thomas D. Jones '37, manager. Theodore R. Wright '37 is manager of the freshman rifle team, final eliminations for which have not as yet been run off. Arrangements are being completed with Carnegie Tech for a "shoulder to shoulder" match to be held at Pittsburgh the first week in March. Five teams will compete: Carnegie Tech, University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, Marine Barracks Post Team of Philadelphia, and Penn State.

Negotiations are also underway for shoulder-to-shoulder matches with Gettysburg College and George Washington University.

A delegation of 350 representatives of American universities will visit Rome, Italy, next year to aid in the inauguration of the New University city there.

## She-Lions

Interfraternity enmities will be revived from their vacation lethargy as the basketball season again swings into action. Each group in the blue and white teams has played two games. The Thetas, Kappas, and Downtown girls are outstanding on the blue teams with two victories apiece, while Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Gamma are tied for first honors on the white team.

The schedule of games is as follows: Delta Gamma will meet Theta Phi Alpha in the Armory at 9:15 o'clock today. Gamma Phi Beta meets the Woman's Building, Alpha Chi Omega opposes Mac Hall, while Kappa Gamma plays Chi Omega at the same place at 7:15 o'clock tomorrow. Gamma Phi Beta vs. Theta Phi Alpha is the tilt set for the Armory at 9:15 o'clock Thursday.

Lateness of the season has prevented the playing of the interclass championship game between the sophomore and junior hockey teams. A tie for honors has been decreed and both teams will be awarded varsity points.

Elsie Douthett, Kitty Wagner, and Betty Springer, president, vice-president, and secretary of our W. A. A., attended the National Amateur Athletic Federation banquet in New York City December 27.

Hockey managers for the fall of 1935 will be chosen at the next W. A. A. board meeting, a decided departure from the old method of late elections.

Plan Economics Talks

The first of a series of ten lectures by the department of economics on the social, economic, and industrial trends of the present time will be given in Erie on Monday. This is the third consecutive year that the department has been requested to speak on such problems at industrial meetings in Erie.

## Dr. Weaver Appointed Director of 3 Banks

Dr. Frederick P. Weaver, head of the agricultural economics department, has been appointed director of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore. His selection for a three year term beginning January 1 carries with it directorships in the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Baltimore, the Production Credit Corporation of Baltimore, and the Baltimore Bank of Co-operatives.

Dr. Weaver has been head of the agricultural economics department here since 1925. In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Weaver directs research work in agricultural economics. Chief of the problems attacked in the research program have been taxation and local government costs, prices of farm products, and land classification.

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