

# Lion Wrestlers Enter National Intercollegiate Tournament at Lehigh

## WRIGHTING BETWEEN THE LIONS

By FRED W. WRIGHT

Verily, sports and sport fans are a queer lot. When they are up, they're up. When things are down, they're down. Hero today and gone tomorrow. "They soon forget."

At the present time they're up. There is little doubt that there were many things that didn't go off smoothly at the boxing tournament here, but the team won a championship. At Pennsylvania's Palestra, the wrestlers took it on the chin, but now everybody is kept up over the possibilities of coming back from the National Intercollegiate with a couple of champions.

Just now few students are knocking the athletics department of the College, a welcome relief. Did somebody say something about a mediocre football season. Oh, yes. What season was that? What the hell hasn't Penn State a championship boxing team, an undefeated wrestling team?

It looks, from this perch, that slowly but surely, Penn State is creeping back into the athletic spotlight. Of course, the Philadelphia papers are blinded by Penn publicity, and New York can't enter too much to a college 250 miles away. But year after year things are improving.

There is still plenty to complain about. But the 1935 class will be the last set of seniors who will not have seen a major football victory. The 1935 class will be the last set of seniors who can talk with much authority about the old wooden West stands. The seniors have had the privilege of being here: while a boxing team won a championship; while wrestling and cross-country teams went through undefeated dual seasons; while a soccer team was undefeated and got quite some publicity with the first college tour of Scotland; while the football team upset Lou Little plenty; while a basketball team entered an Eastern conference; while fencing, bowling, and swimming came to the fore more than many other years; while baseball and track continued to make strides toward greater student interest.

It begins to look as if somebody somehow got it through their hitherto thick academic-cloistered skulls that sports are the best publicity for a college, the best advertising medium possible; that high school graduates don't come to Penn State for its "academic renown" alone; that a winning group of sports teams do beget a fine spirit and enthusiasm for things Penn State among the student body and faculty—and when it affects the faculty it's hitting the thing that is the chief sore thumb in Penn State's ointment.

## UNDEFEATED LION WRESTLERS



Above are the four Lion wrestlers who turned in perfect records for their six dual wrestling meets this season. At the top are Sammy Wolfson, 118-pounds, and Ray Yoder, 175-pounds. To the right are State's two Eastern Intercollegiate Champions, Captain Red Johnston, 165-pounds, and Jack Light, 135-pounds. Three of these wrestlers, Johnston, Yoder, and Light, are now at Lehigh where they will enter the National tournament this afternoon. Besides these three, Bill Cramer, stellar 145-pounder, will also seek National honors. Wolfson could not enter the tourney because of illness.

## Johnston, Cramer, Yoder, Light To Take Mat Today; Wolfson Won't Wrestle

### Over 30 Schools Enter Teams, Twenty Matmen In Each Class; Oklahoma Holds Title.

By VANCE PACKARD

There is one thing which the four Penn State wrestlers will not have to worry about when they enter the preliminaries at the National Intercollegiate wrestling tournament at Lehigh this afternoon—they will not be the favorites this time.

Before the Eastern Intercollegiate, the metropolitan papers gushed out honeyed tripe about what should be expected of the Lions. Consequently, when they ended up second among the nine teams entered, they were swamped with jibes and disappointed "that's too bad." However, even before the Nationals begin, the Lions are conceded only a small chance of snaring either team or individual honors.

Although Coach Charlie Speidel secretly hopes and expects that Captain Red Johnston will annex the championship title, he has little hope for team honors or any further individual honors. The trip is being made mainly because it will be valuable experience for the wrestlers and because some of the team should be entered since it is unquestionably the best in the East (including Lehigh). Another unmentioned reason is that the Coach hoped to gain revenge for the set-back at the hands of Lehigh last week-end.

The four wrestlers who are at Lehigh now are Captain Red Johnston, 165-pounder; Bill Cramer, 145-pounder; Ray Yoder, 175-pounder; and Jack Light, 135-pound champion. Sammy Wolfson was originally scheduled to make the trip, but he was suddenly taken ill this week, and is now confined to the College hospital.

Over thirty-five teams had entered the National tournament on Wednesday, and several have registered since. Each Lion will have to compete with at least twenty of the Nation's best in his weight.

The strong teams are practically all from the Middle West. Most of the Eastern Intercollegiate members have entered, but State expects little trouble from them. "It is the teams from Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana that must be watched. Out there wrestling is classed as a major sport along-side of football, and practically every high school has a team."

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An all-Intramural bowling team, composed of outstanding bowlers participating in the present tournament, will enter the first National Intercollegiate matches to be held in Philadelphia, April 26 and 27, in conjunction with the Penn Relays.

Announcement of the intercollegiate matches was made by Hugo Bezdak, director of athletics, who said that the members of the team entering the Philadelphia matches would be presented with free passes to the Penn Relays. The matches will be held on two successive nights and nine games will be bowled. A trophy and medals will be presented to the winners.

The bowlers who seem most likely to go into the nationals include Red O'Hara, who rolls a 188; Tommy Silvalo, 181; Tom Roantree and Jimmy Hunter, 178 each; Chuck Simon, 176; and Dick Baehofner, 173.

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## INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

By JOHN MILLER

**BASKETBALL**

In the quarter-finals of the intramural basketball tournament played Wednesday night, Theta Kappa Phi had a hard time in defeating Phi Kappa Tau, 23-to-18. Theta Kappa Phi was behind until the last few minutes of the game when the team surged ahead to win by a five-point margin. Sigma Alpha Epsilon had its troubles with Delta Theta Sigma, but came out on top, 21-to-17.

Phi Kappa Alpha walked away with Phi Delta Theta, 27-to-15. At the end of the first half the score stood: Phi Kappa Alpha, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 2. The other game of the quarter finals played yesterday afternoon, ended Beta Theta Pi 00 to 00 for Fray Hall. The semi-finals will be run off tonight at 7:30 o'clock with the finals match to precede the Varsity-Alumni game Saturday night. The game will start at 7 o'clock.

**BOWLING**

Delta Tau Delta leads the Intramural bowling tourney, as the result of last Tuesday night's matches. The D. T. D.'s have won twenty-five games and lost seven, which gives them a percentage of 77.9. The D. U.'s and S. A. E.'s trail in a tie for second place, with twenty-four wins and eight losses, percentages of 75.0 each.

The S. A. E. bowlers have the high team total of 2,568 and also the high single game total of 878. Van Natta, D. U. bowler, holds the high individual score for three games of 541, while Billy Veenschoten, Delta Chi, has the high individual average for a single game, with 221.

Downers rolling 200 scores or better include Hicks, D. T. D.; Bennett, Alpha Chi Rho; Van Natta, D. U.; Bob Harper, S. A. E.; Ralph Harper, S. A. E.

The team standings to date:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Delta Tau Delta	25	7	.779
Delta Epsilon	24	8	.750
S. A. E.	24	8	.750
Omicrons	21	11	.657
Theta Chi	18	14	.563
T. K. B.	17	15	.531
Alpha Chi Rho	16	16	.500
Theta Kappa Phi	10	22	.312
Delta Chi	3	29	.092

## Mat Scrubs Beat Bucknell 25-to-3

**Hibschman, Ross, Strandine Win By Time Advantage; Pohe, Horvath Get Falls.**

By an unofficial score of 25-to-3, a combination junior-varsity and intramural wrestling team defeated Bucknell's intramural grapplers in Recreation hall last Tuesday night. The match, as Charlie Speidel put it, was just an informal evening of fun.

Hibschman, 116-pound intramural runner up, gained a time advantage over Sigmeister, Bucknell intramuralist. Wattenberg, junior varsity, suffered the only State defeat, being beaten on time by 125-pounder White. Ross, another junior varsity man, and a senior, fighting his last match for State, showed lots of stuff to gain a time advantage over Kottcamp in the 135 division.

Horvath, also a senior and junior varsity member, gained the first fall of the evening, over Bucknell's 145-pounder Quick. In the 155-pound division, Reel of the jayvees, furlonged Lion interests by getting the decision over Ballard. Krupp, the only other second string man, took Bucknellian Thompson over the time advantage route, in the 165 class.

Giving away at least twenty pounds, Strandine, State 155-pound intramural winner, gained a time advantage over Bucknell's 175-pounder Letowytz. In the top division, Pohe, intramural winner, and likely candidate for next year's varsity, gained the only other fall, over Boston.

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